



November 12th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Being Faithful in Grace

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Darrell Winger

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer*

Leader: As we gather to worship, are we awake? Are we alert?

People: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Are we watching the signs?

Are we interpreting what is happening today?

People: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Do we see opportunities for ministry?

Do we see the poor, the homeless, the hungry,
the needy, and those who are spiritually seeking?

People: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Come, as we live in God's grace,
let us worship and let us faithfully serve
in the reign of God.

**All: Christ has extended the invitation:
let us worship and serve together
in the reign of God on earth.**

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

HWB #288

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Hymn

10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord

Refrain: *Bless the Lord, O my soul. Oh, my soul
worships your holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:1-7(OT p.537)

Hymn *Blessed Savior, we adore thee* HWB #107, vv.1,2,4

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:45-51(NT p.28)
Matthew 25:1-13 (NT p.28)

Meditation “The End is Nigh...Or Is It?” Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* Back of Bulletin

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* Back of Bulletin

Postlude

*based on work by Rev. M. Weldon-Mitchell

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 today after the worship service

Adult Sunday School ~ This week we will start with responses to Mac's sermon and his theme of preparation for the return of Christ. Then we will talk about the opening chapters of the book *THE BIBLE UNWRAPPED*. Give us a try! In order to enjoy the coffee hour we will begin our study at 10:50 in the assistant pastor's office.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday November 5th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 57

Sunday, November 19th ~ Speaker: David Brubacher
Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Judges 4:1-7;
Psalm 123; **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30;**
Psalm 90:1-8; Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Wednesday November 15th ~ Worship Leaders at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Committee at 10:30 a.m.
Church Council at 1:30 p.m.

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

Sunday November 26th ~ Memorial Sunday
Coffee Time after the service

Tuesday November 21st, 3:30 p.m. ~ Reception and book signing at Pleasant Manor Chapel. **Janice Berg** will be introducing her second book ***How Life Changed***. Please check the **Community Bulletin Board** for more information.

Semi-Annual Meeting ~ Council has set the date for the Semi-Annual meeting for **December 10th, 2023** at 10:45 a.m. in the Church Hall, after coffee time. An agenda and supporting materials will be circulated with the bulletin on Sunday November 19th and Sunday November 26th. If any person in the congregation has an issue they feel should be on the agenda, please speak with Council Chair Laur Steven before Thursday November 16th to enable possible inclusion of the item on the agenda if necessary.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Our Website! ☺

The Grace Mennonite Church website is being updated. See www.gracemennonitechurch.com.

I welcome constructive feedback. If you would like to provide pictures, that would be grand.

If there are people in the pictures, you must get their permission to have this picture posted. Love always! Jan Steven, web-servant and Facebook-poster.

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.

Give me Oil in my Lamp

*Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.*

Refrain: *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!*
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

*Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.*

Refrain

*Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep my loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.*

Refrain

*Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.*

Refrain

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