



May 3rd, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Darrell Winger

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty,
come to the waters of God's grace.

People: We come to sink our roots deep into the love of Christ.

Leader: Do not be swayed by the winds of worry
or the storms of the world.

**People: We anchor ourselves in the Living Word,
our firm foundation.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, flow through us like a refreshing spring.

**People: Nourish our souls
and bring forth the fruit of Your peace.**

Leader: Let us grow upward in praise and outward in love.

All: We worship the One who sustains us, now and forever.

Prayer

Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* VT 28

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings

Grace Singers *Christ is Alive, and Goes Before Us* VT 565

Prayers of the People Darrell Winger

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* VT 30

Scripture Reading Psalm 1:1-3 (OT p.489)

Hymn *Thy Word Is a Lamp* VT 398

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 (NT p.109)

Meditation "Be a Strawberry" Richard Daniel

Hymn of Response *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* VT 754

Benediction

Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT 568

Postlude

We welcome the Daniel family this morning.

Richard, Charissa and girls attended Grace for a period of time and currently attend Grantham MB Church.

*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]

The Adult Sunday School Study Group studying the Confession of Faith will meet today after the service in the Fellowship Room.

We are considering options for next fall's classes.

Coffee Time after the service in the Church Hall

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday April 26th - 42

Wednesday May 6 ~ Preaching Team, 10 am

Women's Chorus ~ Thursday May 7th at 9:30 am

Mother's Day Sunday May 10th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Readings: Psalm 71:1-8; John 14:15-27

Coffee Times ~ May 10th, May 24th

Please check your Grace mailbox for your 2026 Grace Telephone Directory.

Sunday June 7th, 10:30 am ~ There will be a joint cluster MCEC service at the Linwell Church. Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada will be the speaker. There will be no service at Grace that morning.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Église Jésus-Christ Appelle Tous** in prayer. Pastors Cyprien Muteleke Kibukila, Eloco Aoci Jerome and Maarifa Mutudu provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation composed of primarily of immigrants and refugees from Swahili speaking countries in East Africa as they seek to be a church for all people (Jesus Christ Calls All).

Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend Grace Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Ester in the Grace office by May 7th.

Today Sunday, May 3, 1-4 pm - Masjid an-Noor Open House (117 Geneva St). Our Bridge of Hope refugee work is done in partnership with members of our local mosque. Take this opportunity to visit the mosque's experiential centres set up for this day, and taste dishes from around the world as well. Free admission. Modest clothing requested. Footwear is removed at the entrance.

Niagara Bethany Handbell Choir 50th Anniversary Celebration Everyone is warmly invited — with a special welcome to all Handbell Choir alumni — to join us for an anniversary concert **today Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 pm** at Bethany Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Together we will celebrate 50 years of handbell music and community, honouring the legacy begun by Ella Dick and faithfully continued by Tracey Frena. Following the concert, please stay for a time of fellowship and enjoy a display of cherished memorabilia from the handbell choir's history.



Plant Sale & Donations Needed

MCC Thrift in St. Catharines is hosting a **Plant Sale on Friday May 8th 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

We are currently accepting donations of **annuals, perennials, planters, and gently used garden supplies** the week of May 4. Donations can be dropped off at MCC Thrift.

Lao Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church is celebrating God's grace for his loving kindness allowing them ownership of a facility in St. Catharines for over 30 years. They are excited to invite their brothers and sisters in Christ on **Saturday May 23rd, 3 – 5 pm** at 79 Page Street, St. Catharines. There will be a fellowship meal provided after the service. Pastor Bounho Phommaseng

Mennonite Hymnody Presentation & Dinner

We warmly invite you to "500 Years of Anabaptist Song: Five Centuries of Civil Disobedience, Singing for Justice and Peace, and Beauty" on Monday May 25th at Niagara UM Church. Dr. Will Wiebe-Friesen from Bethel College in Kansas will take us from the earliest Anabaptist songbook, Ausbund, to the present day, including many examples of how Mennonites have used hymn singing outside of worship services. The presentation begins at 7:00pm with an optional dinner (by freewill offering) starting at 5:45pm. Registration is required for both the presentation and the dinner by Thursday May 21st at: www.redbrickchurch.ca/hymnody

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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