



September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Shaped by the Spirit*

**Prelude**

Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts**

Darrell Winger

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Over the chaos of the world, God,  
you reign in peace and grace.

**People: You who are the foundation of the world,  
we turn to you. Mercy!**

Leader: Into the pain of our world, Christ,  
you come with healing and redemption.

**People: You who are our wholeness and our hope,  
we turn to you. Mercy!**

Leader: Amidst suffering of this world, Holy Spirit,  
you bind us together in one Body.

**All: You who are our unity and our compassion,  
we worship you. Mercy!**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

HWB #26

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Women's Chorus**

*Be at Rest*

VT #532

**Prayers of the People**

Darrell Winger

**Hymn** *Healer of our every ill*

HWB #377

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (OT p.709)

**Hymn** *There is a balm in Gilead*

HWB #627

**Scripture Reading** Mark 10:46-52 (NT p.47)  
John 12:1-7 (NT p.106)

**Meditation** "Is there no balm in Gilead?"

Laur Steven

**Hymn of Response** *Healing River of the Spirit* VT #642, vv.1,2  
(Words Page 2) (Tune is Holy Spirit, come with power)

**Benediction**

Laur Steven

**Sending Hymn**     *Healing River of the Spirit*     VT #642, v.3  
(Words below)     (Tune is Holy Spirit, come with power)

**Postlude**

***Healing River of the Spirit***

*v1 Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.  
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness  
deep beneath your sacred springs.*

*Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,  
we discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.*

*v2 Well spring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring  
release, as we gain ourselves, our senses,  
may our lives reflect your peace.*

*Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact  
your grace. As we meet both friend and stranger,  
may we see our Saviour's face.*

*v3 Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your  
pow'r. All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.  
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,  
till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.*

**Adult Study Group** We will be meeting after the worship service this morning in the Fellowship Room (below the sanctuary). This morning (and until October 19th) we will be using material from *Kairos Palestine* and *Global Kairos for Justice* that considers whether the suffering experienced by Palestinians by the state of Israel is actually one of apartheid. Laur Steven and John Rempel are facilitating this group.

**GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** ~ Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 44

**Church Council** ~ September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Women's Chorus** ~ September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Readings: **Micah 6:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:11-19**

**Congratulations to Nick & Cathy Bradley** who were married yesterday at Grace. We pray God's blessings for you.

**We will be participating in communion on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**Coffee Time** will follow the service in the Church Hall.

### **Grace Church Library is No Longer Accepting Donations**

For the foreseeable future, the library at Grace will no longer be accepting donations. We have received many donations over the past year and need to catch up with our cataloging. If you have used books to donate, please give them to a local thrift store.

### **Grace Church Library-How to Check Out materials**

In the past few months numerous borrowing cards have gone missing from the library. You will find these cards in the back of each book. When checking out a book remove the card, sign your name and the date, and then place it inside the pink box on the library desk. There are also signs posted on the wall and the desk with instructions on how to check out a book.

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



### **A Moment for MCC: Supporting People Living in War-torn Countries – Myanmar (Burma)**

MCC's involvement goes back to the 1960's, first partnering with local churches and organizations to support community development and education. In the 1990's more formal programs were established focusing on humanitarian aid, peacebuilding, health initiatives, and disaster response in a country deeply affected by armed conflict and political instability.

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



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

This week we are praying for **Warden Underground**. Jordan Thoms provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community in Scarborough as they work to grow in Christ and participate in action that exhibits the character and priorities of Jesus.

**Linwell Church (335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines) is inviting everyone to a German Worship Service today 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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