



April 28th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Eastertide
Treasure in Clay Jars*

Prelude

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Pam Pauls

Call to Worship*

Leader: We come to worship with joy,
trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**People: We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

Leader: May God hear our praise!
May we be counted among the great congregation.

**All: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations
of our hearts be acceptable to God.***

Opening Congregational Prayer

*Spirit of the Risen Christ,
In our weakness we crave your strength.
Prepare us once again for your coming at Pentecost.
Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love.
Inspire us with dreams of a new era in our mission. Amen.*

Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* HWB #65

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Pam Pauls

Hymn *How Can We Be Silent* Back of Bulletin

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:1-6 (OT p.683)

Grace Singers *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40 (NT p.127)

Meditation "The Ultimate Treasure in the Most Ordinary Jar"
Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Man of sorrows* HWB #258

Benediction Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn

*We, your people, sing your praises as together we are sent
to reveal your new creation in the shadows of lament.
Give us courage for the journey, shepherd Jesus, be our guide;
help us lead with hope and passion till all things are reconciled.*

Postlude

*Office Of Theology & Worship, Presbyterian Church

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

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

*Coffee Time and Congregational Meeting
after the service today.*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday April 21st ~ Attendance – 47

Sunday, May 5th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted):

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; **1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17**

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ May 2nd, 16th, 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Times at Grace ~ May 12th and 25th

Bears and Blankets Update ~ To date we have placed 446 Care Kits in 28 Care Homes! I'm currently working on 25 Care Kits for another Home. We now have TWO Thrift Shops that are donating blankets and bears! And possibly some yarn and fabric scraps. ♥ I (Jan) am a friendly visitor at Extendicare, Heidehof, Tabor Manor, and Henley House long term care facilities. But my priority is my Grace family. Would you like a visit? Talk to me at church or give me a phone call or email! – Jan Steven



Grace Women High Tea

(Sandwiches, Scones & Sweets)

Monday, May 6th, 11:30 a.m. All women welcome!

Caterer: My Vintage Apron (Erika Klassen)

Cost: \$20 per person, pay in cash to Annie Schulz or Ester Funk

Optional: Bring your own teacup & saucer

Sign up sheet in the foyer!

Coin Jug for MCC: Over the past years, Grace has collected coins for MCC, organized by Ted & Anita Stephen. Many coins have been counted and rolled, and then sent to MCC to be used where needed. Over time, the coins contributed have decreased. Since September 2023, approximately \$20.00 have been put into the jug. In discussion with the Finance Committee and Anita Stephen, the following will occur in the weeks to come. The Mennonite Relief Sale happens in New Hamburg on May 24 and 25. As in previous years, the majority of the coins were counted and rolled in preparation of the relief sale. Can we do the same this year? Do you have coins in your pockets (pants and jackets) or in your purses? Let us celebrate with joy as children one more time, by bringing those coins and let them noisily fall into the coin jug which is by the window in the lobby. And remember the joy that Ted and his friends had sitting around the table and parting with their coins! Submitted by Lorraine (Treasurer)

Special Speaker: On Sunday, May 12th we are welcoming Norm Dyck, the Mission Minister for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC). Norm works with newcomer congregations and church plants, as well as encourages congregational missional activities and disciple-making initiatives. He fosters intercultural connections across MCEC.

Communion: We will be having Communion on Sunday, May 19th, Pentecost Sunday.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Hanover Mennonite Church**. Juanita Laverty provides pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for this congregation as they seek to be living vessels of Christ to Hanover and the Saugeen Region.



A Moment for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)
MCC's partners in Myanmar provide food, work for peace amid armed conflict ~ Every day, when Mr. Khong awakens in Myanmar, he has two challenges: One, avoid being captured, conscripted, or killed by the military junta that is struggling to hold onto its power to govern. Two, get food to people who have fled to remote mountainous areas of the country to avoid the reaches of the junta. "The donation from MCC has been a miracle to us. And it also inspires us," he says. "We still believe in God, and we thank God that...we have our faith brothers and sisters like MCC...who are committed to this work." Read the full story at <https://mcc.org/our-stories/being-riskless-not-always-will-god>

How Can We Be Silent

*How can we be silent when our God has conquered death,
stretching out his arms to suffer so that we might have new life?*

*How can we be silent when we know that Jesus rose,
and will come again in glory, ending suffering and strife?*

*Refrain: None can stop the Spirit burning now inside us.
We will shape the future. We will not be silent!*

*How can we be silent, not give praise with all our hearts,
for Christ Jesus is our Saviour, and compassion is our king?*

*How can we be silent when God gave us life to be
vibrant instruments of worship,
made to laugh and dance and sing?*

Refrain

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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