Grace Mennonite Church

September 27th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Season of Creation

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Darrell Winger
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship
Leader: Through rain, sunshine, and soil,
God provides what is needed for all to flourish.
People: As God cares for us, God calls us to bring our human activities in alignment with his intended purpose for our common home.
Leader: Together, let us embrace God's vision for our world as our own.
All: Let our worship this day encourage us to a renewed promise of pursuing a lasting good and shalom for all.

Prayer

Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Passing of the Peace

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

Musical Reflection (VT 806) *Called by Earth and Sky*
Women's Chorus

Prayers of the People Darrell Winger

Hymn *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:10,11 (OT p.686)

Hymn *Be a Sower* VT 789

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34 (NT p.6)

Meditation "Walking in Wonder" David Brubacher

Hymn of Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* VT 124

Benediction David Brubacher

Hymn *As You Go Out from Here* VT 841

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

Coffee Time & Grace Congregational Town Hall Meeting after the service in the Church Hall

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday September 20th – 46

Sadly, Julie Richardson Pankratz passed away last week. Let's be in prayer for the Nick Pankratz family. Julie was the wife of Mark, Nick's son.

Sunday October 4th ~ Speaker: Mac Plunkett
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:12,13; Matthew 24:45-51

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

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

Next Coffee Times ~ Sundays October 12th and 26th

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Hamilton Mennonite Church** in prayer. We give thanks for the people of Hamilton Mennonite Church. As they seek to share your grace and live Christ's peace, fill them with your Spirit.

As Orange Shirt Day (September 30) approaches, we remember the **children, families and communities harmed by the legacy of Residential Schools**. May God's healing grace bring comfort and renewal, and may truth guide us toward reconciliation, understanding and hope.

This month, we celebrate the first anniversary of the MCC Meat Cannery in New Hamburg. One year ago, production began in the new 10,000-square-ft facility. Since then, 64,515 cans of chicken have been produced with the help of 746 volunteers who contributed nearly 5,000 hours of service. What began as an ambitious idea has become a meaningful reality, providing nutritious food for people facing hunger both locally and around the world.

A major milestone came in February when supporters gathered to dedicate the first overseas shipment of canned meat. The shipment of 19,200 cans was sent to an MCC partner in Chad, where it supports a network of seven schools. Nutritious meals help students stay healthy, attend school regularly, and focus on learning, opening the door to greater future opportunities.

Soon afterward, a second shipment of 11,520 cans was sent to Malawi. Through a project of the Mennonite Brethren Church Malawi, the canned meat is helping meet critical needs among 36,000 refugees living in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. With its long shelf life and ease of distribution, canned meat provides an important source of nutrition and stability for families experiencing displacement and uncertainty.

As we mark this first anniversary, we celebrate more than production numbers. Every can represents the shared commitment of volunteers, donors, churches, schools, businesses, and community groups. Together, they are offering practical care to people facing crisis, hunger, and displacement- and reminding them they are not forgotten.

Thank you for your part in this ministry. God bless you as you bless others in the name of Christ.

Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Is hiring a chaplain. Please see our Community Bulletin Board for more information. Apply at www.radiantcare.net *Work Here – Radiant Care Pleasant Manor

Friday, October 23, Vineland United Mennonite Church will be hosting the one-man show *Looking for Kindness Amidst Anxiety* by Old Reverend Randell Neudorf. This honest, humour-filled, multi-disciplinary experience weaves together music, storytelling, and visual art to prompt conversations about mental health, faith, and the tender parts of life. **Doors open at 7:00 PM, and the show begins at 7:30 PM.** Tickets are FREE, and EVERYONE is welcome! Hope to see you there.

Giant Fundraiser Garage Sale Support the **Niagara Warehouse of Hope** on **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, at **46 Broadway Ave. (Port Weller East)**. The event starts at **8:00 a.m.** with an outdoor BBQ breakfast and lunch. Shop a wide selection of crafts, housewares, toys, electronics, jewellery, clothing, and a bake table. Donations are welcome. All proceeds support their mission of helping people help themselves around the world. For inquiries, contact **905-646-7237** or **contact@nwoh.ca**

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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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