



May 7th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge;

People: in your righteousness deliver us.

Leader: You are our rock and our refuge,

People: our leader and guide.

Leader: To you we commit our spirits,

People: for our times are in your hands.

***All: Let your face shine on us and save us
in your steadfast love.***

Hymn *My hope is built on nothing less* HWB #343, vv.1,2,3,5

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Hymn *God sent his Son* HWB #345

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:7-10 [NT p.198]

Grace Singers *Christ is Alive*

Scripture Reading Acts 7:55-60 [NT p.126]

Meditation "What it really means to be like Jesus" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Jesus, Be the Center*

v. 1 Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus

v.2 Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus

v.3 Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus

Refrain: Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *Move in our midst* HWB #418, vv.1,2

Postlude

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

[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

GRACE SINGERS after the service today at 10:30 a.m.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday April 23rd, 2023 ~ Attendance – 50

April Budget Offering ~ \$13,305.00

***A Note From Your Treasurer:** For a long period of time, the Grace church treasurers have shared the amounts of the budget offerings to you on a weekly basis. Effective immediately, this information will now be reported on a monthly basis. The bulletin for May 7th will indicate what the budget offerings in April were in total. After that, it will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The reason changing to this timeframe is that the frequency for individuals giving has greatly changed over the years. Many families now give once a month, while fewer are giving either weekly or when they can attend. That is why there is such a difference from week to week in the amounts reported using the weekly method. For those of you who compare the amounts reported, it will be a more accurate way of knowing how we are doing from time to time. Any questions, speak to Lorraine Sawatzky, Treasurer

Sunday, May 14th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Jan Steven **Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted):

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21;

Proverbs 31; Romans 16

Coffee Time after the service May 14th and 28th

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Happy Mother's Day ~ a little early. After church today, get your Smile Cookie and Card from Jan -in the foyer. Proceeds from purchasing these cookies is going to Hospice Niagara! ☺

Do you or someone you know want a friendly or pastoral-care visit? Let Jan Steven know at church or at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com

Please hold Theo and Francine Ilunga in your prayers.

Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson in your prayers.

Please remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, May 11th, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 25th, 9:30 a.m.

Preaching Team ~ Monday May 15th, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Committee ~ Thursday May 18th, 10:00 a.m.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

United Mennonite Home is excited to welcome back its Annual Spring Bazaar! Join us on Saturday June 3rd from 10am-12:30pm at 4024 Twenty-Third St. Vineland. Festivities consist of a Bake Sale, Penny Sale, Raffle, Silent Auction, BBQ, and Entertainment. Raffle prizes include a Handmade Quilt, Webber Travel BBQ, and a \$150 Shaw Festival Gift Certificate. Advanced ticket sales are available weekday afternoons at the UMH volunteer reception desk. For more information, please contact Jodi Thompson – Programs Manager at (905) 562-7385 ext. 5004 or jthompson@umh.ca.

Book Release - May 10th, 7 pm, at The First Mennonite Church of Vineland - 3557 Rittenhouse Rd. - Theologian and Author Arthur Boers, will be present to share his new book *Shattered: A Son Picks Up the Pieces of His Father's Rage*. A sensitive and penetrating reflection on coming of age in a Dutch immigrant family scarred by violence, it's a book Arthur describes as his best and most beautiful. Arthur Boers is the author of several award-winning books, including *The Way Is Made by Walking*:

A Pilgrimage Along the Camino de Santiago and Servants and Fools: A Biblical Theology of Leadership. He holds a DMin from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and an MFA from Seattle Pacific University. Arthur pastored in urban, suburban, rural, and inner-city settings in Ontario and the Midwest. He also taught at several seminaries, including AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary).

A priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, he is a Benedictine oblate.

Employment Opportunity: Youth Worker

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church is seeking an enthusiastic, passionate Christian adult to serve as a part-time Youth Worker with responsibilities for mid-week evening program delivery for kids and youth in our church and community. The job description and application details can be found by visiting <https://scumc.ca/> under the Employment tab.



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Zion Mennonite Fellowship**. Donna Kerfoot provides leadership for this “little church family in downtown Elmira.”

*Continue to **pray for places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace.** Lord, hear our prayers.



A Moment for MCC – This spring we are doing a “Seeds of Gratitude” fundraiser! Each \$5 seed packet purchased will support growing and strengthening Indigenous communities through respectful relationships, advocacy, art and responding to disaster. There are three kinds of flowers – Black-eyed Susans, Cosmoses, and Forget-me-nots. Pick up a seed packet in person at MCC Thrift Shop on Grantham and learn more about MCC’s Indigenous Neighbours program. And do a little shopping! Or donating! Laur Steven is the Receiver on Thursday mornings. Thank you for making a difference!

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