Grace Mennonite Church

October 11th 2026 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz

Women's Chorus *Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts*

Gathering Thoughts Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines, let's praise God together!

People: For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need: let's praise God together!

All: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines, let's praise God together!

Prayer

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

Musical Reflection *A Thanksgiving Prayer* Annie & Ester

Prayers of the People Doug Schulz

Grace Singers *O Give Thanks*

Scripture Reading Psalm 65 (OT p.527)

Hymn *How Great Is Our God* VT 116

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NT p.183)

Thanksgiving and Congregational Sharing
"What are we sowing?" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419, vv.1,3

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* VT 297, vv.3,4

Postlude

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

Coffee Time after the service in the Church Hall

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday October 4th – 42

Sunday October 18th ~ Speaker: Laur Steven
Scripture Readings: Psalm 105:1-6; Matthew 14:22-33

Preaching Team ~ October 14th 10 am

Church Council ~ October 21st 1:30 pm

Women's Chorus ~ October 22nd 9:30 am

Coffee Time ~ Sunday October 25th

Your 3rd quarter offering report (January – September) is now in your church mailbox. If you have any questions, please speak to Lorraine Sawatzky (Treasurer).

Grace Bible Study Fall 2026-Session 2
We meet on Sunday October 18, at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Room. Please read chapters 4 & 5 of "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love," by Max Lucado. All are welcome!
If you want to join, please contact Mac & Julie Plunkett.

Keeping in Touch with Our Grace Friends
Our Grace friends who are home-based or living in long-term care would love to hear from you: Irene B., Anne D., Agnes G., Jake H., Erika I., Hertha J., Mary K. (in St. Catharines), and Marlene W. Let us continue to keep in touch through visits, phone calls, and cards.

Is there someone you are concerned about? Please reach out by phoning or visiting them — and let me, Jan Steven, know as well. And if you would like a friendly visit, I'm your gal. But I won't know if you don't tell me. 😊 **Jan,** 289-990-4839, janscats@gmail.com

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Harrow Mennonite Church** in prayer. Karen Sheil provides pastoral leadership to this community. God, may Harrow Mennonite Church be a place where people believe, belong and become all that you are calling them to be, sharing your love and grace with their community.

Friday, October 23, Vineland United Mennonite Church will be hosting the one-man show *Looking for Kindness Amidst Anxiety* by Old Reverend Randell Neudorf. This honest, humour-filled, multi-disciplinary experience weaves together music, storytelling, and visual art to prompt conversations about mental health, faith, and the tender parts of life. **Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the show begins at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are FREE, and EVERYONE is welcome! Hope to see you there.

"Community Trunk or Treat" on Tues Oct 27, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm We're excited to host Trunk or Treat again here at Linwell Church (335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines) on the front parking lot. For those new to the idea, this is a fun alternative to trick-or-treating where kids can enjoy candy, costumes, and decorated car trunks... all in a safe environment.

MCC Ontario Peace Conference 2026
Theme…Nourishing Peace Together
In the midst of conflict how can you build a culture of Peace?

Place…Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener
Date…. Saturday November 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Prayer: [a Ute prayer]

Earth teach me stillness as the grasses are stilled with light.
Earth teach me suffering as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach me humility as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring as the mother who secures her young.
Earth teach me courage as the tree which stands all alone.
Earth teach me limitation as the ant which crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom as the eagle which soars in the sky.
Earth teach me resignation as the leaves which die in the fall.
Earth teach me regeneration as the seed which rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach me to remember kindness as dry fields weep with rain.

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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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