



October 13th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship*

Leader: Lord God sets a table of Thanksgiving for us
even amid difficulty.

**People: Though the world is in turmoil,
we will give thanks for God's provision!**

Leader: In gratitude, may our lives be witnesses
to God's goodness and power.

**People: May our hearts be filled with compassion
for all God's people.**

Leader: May our gratitude be a witness
of God's love shining through us.

**People: God's abundance enables us
to be faithful and strong.**

**All: *May our worship be an offering
of thanksgiving and praise.***

Prayer

Hymn *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* HWB #53

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *A Thanksgiving Prayer* Annie & Ester

Prayers of the People

David Brubacher

Grace Singers *We, Your People, Praise You /
We Worship and Adore You*

Scripture Reading Psalm 126 (OT p.572)

Hymn *We give thanks unto you* HWB #161

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-33 (NT p.6)

Thanksgiving Meditation and Congregational Sharing

"The Gratitude of Enough"

Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him*
(Tune: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken)

*From the first bright light of morning, to the last warm glow of dusk;
ev'ry breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.*

Refrain: *In thanksgiving, let us praise Him, in thanksgiving, let us sing
songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord, and King.*

*In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need;
we will find His grace sufficient; we will find His love complete.*

Refrain

*Safe within His hand that guides us, hidden in His healing wings;
day by day His love provides us ev'ry good and perfect thing.*

Refrain

Benediction

Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen. (2x)

*Nancy Townley (Adapted)

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

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for Peace ~ O Lord, your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Show the people of Gaza that you have not forsaken them! Look upon their woes: the endless bombing of people and hospitals, the destruction of a whole society. Raise up political and religious leaders in Israel and Palestine to end the madness.

Pastor Darrell on vacation

Darrell will be on vacation for two weeks, October 15-29th. If a pastoral care need or other need occurs, please contact one of the ministry staff (Ester, Annie or Jan). They will then be able to connect with the appropriate person to follow up for care or assistance.

Sunday October 6th ~ Attendance - 44

Sunday, October 20th ~ Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Texts: Jeremiah 29:4-7; Mark 10:35-45

Your 9 month offering statement is in your mailboxes today. Please pick it up and review. If any questions, contact Lorraine.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday October 24th 9:30 a.m.



Coffee Time ~ October 27th

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Mennonite Disciple Church (MDM) Joliette**. Sylvestre Ban Goun, Victor Sadi Mubikalo and Sifa (Steven) Muruho provide pastoral leadership to this congregation. Pray for them as they minister in Joliette, QC.

Update from the Raw Carrot

Happy National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)! Each October, NDEAM shines a spotlight on disability-inclusive employment and its impact.

The Raw Carrot provides supported employment for people living with disabilities and mental illness. Jobs are a sustainable means to address poverty and livelihood insecurity through a hand UP (instead of a handout).

You can buy our great soups at MCC Thrift on Grantham!

<https://therawcarrot.com/>

German Service on a Sunday Afternoon: Sun Nov 3 @ 2:30pm: You and yours are invited to this event at St. Catharines UM Church (aka Linwell Church) honouring church history and the local historic Mennonite community. We will be singing, sharing, and engaging with each other in the German "heart language." After the German worship service in the sanctuary, we will gather for light refreshments in the gym. Bring your friends/neighbors!! Alle Willkommen!! All Welcome!! (If wanting to use the elevator, please use front entrance) Location: 335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines.

Spiritual Care Workshop

The Spiritual Life Team of Radiant Care are excited about this Spiritual Care workshop, just a few weeks away. Titled, *How Much Longer, God?* – its focus is developing and maintaining a sense of meaning and purpose in the last stages of life. This event is designed for anyone who is or works with seniors providing spiritual care and support.

Happening on October 29th from 9:30 – 3:00, our keynote speaker is Jane Kuepfer from Schlagle Homes and Conrad Grebel University. The cost is \$50/person and includes a lunch with a virtual option for \$30.

Location: Radiant Care Tabor Manor, 1 Tabor Drive, St. Catharines. To register or if you have any questions, contact Mike Dyck. Spiritual Life Lead at Radiant Care.

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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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