



May 25th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
Anabaptism at 500,1525-2025

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle Judy Willems

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to grace and peace.

People: We hear the call of Christ.

ALL: We worship together with joy.

Prayer

Hymn *Sing praise to God who reigns* HWB #59
Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Women's Chorus True Evangelical Faith VT #439

Prayers of the People Judy Willems

Hymn *A wonderful Savior is Jesus* HWB #598 v1&2

Scripture Reading Psalm 63:1-8 (OT p.527)

Grace Singers True Evangelical Faith (on next page)

Scripture Reading Mark 2:13-17 (NT p.36)

Meditation "You are Invited! RSVP" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *In the quiet consecration* HWB #461

Service of Communion

Benediction

Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn

Sent forth by God's blessing

HWB #478

Postlude

True Evangelical Faith

Refrain: *True evangelical faith cannot lie sleeping.
For it clothes the naked, it comforts the sorrowful,
it gives to the hungry food and it shelters the destitute.*

*It cares for the blind and lame, the widow and orphan child,
That's true evangelical faith. It binds up the wounded man,
it offers a gentle hand.*

*We must become everything to all men. **Refrain***

*Abundantly we have received, and gratefully we will respond
with true evangelical faith. So overcome evil with good,
return someone's hatred with love.*

*We must become everything to all men. **Refrain***

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.***

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

*Luncheon after the service today.
You are invited to celebrate and offer your good
wishes to Cathy & Nick regarding their upcoming
marriage in Fall*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 18th ~ Attendance – 45

Thursday, May 29th, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, choir rehearsal at
Linwell Church for June 1st joint service. All are welcome!

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday June 5th & 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Times ~ June 15th & 29th

Sunday, June 8th ~ Speaker: Pam Pauls

Scripture Readings: Psalm 104: 24-35, John 17:11, 20-23

Elsie Pankratz extends thanks to all who have sent cards and shown concern in other ways. Thank you for your prayers.

From Canadian Mennonite Magazine: With the potential Canada Post strike, your June print issue may be delayed. Sign up for digital delivery to get it by email on May 30. CM sends an email each Friday and attaches a PDF copy of the magazine once per month. Contact Lorna at office@canadianmennonite.org.

Offering Update: As of May 19, our budget offerings are approximately \$6,000 behind of where we were last year at this time. Given that we will not have a service here on June 1st, I encourage everyone to make plans to give those first of the month offerings on the following Sunday, June 8th. And if you are able to give more at this time, that would be much appreciated. I will be updating everyone in early July regarding our 6 month givings.
Lorraine - Treasurer

Niagara Area Mennonite Churches Joint Worship Service – Sunday, June 1st @ 10:30 am at Linwell Church (335 Linwell Rd.). Speaker is Yoel Masyawong, a Regional Minister with MCEC. Following the service, fellowship and ice cream will be enjoyed. There will be no service here at Grace that morning.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Mennonite Relief Sale: The countdown is on to the 59th annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale! Thousands of volunteers and visitors will gather at the New Hamburg Fairgrounds on May 30 & 31 for a weekend of family fun, mouth-watering food, and three incredible auctions - all while supporting the meaningful, hands-on work of Mennonite Central Committee, right here and around the world.

Fundraiser by the Niagara Truth and Reconciliation Working Group (TRWG). The Niagara TRWG has representatives from 3 local MCEC churches - Westview, The First MC, and Bethany, as well as Southridge, and the Niagara Quakers. We recently found out that the Niagara Regional Native Centre mops its 13,000 sq/ft

facility by hand. Let's raise \$4,000 so the NRNC can purchase a floor cleaner. Contributions can be made by e-transfer to office@bethanymennonite.ca. Be sure to write 'floor cleaner' in your message. Bethany will provide charitable receipts. There will also be a fundraising event tentatively scheduled for the weekend of June 21st. More details to follow soon.



