



October 20th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Pursuing Peace

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Mac Plunkett

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty,

People: wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

Leader: you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;

**People: you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.**

Leader: You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

**People: You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

Leader: At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**People: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the
valleys, to the place that you appointed for them.**

Leader: You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

**People: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer

Hymn *This is my Father's world*

HWB #154

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Mac Plunkett

Hymn *Brothers and sisters of mine*

HWB #142

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:4-7 (OT p.731)

Grace Singers *Let Justice Flow Down*

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.*

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

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

Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45 (NT p.47)

Meditation "Pursuing the Peace of the City" Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *Will you let me be your servant* HWB #307

Benediction Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

*Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.
Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.*

*Walk, my friends, in peace, within this fallen world.
Where you walk, God is there, within this fallen world.*

*Serve, my friends, in love, your neighbours and your foes.
Where you serve, God, is there, in neighbours and in foes.*

*Come again, my friends, to worship and to pray.
When we meet, God is here, Benedictus Deus.*

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]

Intercessory Prayer ~ God of the broken hearted, we bring before you the people of Lebanon. Civilians are being punished by the warfare of antagonists. Their homes and hospitals are being destroyed. Stay the hand of evil; prosper the hand of good. Save innocent people from the madness of war.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darrell on vacation

Darrell will be on vacation until October 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 13th ~ Attendance - 42

Sunday, October 27th ~ Speaker: Jan Steven

Scripture Texts: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; **Psalm 34:1-8**, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; **Mark 10:46-52**

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays October 24th,
November 7th, 21st at 9:30 a.m.



Coffee Time ~ October 27th, November 10th, 24th

Church Council ~ Thursday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3rd ~ Speaker: Kit Andres

A member of the Grace Peace Group

Sunday, November 17th ~ Grace Semi-Annual Meeting

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Medhanielem Ethiopian Evangelical Church**. Tadesa Mkuria Aleme provides pastoral leadership to this congregation.



A Moment for MDS After evacuating, MDS volunteers ready to respond – again! As Hurricane Milton swept through Florida MDS evacuated volunteers, moved equipment-and stood ready to respond as soon as it's safe. By the morning of October 10, the Port Charlotte volunteer team was taking a caravan of vehicles back to set up equipment again. "We are hearing the roads are open," said MDS Executive Director Kevin King. "They will be purchasing chainsaws and gear in Homestead as well as extra gas to take back with them, as their work might be clearing debris and tarping as necessary once they get back." MDS Project Director Rollin Ulrich expressed how the volunteers are feeling: "We are anxious to get back 'home' to Port Charlotte and let the hammers and chainsaws ring hope," he said. Often the last to leave an area of disaster, our volunteers work to address unmet needs for the most vulnerable in the community.



Lebanon Emergency Response

Give now and double the impact of your gift

With the escalating violence in Lebanon, people's lives are in danger and the need for basic necessities is great.

MCC partners have mobilized in central Lebanon and Beirut to help, providing meals, hygiene items, bedding, health services, hot meals and psychosocial support for children. **Every donation made by Canadians to a Humanitarian Coalition member is matched to a maximum of \$3 million until November 3, 2024.** MCC participates in the Humanitarian Coalition through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

You can give through our offerings - by cheque or cash and note on the offering envelope "Lebanon Crisis", or by e-transfer and enter "Lebanon Crisis" in message box.

Thank you for your gifts in this difficult time in Lebanon.

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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