



October 29th, 2023 9:30 a.m.
Being Faithful in Grace

Prelude Ester Funk
Gathering Thoughts Darrell Winger

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer*

Leader: Eternal God, even as you called the saints of the past,
we, too, are called to be people of faith
in the midst of the world.

**People: And so we mix our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.**

Leader: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**People: we gather as people who have been called
to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

Leader: God has called us together,
God has called us to be part of a community.

**People: God challenges us to consider justice and mercy
as we engage with the world.**

Leader: In this time together,
may God open our hearts, minds and eyes.

**People: allowing us to see deeper,
helping us to live in the world
while still offering a challenge
to the ways of the world.**

All: Strengthened by your Spirit to be faithful in grace.

Hymn *For all the saints* HWB #636, vv.1,4,8

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Darrell Winger

Grace Singers *God be the love*

Refrain: *O Christ surround me, O Christ surround me.*

Scripture Reading Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17(OT p.547)

Hymn *I know not why God's wondrous grace* HWB #338

Scripture Reading Proverbs 6:6-11, 24:30-34 (OT p.589)

Meditation "What's Up with Work Nowadays?" Kevin McCabe

Hymn of Response *Fair waved the golden corn*
Insert vv.1,2,3

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Kevin McCabe

Sending Hymn *Fair waved the golden corn* Insert vv.4,5

Postlude

*adapted from Rev. Gord, *Worship Offerings*

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]

♪ **Grace Singers** after the worship service in the Church Hall

Adult Sunday School will meet after the service today in the second minister's office to discuss the sermon and to have an introduction to the book *The Bible Unwrapped*, which we will be studying over the coming weeks.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday October 22nd, 2023 ~ Attendance – 44

Sunday, November 5th ~ Peace Sunday

Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 12:9-21

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ November 2, 16, 30, at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Times at Grace ~ November 12, 26 - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to contribute baked goods.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Greetings from Tucson, Arizona

I was very grateful to hear from SIX Long Term Care homes in the area that would love to give their lonely seniors our Bears and Blankets offering. We have a goodly supply o bears and blankets right now and so this is awesome!

Understandably, they would also like a Friendly Visitor to go with this, but there are only so many visits that can be made in any particular month. Love always! Jan Steven, Community Chaplain

Grace Weekly News ~ Due to a series of computer and internet-related technical difficulties, Church Council has decided it's best to conclude the weekly emailing of "Grace Weekly News". The weekly Sunday bulletin is posted on our church website each week so anyone can find both the order of service, as well as announcements and congregational information there. We will be exploring possible alternative approaches to a monthly or quarterly newsletter over the coming months.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



**A Moment for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
New wells built with the support of MCC and
Congolese Mennonite Brethren save time and
improve health in the Democratic Republic of the**

Congo. With MCC's support, CEFMC(Community of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Congo) drilled a well in Kanzombi in October 2021, a second one in another part of Kikwit in 2022 and another iin a third location this part summer.

Even before the third well was completed, the results were dramatic. "We went from 38% to 9% of waterborne diseases," says Tangudiki, who coordinates primary health care for displaced people on behalf of CEFMC.

Read the whole story at: <https://mcc.org/our-stories/what-gift-clean-water-brings>

MCC – Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ

Chorus Niagara Concert ~ JOY!

Partridge Hall, **Saturday, November 4th 7:30 p.m.**

See the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations.**

This week we pray for **Church of the Living Word** in Ottawa. Getachew Woldeyes provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for this faith community whose desire is to proclaim an uncompromising Gospel message that would set a Godly standard for the Habesha community in the Ottawa area.

*Pray for those whose **lives are impacted by war and trauma.** Pray for those who are suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine and all other places in our broken world. Lord hear our prayers.

The **Bethany Borscht Sale and Bazaar**, is scheduled for **Saturday November 11** from 10 - 2 pm or until sold out. Brown bread, jars of Borscht and baked goods, preserves and quilts will be available for sale in the church auditorium. Proceeds help support mission work.

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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Fair waved the golden corn

1. *Fair waved the golden corn
in Canaan's pleasant land, when,
full of joy, some shining morn,
went forth the reaper band.*
2. *To God so good and great
their cheerful thanks they pour; then
carry to his temple gate
the choicest of their store.*
3. *Like Israel, Lord, we give
our earliest fruits to thee, and
pray that, long as we shall live,
we may thy children be.*
4. *Thine is our youthful prime,
and life and all its pow'rs; be
with us in our morning time,
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5. *In wisdom let us grow,
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