Grace Mennonite Church

September 20th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Season of Creation

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Pam Pauls
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship
Leader: We come to worship, seeking God.
We come to pray, seeking guidance.
People: When wickedness abounds
and hope feels out of reach,
we yearn for signs of God's presence.
Leader: When the ways of the world
lead to destruction, not shalom,
we long to know God's will.
All: Together, let us turn and open ourselves
to the healing embrace of our creator.
Together, let us seek God's shalom.

Prayer

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VT 177

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings
[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

Musical Reflection (VT 629) *Here by the Water*
Women's Chorus

Prayers of the People Pam Pauls

Hymn *Beauty for Brokenness* VT 712, vv.1,4,5

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:6-9 (OT p.685)

Hymn *Abana in Heaven (The Lord's Prayer)* VT 675

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:7-13 (NT p.5)

Meditation "N.T. Wright and the Prayer of Our Lord" Jan Steven

Hymn of Response *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

Benediction Jan Steven

Hymn *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* VT 838

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday September 13th – 44

Grace Bible Study Fall 2026
Our first study begins this morning at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Room. Our focus is on Max Lucado's recent book: "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love." (Chapters 1-3)
Mac & Julie Plunkett, leaders.

Darrell and Anna Winger are serving as the pastoral couple for a retirees retreat this weekend at Camp Kahquah, the BIC church camp near Burk's Falls.

Women's Chorus ~ Thursdays 9:30 a.m**.**
September 24th, October 8th & 22nd

Sunday September 27th ~ Speaker: David Brubacher
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:10,11; Matthew 6:25-34

Grace Congregational Town Hall - Sunday September 27. Join us after the service for a half hour of discussion. You will have the opportunity to respond to our Vision, Mission and Core Values statements as well as let us know what's important to you in a leader as we enter a season of discernment for a new Lead Pastor as Darrell prepares to retire next year.

Next Coffee Time ~ Sunday 27th

In preparation for Communion October 4th ~ Each time we break bread and share the cup together, we have the opportunity for reflection and celebration of important truths: Christ's sacrificial love, his grace and forgiveness, and his invitation to pursue a right relationship with him and each other, enabled by his Spirit.

Grace Prayer Group
Please join us after church on October 4 in the Fellowship Room for Prayer Group. You are encouraged to come with your prayer requests as we gather to pray for our church family, our community and our world. Julie Plunkett

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Reminder about Grow Hope Niagara Tour: Meet at Tom & Mary Anne Neufeld's farm **this afternoon (Sept.20) at 3:30 pm** for a gathering time and then a tour of this year's crop. Address is 2832 Campden Rd., Vineland.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Hagerman Mennonite Church** in prayer. Roberson Mbayamvula provides pastoral care to this community in Markham, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and their pastor as they seek to be people who receive God's transforming love and become God's servants in the world.

Pray for the **MCEC Executive Council** (Board) as it meets on September 22, 2026. May council members be guided by God's Spirit, grounded in prayer and united in discerning God's wisdom and direction for MCEC ministry and mission.

Pray for the **MC Canada Joint Council** (Board) as they meet in Winnipeg October 2-4, 2026. Pray for **Daniel Tela, Anthony Siegriest and Ben Cassels** as they represent MCEC. May they be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, seeking God's wisdom and discerning God's purposes as they steward the work of our nationwide community of faith.

Daily Bible Refresh is a quick, 10-minute daily podcast hosted by Rev. Dr. Brad Miller designed to help you start your morning grounded in scripture. Available seven days a week by 6:00 AM, each short episode features a New Testament reading from *The Message* translation, followed by a breakdown that is **understandable, relatable, and actionable** from a progressive faith perspective. It concludes with a daily prayer to carry with you through the day. You can listen every morning directly on Voice of God Daily - https://voiceofgoddaily.com/ - or subscribe through major podcast directories like Apple or Spotify.

David Brubacher has been serving with MDS at their Denare Beach project in Sasktchewan, returning home today, Sunday September 20. This project finished up Saturday with a community-wide home dedication event. MDS is so grateful to all who have volunteered and supported the work happening there.
David will be sharing about his experience next Sunday.

There continue to be many ways to pray for and support the work of MDS. The BC Unit is currently investigating in communities affected by the wildfires this summer. We hope to inform you in the next few months about our plans to respond and rebuild in BC.

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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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