



September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.  
Installation Service

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts, Lighting the Christ Candle Doug Schulz

### Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: God of new beginnings, we gather today  
in the light of a new morning with great gratitude.  
In this fresh time and space, we commit to the future.

**People: Our times are in Your hands, O God,  
give us hope for the journey.**

Leader: We have traveled through a time of searching,  
we have tiptoed through a careful process,  
we have wrestled with humble purpose to know your will.

**People: Our times are in Your hands, O Lord,  
give us courage for the journey.**

Leader: We are grateful for all the gifts among us here,  
provision of financial offerings and of joyful service,  
all the things that unite us in worship and witness.

**People: Our times are in Your hands, O God,  
give us light for the journey.**

***All: The future stretches out before us  
full of mystery and full of surprise.  
God of New Beginnings, guide us in your ways.  
Our times are in Your hands. Give us life.***

Hymn *Christ is our cornerstone* HWB #43

### Passing of the Peace

***The Welcome of New Members*** ~ Darrell & Anna Winger  
Led by Congregational Chair Laur Steven

### Questions for New Members

## **Promise from the Church**

**People:** We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us. We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, service, and discipline. We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel, to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed community. We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.

## **Final Blessing on all Members**

**Grace Singers**                 *Draw the Circle*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

**Scripture Reading**   Psalm 130:1-2, 5-8 [OT p.573]     Pam Pauls

**Prayers of the People**   Pastor Darrell Winger

***Litany of Installation and Mutual Commitment***             See Insert

**Grace Singers**                 *Lord of our Life*

**Scripture Reading**     Matthew 4:1-11 [NT p.3]             Jan Steven

**Meditation**             "Set Apart! Why?"             David Brubacher

**Hymn of Response**    *Be thou my vision*             HWB #545, vv.1,2

**Benediction** (Congregation please stand)             Doug Schulz

**Sending Hymn**             *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

## **Postlude**

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!***  
***The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.***  
**[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]**

*Coffee Time following the service.*

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023** ~ Attendance – 38

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Speaker: Darrell Winger

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Exodus 16:2-15;

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philipians 1:21-30; **Matthew 20:1-16;**

**Psalm 145:1-9**

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** – World Communion Sunday

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m.  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

**Chaplain's Corner** ~ Greetings! Our Bears and Blankets offering is being welcomed in the St. Catharines area retirement and long-term care homes. Currently, we have 19 Friends to visit. Thank you, Mary Koop, for making personalized scarves and Ester Funk for making beautiful shawls. The bears, I buy up at MCC Thrift (and give them a gentle wash-up). There will be a Church Family Blessing of this program in the coming months. Would you like to help in this Outreach? Talk to Jan Steven – at church, by phone at 289-990-4839, or by email at [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com).

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

**From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**



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

This week we pray for **Breslau Mennonite Church.** Eleanor Epp-Stobbe provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Amanda Snyder is children, youth and young adult coordinator for this congregation. Pray for them as they strive to be a welcoming community of faith and worship.

\*Please pray for MCEC as they seek someone to fill the key leadership position of **MCEC Operations and Finance Director**. Pray for those who view and apply to the opportunity, those involved in the interview process and for the individual who will accept the call to this position. We ask for God's wisdom and leading.



**A Moment for MCC** ~ You can assist MCC in providing **urgent help!** Reach families exhausted by conflict and crises in Ukraine and beyond.

This Thanksgiving, your gift of \$28.80 can deliver an emergency food package to someone caught in conflict or disaster. Each pack includes items like rice, oatmeal, and flour – enough to keep them fed and nourished for one month.

**But that's not all: thanks to a group of generous MCC donors, all gifts up to a total of \$115,000 will be matched!**

That means your Thanksgiving gift of \$28.80 to feed one person in need becomes \$57.60 to feed two people in need! And what a gift that would be!

You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MCC Urgent Help." If by cheque, make the cheque payable to the church and designate "MCC Urgent Help" on the memo line/envelope. By e-transfer, put "MCC Urgent Help" in the message box. Any questions? Our treasurer Lorraine would love to help.

You can also give directly at <https://mcc.org/thanksgiving>

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