



October 19th, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Shaped by the Spirit

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, whose presence makes our gathering today
a sign of your work in the world....

**People: We come together in order to deepen our decisions
about committing our lives to discern,
and then wholeheartedly to do, your will.**

Leader: We want to be devoted not to stand stiffly
on religious doctrines, but to wrestle honestly in our spirit
and intellect to understand the dynamic truth
you reveal to us in Jesus.

**People: For you reveal in him the source of joy in life, of peace,
of a true sense of personhood,
and of healthy integration in all relationships.**

Leader: For your reconciling power of loving grace motivates us
to embrace a vivid life of discipleship,
as we seek to know you more deeply
and trust you completely.

**All: Therefore, may our thoughts and words and songs
and prayers honour the Life and Light you give us
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

HWB #332

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

Come to the Water

VT #35

*Come to the water, living water,
Come to the water, come all singing, (2x)*

*Come with thanksgiving, glad thanksgiving,
Come with thanksgiving, come all singing, (2x)*

*Bring all your burdens, heavy treasures,
lay down your burdens, come all singing, (2x)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

Prayers of the People Doug Schulz

Hymn *Thy Word is a Lamp* VT #398

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and light unto my path (2x)*

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-31 (OT p.30)

Hymn *God, who touches earth* HWB #511

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NT p.213)

Meditation *"Wrestling with the Word"* Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand* VT#159

Refrain: *Here On Christ the rock I will stand,
other ground is sinking sand.*

Yes, on Christ the Rock I will stand, other ground is sinking sand.

*Jesus knows the troubles I face;
in his blood flow mercy and grace.*

What he gives, I cannot repay, all my sin he washes away.

Refrain

*Jesus gives me strength when I'm weak;
he's the satisfaction I seek.*

He's my shield when troubles draw near.

He's my comfort through ev'ry fear.

Refrain

Benediction Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *Spirit of the living God* HWB #349

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]

After church the Adult Study group meets in the Fellowship Room. Today we conclude our three-part power point study of "Apartheid? An Epistle from Palestinian Christians." Our focus today is "Faithful Responses." Laur S., John R., and Lacey W. welcome everyone!"

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday, October 12th 48

Sunday, October 26th ~ Speaker: Tim Amor, from Linwell Church (previously St. Catharines UM Church) will be speaking. Tim has been pastor at the Linwell Church for the past two years. The following week, Pastor Darrell will be preaching at Linwell Church following our service at Grace. **Coffee Time** following the service.

Don't forget! Grace Justice Group is having a FREE Compassion Café on Wednesday, October 22, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Doors open at 1:15. This event is at Grace Mennonite Church.

Guest speaker is **Emily Fieguth** - Donor Engagement Coordinator - from **Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN.)** Topic: **"For Any One of Us at Any Time."** Featured sweet is Chocolate Chip Toffee Cookie Bars by Chef Ty from Technicolour Treats!

For more information about the event, contact Jan Steven at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com

Women's Chorus ~ October 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Church Council ~ October 29th at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9th (Peace Sunday), Dr. Anthony Siegrist, the new Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, will be speaking in the worship service and will also be with us during Coffee Time. Anthony has served as Lead Pastor of Ottawa Mennonite Church, taught at Conrad Grebel University College and Prairie College, and was the Ontario Director of *A Rocha*, a nationwide creation-care focused organization.

Checking in on our Friends ~ Thank you to everyone for the wonderful Thanksgiving Service and Coffee Time. Let us stay connected with members of our Grace Family who are unable to come to church.

Are you wondering how someone is doing? You haven't seen them at church or haven't talked to them lately? Please phone them. It makes a world of difference! And let us know if there has been a change in their circumstances or if they'd like a friendly visit (Jan) or a pastoral care visit (Darrell.) Jan

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we are praying for **Wellesley Mennonite Church**. Matthew Bailey-Dick provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community as they continually grow as Christ's disciples of healing and hope who worship, learn and live generously.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht lunch is Saturday November 8th from 11-2 pm. (or until sold out) Cost is \$20 per person. Cash only. Also available for sale are preserves, quilts and quilted items. All proceeds support local and international missions.

On Friday, November 14th, at 7pm, Troy Watson will join us at Bethany Mennonite Church to talk about his book, "Get a Hold of Yourself", in which he addresses some of the questions of faith that we have as we attempt to live authentically in a complicated world. If Jesus says we are to die to ourselves and deny ourselves, how do we do that while loving and being true to ourselves? How do we accept our need for growth and grace without feeling like hypocrites? How can we become more Christlike while also becoming more like ourselves? Join us for stimulating conversation, music, and cake to follow it all up!

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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