



September 3rd, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: the One who calls us,

Leader: the One who equips us,

People: the One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Hymn *Let's sing unto the Lord* HWB #55

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Grace Singers *Holy Presence, Holy Teacher*

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-15 [OT p.50]

Hymn *Holy, holy, holy* HWB #75

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-28 [NT p.18]

Meditation "Being Called" Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*
HWB #229, vv. 1,2,3

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *God calls us*

*God calls us to be followers of Christ,
and by the pow'r of the Spirit,*

to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace,

so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world,

so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world. (Repeat)

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 today

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday August 27th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 40

Sunday, September 10th – Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 17th – Installation Service

for Pastor Darrell Winger. Coffee Time following the service.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday September 7th, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday September 21st, 9:30 a.m.

Preaching Team ~ Wednesday September 6th, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Committee ~ Wednesday September 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Church Council ~ Wednesday September 13th, 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to Pastor Darrell & Anna Winger! On September 1st,
Pastor Darrell started in his role as pastor at Grace.

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

This week we welcome a new member to our Grace Friends (Pastoral Care Team) - Pastor Darrell Winger. And his wife Anna Winger. Chaplain Jan Steven will still be available for Friendly Visits, as can be Pastor Darrell. However, emergency concerns now go to Pastor Darrell (and not Pastor Waldo.) Pastor Darrell's contact information is on the back of your bulletin. Love always!

The family of the late Ted Stephen would like to express their appreciation for the love and support given to them by their gentle Grace friends during Ted's illness and at his Memorial service.

Thank you so much for your cards, flowers, food, phone calls and prayers, and many acts of kindness. A very special thank you and blessing to Pastor Waldo, who has walked with our family for many years, and has been a constant presence and support. Also, to our beloved, retired pastors and our chaplain, for their kind and inspirational tributes to our own beloved Ted.

With love, always, Anita and family.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a **faith community within the MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Westview Christian Fellowship** in St. Catharines.

*Please pray for **Mississauga Mennonite Fellowship** who have made the decision to close their congregation.

We thank God for the ministry of this congregation who came together in 1981 to provide a Mennonite Anabaptist presence in Mississauga. Pray for their members in this transition and for the many people who have been impacted by their ministry throughout the years. The congregation officially closes August 31st.

*Please pray for MCEC as they seek someone to fill the key leadership position of **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.

***Northeast Asia** is an area of the world where the potential for armed conflict is growing. **Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyong Part**, Witness workers in South Korea, see signs of this in their country and their community. Join with them in prayers for peace as they work for peaceful resolution of conflict in homes, schools, communities and churches.

(Note: Laur and Jan Steven's daughter was a volunteer at their mission in Seoul. It was a WONDERFUL experience.)

Fall Fundraiser for Haiti sponsored by FIDA. Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Trevor Falk Farm at 1039 Lakeshore Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake. There will be wine tasting at 5:30 followed by a Buffet Dinner at 6 pm. The host will be Joe Pillitteri and special guest is Lawrence Hill, author of "The Book of Negroes". Tickets are \$100 per person with a \$50 tax receipt and a copy of "The Book of Negroes" among other things.

Live auction at 7:45. To reserve tickets call Betsy Wall at 1-519-588-7967 or email: betsy.wall@fida-pch.org.

The proceeds support adult literacy for 2000 men and women in Haiti.



A Moment for MCC ~ Supporting New Opportunities for Young Adults in Places like Cambodia

Non Veasna, an apprentice learning motorbike repair in a program established by an MCC peace partner, Organization to Develop Our Villages (ODOV), works on a motor bike engine at the shop he apprentices at in Ba Phnom district, Cambodia. He has worked at this shop under master craft teacher Cheth Sophat for the past year. When he graduates from the program he will have the skills to work for another mechanic or open his own shop.

The goal of this project is for rural youth to be trained in their desired vocational training and career-readiness skills. Through the vocational training and guidance of project staff, participants will be able to transition into using those skills to start businesses and explore additional future employment opportunities.

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<https://mccthrift.com/>



MCC Grow Hope: Harvest time is fast approaching for this 41 acre joint MCC and Canada Foodgrains Project in the Tintern area. Costs have increased this year and we have many needy folks to feed. To date, we at Grace have contributed \$600 to help underwrite costs. If you wish to contribute, write the cheque out to Grace Mennonite Church and designate “Grow Hope” on your church envelope. If you e-transfer, write “Grow Hope” in the message box. This is an above budget contribution.

We are advised that our contributions are matched 4:1 by Canada Foodgrains. Your \$10 becomes \$50. Thank you.

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