



November 3rd, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Pursuing Peace
Loving Our Neighbours*

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity.

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision.

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

**All: *We hear the call of Christ.
We worship together with joy.***

Prayer

Hymn

For the fruit of all creation

HWB #90

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer / Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Doug Schulz

**Hymn Refrain: *Let justice flow down, down like a river,
down to the valleys where the helpless cry.
Let righteousness flow through us forever;
lead us to the stream that will never run dry.***

*Flow to the mouths of the hungry; flow to the hands of the poor.
Flow to the hearts of the orphans, healing the wounds of war.*

Refrain

*Flow to the streets of the homeless, finding no place they can go.
Flow to the cells of the prisoners, facing each day alone.*

Refrain

*Flow through the courts of our nation, guide us in love's decrees.
Lead us to streams of salvation; fill our lands with peace.*

Refrain

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146:1-10 (OT p.581)

Worship Committee ~ Wednesday, November 6th at 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays November 7th, 21st at 9:30 a.m.

☕ **Coffee Times** ~ November 10th and November 24th

Sunday, November 17th ~ Grace Semi-Annual Meeting
After the morning service in the Church Hall

Sunday, November 24th – Memorial / Eternity Sunday

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Mennonite Disciples Swahili Church (Ottawa-Gatineau)**. Crispin Insenge and Garant Sungura provide pastoral leadership to this congregation, one of the newest members of MCEC.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht Lunch returns on Saturday November 9th from 11-2 pm. (or until sold out) Cost is \$15 per person. Cash only. Also available for sale are preserves, quilts, quilted items. All proceeds support local and international missions.

Saturday, November 9th at The First Mennonite Church, Vineland
****12:00 - 5:00 pm - Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Sale.** Join us for a festive shopping experience and discover handcrafted gifts from around the world.

****7:30 pm** - The Light Fandango presents Music of the World. A fundraising concert in support of Refugee and Newcomer families in Niagara. Join us for Tapas and Mocktails at 6:45 with the concert to begin at 7:30. Please RSVP and reserve your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-light-fandango-music-of-the-world-tickets-1039095170627>

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”



A Moment for MCC ~ Unseen disasters! Getting help across blocked borders in Tigray, Ethiopia, is just one way that MCC responds to emergencies that don't make the headlines.

Because of a power struggle between the Tigray People's Liberation Front fought and the Ethiopian National Defense Force in a struggle for political power, an estimated 600,000 people, military and civilian, were killed and the region decimated.

Within the first six months of fighting, MCC partnered with Meserete Kristos Church (MKC), a Mennonite church that has 1,462 congregations in Ethiopian including six in Tigray, to send food, blankets and hygiene supplies. It was the beginning of an ongoing response to a crisis that, during the pandemic, barely caught the attention of the Western world. "If you had not come to us that day, we would have died. We had exhausted everything we owned and were left with nothing." – Bizuayehu Abera, Tigray relief project coordinator for Meserete Kristos Church Development Commission.

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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