



May 5th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Eastertide
Treasure in Clay Jars*

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Kevin McCabe
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship Grace Singers
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Opening Congregational Prayer

*Spirit of the Risen Christ,
In our weakness we crave your strength.
Prepare us once again for your coming at Pentecost.
Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love.
Inspire us with dreams of a new era in our mission. Amen.*

Hymn *Blessed assurance* HWB #332

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer
Musical Reflection

*How can we be silent when we know our God is near,
bringing light to those in shadows,
to the worthless, endless worth?*

*How can we be silent when we are the voice of Christ,
Speaking justice to the nations, breathing love to all the earth?*

*None can stop the Spirit burning now inside us.
We will shape the future. We will not be silent!*

Prayers of the People Kevin McCabe

Hymn *Heart with loving heart united* HWB #420, vv.1,3

Scripture Reading based on 1 John 5:1-5

Leader: Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ
is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent
loves the child.

People: **By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God and obey his commandments.**

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study Sunday, May 5, we will be looking at Chapters 32 and 33 of the "Bible Unwrapped". Meet in the Fellowship Room. There will be no Bible Study on May 12th. We expect to conclude this book study on May 19th and 26th. Kevin McCabe

Sunday April 28th ~ Attendance – 49

Sunday, May 12th ~ Speaker: Norm Dyck. Norm will also be with us during Coffee Time for a time of interaction. He is the Mission Minister for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC). Norm works with newcomer congregations and church plants, as well as encourages congregational missional activities and disciple-making initiatives. He fosters intercultural connections across MCEC.

Scripture Texts: Acts 1:6-11; Luke 14:1,7-14.

New Email address for Karen Falk ~ bye-the-lake@hotmail.com



Grace Women High Tea Event

Monday, May 6th, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Hall

Coffee Times at Grace ~ May 12th and 26th

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ May 16th, 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Let us continue to keep in touch with church friends who are not able to attend our Sunday services and who welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Erna & Jake B (Ester's parents), Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine I, Erika I, Kathy & Jake H, Hertha J, and Marlene W. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. Would you like a pastoral care or friendly visit? Let Pastor Darrell or Chaplain Jan know. Our contact information is at the end of the bulletin.

Church Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace Mennonite Church, Pastor Darrell invites you to a learning experience on **Sunday, June 2nd** after the morning service in the Fellowship Room (in the lower level, below the Sanctuary). If you are interested, please let Pastor Darrell know.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 22nd at 8:30 am here at the church, all men are invited to a time of connecting and conversation while enjoying a delicious breakfast. If you'd like to help make the breakfast, let Ted or Darrell know.

Communion: We will be having Communion on Sunday, May 19th, Pentecost Sunday.

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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ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

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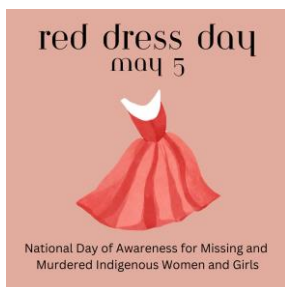


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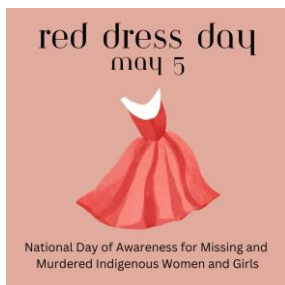


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