



September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Shaped by the Spirit*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Pam Pauls

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**People: so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**People: so God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.**

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving  
that we are received.

**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice  
over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Come, let us all unite to sing* HWB #12

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** *O day of God, draw nigh* HWB #370  
(Tune – Blest be the tie that binds)

**Prayers of the People** Pam Pauls

**Grace Singers** *Come Thou Fount*

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 14 (OT p.495)

**Hymn** *Nothing is lost* (Page 2) VT #653

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-10 (NT p.78)

**Meditation** "God's Change of Heart?" David Brubacher

**Hymn of Response** *Nothing is lost* (Page 2) VT #653, v.3

**Benediction** David Brubacher

**Sending Hymn** *Take, O Take Me as I am* VT #748

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (2x)*

*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 in the Church Hall*

#### **Nothing is lost on the breath of God**

V. 1 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God, nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.*

*No feather too light, no hair too fine, no flower too brief in its glory,  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.*

V. 2 *Nothing is lost to the eyes of God, nothing is lost forever.  
God sees with love, and that love will remain, holding the world  
forever.*

*No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding;  
no creature too humble,  
no child too small for God to be seeking and finding.*

V. 3 *Nothing is lost to the heart of God, nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.*

*No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fullness;  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
but is gathered and known in its goodness.*

#### **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, September 7** ~ Attendance – 45

**Saturday September 20** at 3:30pm. Cathy and Nick are getting married at Grace. You are very welcome to join them in celebration at their wedding ceremony. We hope to see you there!

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Readings: **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-17; Luke 16:1-13; **Mark 10:46-52**; **John 12:1-7**

**Women's Chorus** September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Communion Service & Coffee Time** ~ September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Bicycles Needed:** Bridge of Hope would like to provide used bicycles for the newly arrived Meling family - mother, 39; four children ages 18 (girl), 16 (boy), 12 (boy), 8 (girl). Do you or your family have gently used bicycles that we might acquire for these people? Talk to Doug Schulz or Irmgard Penner.

**Call for Grace Garden Helpers** ~ Council recently received a call for assistance from our gracious gardeners Bob and Irene Dell. They are acknowledging that while they are still able and willing to contribute time, labour, and expertise, they are no longer physically able to do all of the necessary work to ensure that the Gardens continue to offer comfort and beauty.

A few 'Others' are needed to contribute their time and effort to, when necessary, weed, cultivate, water, and perform cleanup so that the property continually offers 'curb appeal'.

3-4 volunteers willing to commit a few hours a week to garden maintenance tasks would be greatly appreciated by the Dells, and by Grace as a whole. If you feel you can be one of these "helper garden gnomes", please contact our Property Management Chair, Ted Kopp.



## ***ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD***



**A Moment for MCC: Ethiopia** ~ MCC has a long-standing presence in Ethiopia – 78 years of partnership running about 20 projects with 9 local partners such as Peacebuilding & Trauma Healing with Meserete Kristos Church.

To support the work of MCC in Ethiopia, through your giving, mark your offering envelope "MCC Ethiopia" or e-transfer and write "MCC Ethiopia" in the message box. Thank you for your gifts.



**Please pray for** the MCEC community of congregations. This week we are praying for **Wanner Mennonite Church**. Wanner is currently searching for a transformational interim pastor. Pray for this community in Cambridge as they find their next pastoral leader and continue their mission of sharing Jesus' love with each other and the world.

**Wednesday, September 17, 1-2 p.m.** Walking with Grace: New Testament Wisdom for the Journey Bible Study at Grace Linwell Apartments Lounge. Bring your own beverage and Bible!  
**The Power of Gratitude** – Scripture: Luke 17:11-19  
Thankfulness in every season of life. Jan Steven, Coordinator

**Linwell Church (335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines) is inviting everyone to a German Worship Service on Sunday September 21, 2:30 pm.** Refreshments served in gym after service.

**Bethany 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration weekend**  
**Saturday September 27**, Bethany will celebrate with a fundraising banquet for the Friends of the Mennonite Centre of Ukraine with a delicious Ukrainian catered meal and program at the church. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by e-transfer to [Office@bethanymennonite.ca](mailto:Office@bethanymennonite.ca) (Please include your address for receipting purposes) or from the church office.  
**Sunday September 28** at 9:30 a.m. there will be a celebratory service followed by cake and coffee. All are invited.

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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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