



September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Pursuing Peace:  
Loving Our Neighbours*

**Prelude** Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts** Pam Pauls

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: Open our ears

**People: to hear your word.**

Leader: Open our eyes

**People: to see your presence.**

Leader: Open our arms

**People: to the embrace of community.**

Leader: Open our minds

**People: to the beauty of truth.**

Leader: Open our hearts

**People: to the joy of new life.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Let's Sing Unto the Lord* HWB #55

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *Fill Us With Your Breath* Women's Chorus

**Prayers of the People** Pam Pauls

**Hymn** *From all that dwell below the skies* HWB #49

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14 (OT p.498)

**Hymn** *O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True*

*O Christ, impart your teaching true and gather in your faithful few.  
Now grant that each with patient care  
their cross of love should daily bear.*

*O Christ, like gold our hearts refine, and fill our lives with joy divine  
to follow you forevermore; your Word, your will, your truth adore.*

*O Christ, your people truly keep, who follow daily as your sheep;  
and if through bitter death we pass,  
your grace will keep us to the last.*



## Welcoming New Members

Sunday, September 29th we will be welcoming and receiving four persons into membership of Grace Mennonite Church: John and Judy Doerksen and Jerry and Judy Willems.

**Grace MC** is looking for a transport chair/wheelchair. If you have a chair you could donate, please let Ester know. Thanks.

**Bears and Blankets Update:** Info packs – including a mini bear and a mini blanket and bearpaws cookie and a card – were delivered to City Council on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The amazing women of the Catholic Women’s League gave Bears and Blankets a generous donation of hand-made lap blankets, teddy bears, fabric, and wool. And 10 B & B Care Kits were requested by and brought to Shaver Rehab Hospital – and I’ve heard that the first recipient was very happy to receive her Care Kit.

To date (September 2024) we have placed 604 Care Kits in 345 Care Homes! Thank you to Ester F, Mary K, and Paula G for your ongoing help and encouragement. – Jan Steven

**Peace Group Update:** Laur and Jan brought date squares and peace letters – on behalf of Grace Peace Group – to City Council on September 9<sup>th</sup> – to be distributed at their meeting. Thank you Anita S for your amazing baking! The dates are from Palestine.

Our next “love in action” is to provide the same to Regional Council. If you would like to bake date squares, let me know. I’ll provide the dates! 😊 Grace Peace Group – Following Jesus; pursuing Peace.



**Soap for Hope** ~ MCC urgently needs soap donations for countries where soap is scarce. Both bath soap (85 g or larger, in wrapper) and laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote) are needed. **Donations can be placed in the box in the church foyer marked Soap Donations.**

## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



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

This week we pray for **Mannheim Mennonite Church.** Doug Amstutz provides pastoral leadership to this congregation.

Pray for them as they seek the freedom and mystery of God’s grace on their faith journey.

**Project Ploughshares Peace Event** ~ 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Hagasaki Atomic Bombings 5:30-7:30 p.m  
Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Peace Garden, Rennie Park, St. Catharines. Messages of Peace, Lantern Decoration & Floating Questions? Contact Nozumu at [nosumu.ozaki.rmft@gmail.com](mailto:nosumu.ozaki.rmft@gmail.com) or contact Timothy at 905-341-3415 or [thealey@aol.com](mailto:thealey@aol.com)  
“Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion.” -Dom Hélder Câmara

**Silver Foxes:** Please mark **Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars for our next Senior’s event at Bethany Mennonite Church. At 3:00 p.m., Ernie and Jan Harris will lead us in a wonderful sing-along, followed by a delicious pizza, salad, and watermelon supper. The cost per person is \$10. Please register with payment by Sept. 22. Contact Bud and Ella Andres (905 468 2669), Paul and Joanne Thiessen (905 468 7392), or Ted and Sylvia Wiens (289 868 9068). Everyone is welcome.

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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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