



November 10th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Pursuing Peace
Loving Our Neighbours*

Prelude

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Darrell Winger

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather, as the children of God,

People: committed to the call to peacemaking.

Leader: We gather, as the children of God,

People: finding refuge in our God of peace.

Leader: We gather, as the children of God,

People: to re-commit ourselves to the ways of peace.

All: We gather to worship our God.

Prayer

Hymn

What is this place

HWB #1

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

Grace Singers

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Skit "Everybody Loves a Picnic" Kevin McCabe & Mac Plunkett

Women's Chorus *Instruments of Your Peace*

Scripture Reading Psalm 46 (OT p.517)

Hymn *For we are strangers no more*

HWB #322

Scripture Reading Romans 12:14-21 (NT p.162)

Meditation "Pursuing Peace in Everyday Life" Darrell Winger with
John Doerksen, Doug Funk, Erika Klassen, Judy Willems

Hymn of Response *We are people of God's peace*
HWB #407 vv1,3

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *Lord, let us now depart in peace* HWB #428

Postlude

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]

Coffee Time after the service today

Intercessory Prayer ~ Yemen You have been our God, we pray, in this time when the earth is shaking again. We pray for the people of Yemen as they endure the harsh consequences of civil war and revenge following it. O God, break the vicious circle of evil, empower ordinary people to love their enemy.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday November 3rd ~ Attendance - 53

Sunday, November 17th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: Psalm 138; Mark 12:38-44

Grace Semi-Annual Meeting after the morning service in the Church Hall

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 24th – Speaker: Darrell Winger

Memorial / Eternity Sunday

Coffee Time after the service

Sunday, December 1st - Speaker: Laur Steven

Advent 1 and Communion

Budget offerings for October was \$10,515.00.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations.**

This week we pray for **Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal.**

Annika Krause provides pastoral leadership to this congregation. Please pray for this church community found in the heart of Montreal, Quebec.

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.

Would you like a pastoral care or friendly visit? Let Darrell or Jan know. Our contact information is at the end of the bulletin. 😊

Save the hour! November 20th, 2024 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Positive Living Niagara and Grace Mennonite Church

FREE SEMINAR – Coffee and cookies! Grace Mennonite Church Hall

Hannah Zettler – “Community Supporting Each Other”

Hannah will help us understand:

- Why there is an increase in the number of marginalized people?
- How one becomes part of the community of addiction/mental health/homelessness/poverty? (It can happen to anyone.)
- What options are available for these neighbours?
- What everyday people like us can do to help?

The event will be free – and any donations will go to Positive Living's “snack fund”



MCC's Christmas Catalogue ~ Giving the Gift of Hope!

Your generosity makes a difference for people like Sangita Sarkar Nodi, 9, whose family in Bangladesh is adapting to more frequent flooding from the nearby Jamuna River with innovations like hanging vegetable gardens and raise structures to protect livestock. This gift can help families rise above not only floods but also challenges like conflict and poverty.

Explore the Christmas Giving Guide on the MCC website. If you are a regular giver Mennonite Central Committee, you should have received their Christmas Catalogue.

Today, as we conclude our series on ***Pursuing Peace, Loving our Neighbours***, let's continue to be open to being people of peace as we love our neighbours.

A prayer for peace as we continue our journey:

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation.

Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts,
and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations,
and to be a conduit for the deep listening
which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity,
giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action,
and from action back again into prayer.

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love,
that our security is not threatened if we change our minds,
or begin to see a better way to act.

(written by Ann Siddall)

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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