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for The Church at Nairn. Bruce Keown provide leadership for this congregation. This community has worshiped together just outside of Alisa Craig Ontario for over 75 years.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.*

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Communion Service Litany*

Wherever we are on the spiritual journey, if our desire is to follow Jesus, we are invited to the Lord's Table to share this meal together. At times we come to it with joy for God's goodness in creation and redemption. At other times we gather with sadness for our own brokenness and the brokenness we see in our world. Always we come because Jesus promises to be present. He welcomes us to come to the table.

We Confess Our Faith and Need of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Let us confess our faith together.

All: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Leader: In silence let us confess what is ours to confess: the good news we have given and received, the bad we have given and received.

Silence.

Leader: To those who have brought what is life giving, Jesus says, "The kingdom is among you!" To those who have brought what is life taking, Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven!"

God forgives us in Christ;

People: by God's grace let us forgive others.

Leader: God restores us in Christ;

People: with God's help let us restore others.

Leader: God reconciles us in Christ;

People: in God's peace let us reconcile others.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, Teacher, Healer, Redeemer.
Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Loving God, we say with the Psalmist, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. We are thankful for our history and your faithfulness over many years. For the courage and strength of those who have gone before us, we give you thanks. As we look to the future, we desire to yield to your will and your way in our own lives and in our life together as your church.

Send now your Spirit upon us so that the bread we break and the cup we share might be a communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit may our faith not lie dormant, but be expressed through our thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

Words of Institution

For what I received from the Lord I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

The Bread

Distribution of the Bread (Please hold the piece of bread until all are served and we are able to partake together.)

Prayer for the Bread.

Leader: The body of Christ, broken for you.

(We eat the bread together.)

The Cup

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Distribution of the Cup (Please take a cup as the trays are passed. We will wait until all are served and we can partake together.)

Prayer for the Cup.

Leader: The blood of Christ shed for you.

(We drink the cup together. Please place the empty cup in the holder in front of you.)

Prayer After Communion

Leader: In hope and peace let us pray:

All: Blessed are you, God our Father, Source of Life. Through this holy meal you have made us partakers of Christ and one another. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word Made Flesh. You have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, Indwelling Presence. As we go forth, set us free to live what Jesus taught and did. Amen.

Benediction

Go, knowing you are beloved of God.

Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.

Go, living the message of God's grace, peace, and love.

Amen.

*With resources provided by John D. Rempel in his book, "Recapturing an Enchanted World: Ritual and Sacrament in the Free Church Tradition".

Mennonite Disaster Service: Volunteers are putting the finishing touches on a house for flood survivors in Constance Bay, Ontario!

Jeanne Gauthier and Steve MacKenzie's home has flooded three times since 2017. It's taken a toll on both their physical and mental health and left them without safe shelter.

The Ontario Unit started building the couple a new house in mid-February — well above the Ottawa River's flood levels. Since then, more than 40 volunteers have been on site with a total of 230 volunteer days put in.

"I just can't believe how blessed we are that this even came about. I'm still pinching myself," reflected Jeanne. "It's just going to make things so much easier. That's relieving a lot of the stress and trauma that I feel."

Want to support MDS? You can give by your offering. If by cash or cheque, designate the offering envelope "MDS.". By e-transfer, put "MDS" in the message box.

A Moment for MCC: A mother's persistence. Seizing opportunity, changing her family's future!

Rina Deuri had a dream that drove her. It pushed her through days of dipping sheaths of handmade paper into vats of dyes whose colors she carefully mixed to a specific hue. It fueled her through evenings when she made paper products at home for extra income. "It was my target," she says. "That I make my children educated." Today, her son Anjan is a dentist and her daughter Rina is a nurse.

MCC began the Biborton Handmade Paper project in 1993 as one of a number of MCC job creation projects in Bangladesh. The aim was to provide sustainable income for rural women and to empower them — a great need in a region where incomes were low, hunger frequent and education most often out of reach.

There are a variety of ways to support this project. You can give online. You can give by your offering. If by cash or cheque, designate the offering envelope "MCC Bangladesh." By e-transfer, put "MCC Bangladesh" in the message box.