



May 19th, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Lorraine Sawatzky

Call to Worship

Leader: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

People: Let praise to God fill the earth!

Leader: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

People: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits today.

All: Let us praise the Lord today and always!

Prayer

*Hymn *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* HWB 53

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offertory/Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 11: 1-18 [NT p. 130]

*Hymn *Come down, O Love divine* HWB 501

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Scripture Reading John 13: 31-35 [NT p. 108] Irmgard Penner

Women's Chorus *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Sermon *"Is Being Sure Enough?"* Pastor David

*Hymn of Response *Love divine, all loves excelling* HWB 592

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *Spirit of the living God* HWB 349

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

Please stay for coffee fellowship after the service.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY May 12, 2019

Budget – \$1,565.00 Attendance – 54

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR May 26, 2019

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1: 15-23
Psalm 47 & Psalm 93 Luke 24: 44-53

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 3:00 pm Church Council
SUNDAY 9:30 am David Brubacher, Speaker

Focus Group ~ meets this Sunday (up the staircase at the back of the church hall). We will begin with a discussion of the sermon and go on to look at a few books (devotions, ethics, issues) to see if we might want to read a book together. Come and share what would be most helpful to you.

♪ Women's Chorus Practices

Sunday May 26, 11:00 am
Sunday June 9, 9:00 am
Thursday June 13, 6:30 pm
Sunday June 16, 9:00 am
Sunday June 23, 11:00 am

Office News ~ Ester will be back in the office on Thursday, May 23. Please have announcements into the office by Thurs, May 23.



OUTREACH & INSIGHT



Intergenerational Gardening - Joanne Janzen, who runs the Preschool here at Grace invites Grace folks to interact with the children in a gardening event on May 28th at 10:00 am.

How to Pray for People Who Are Suffering - Quaker writer Parker Palmer says that sometimes we simply don't have words for our prayers, especially in times when our prayers are for people caught in very complex situation, or in situations where life is drawing to a close. He suggests that we can "envision them bathed in God's light until finally we see them bathed in pure light. At that point, we leave them in God's care."

Environmental Friendliness - We sometimes see or hear in advertising that products are claimed to be "environmentally friendly". The point is that we should be discerning in our choice of consumer things, and that we ought to recycle wherever possible. Other voices are more urgent, or even strident, such as a poster that reads "Climate Change = Mass Murder"! There is a growing movement worldwide to face our responsibility to take care of our planet much better. For ideas about local concerns and efforts, talk to Kevin McCabe. Also, our Focus Group is doing research on this important topic. Information will be provided soon.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

MDS Spring Flood Update ~ Requests are starting to come in from municipalities for assistance in clean up once water recedes.

To volunteer phone 905-401-3990 or email hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com.

Anabaptist Heritage Concert: Sunday May 26, at 7 pm, SCUMC
Rehearsal: Tuesday May 21 at 7:30 pm, SCUMC

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale ~ Friday May 24th, 5-9 pm;



Saturday May 25th, 6:45 am – afternoon in New Hamburg.



Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019

June 28 – July 1 Abbotsford, B.C.

Theme: Igniting the Imagination of the Church

Guest speaker Dr. Elaine Heath

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief.

... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for the K-W House Church in Kitchener.

... On April 27, **Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park**, along with members of Mennonite Church South Korea, other denominations, and non-faith people participated in a nationwide peace event. Kim and Park joined others to form a human peace chain near the de-militarized zone between North and South Korea. The event was held on the first anniversary of the peace summit between Kim Jung Un, the Supreme Leader of North Korea, and Moon Jae In, the president of South Korea. Kim estimated that there were 200,000 participants. The April 27 peace event is seen as a grassroots movement among all people seeking peace on the Korean peninsula. Bock Ki said, "It became the event that all people could join. There was no difference between men and women, old and young, ethnicity, religions etc. Many people have hope for the peace movement here in the future."

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