



August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 9:30 a.m.

***Come to the Water***

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts, Call to Worship, Prayer** David Brubacher

Leader: God's healing rain meets us  
in the bent over parts of our being,

**People: the grudges, the hatred, the hurt.**

Leader: The sun comes to fill the sky with rainbows,

**People: the warmth heals us where we are broken.**

Leader: The fog is burnt away; we see each other clearly,

**People: beyond labels, accents, gender, skin colour.**

Leader: The sun melts away our selfishness,

**People: so that we can share the joys and feel the sorrow  
of others.**

Leader: The earth is nourished by God's life-giving rains,

**People: flowers burst forth and we are surround by beauty.**

**All: As God's healing water flows among. We find our  
being in the one who creates us, redeems us  
and sustains us for life.**

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

**Passing of the Peace / Prayers of the People** David Brubacher

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

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 71:1-6 [OT p.532] David Brubacher

**Women's Chorus** *Healing River of the Spirit* Back of bulletin

**Scripture Reading** Luke 13:10-17 [NT p.76] Beth Woelk

**Meditation** "RAISING UP AND RESTORING THE BENT OVER"  
Beth Woelk

**Hymn of Response** *Healer of our every ill* HWB #377

**Benediction** David Brubacher

**Sending Hymn** *God, who touches earth* HWB #511, v.1,4,5

**Postlude**

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

**[Offering box available on table at back of sanctuary]**

***Coffee Time following the service in Church Hall***

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Attendance – 38      Budget Offering – \$4,220.00

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]**

Speaker: Greg Dick ~ Greg was formerly a youth pastor at VUMC and has spoken here at Grace in the past.

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Jeremiah 2:4-13;  
Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16; Luke 14:1,7-14;  
**Mark 4:35-41**

### **Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Laur and Jan will be on “Staycation” – Monday, August 22 to Friday 26. She’ll do the usual – website, facebook, and provide things for the bulletin. And they’ll both be available by phone and email.

Laur and Jan hope to do some biking and hiking this week.

You can reach Jan, your pastoral care chaplain, at 289-990-4839 or [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com)

Laur Steven, your council chair, can be reached at 289-990-4839 or [laursteven53@gmail.com](mailto:laursteven53@gmail.com)

NB – If you have produce growing in your garden that you cannot use, Laur and Jan may be able to find a good home for it.

You are welcome to pick and bring to church. Or contact us, and we’ll come buy and pick. 😊

## **Pastoral Care Chaplain's Corner: MacGregor-area farmer opens charity sunflower selfie spot for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Sunflower field aims to raise donations for Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

A Manitoba farmer is continuing his tradition of helping people take the ultimate sunflower-themed selfies-while also raising money to stamp out hunger. Dean Toews, who farms just outside of MacGregor, MB, has again planted a large field of sunflowers in hopes of attracting Instagrammers to come, snap pics and make a voluntary donation to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank – a Christian Response to Hunger. Toews is the chair of Feed Other Countries Undo Starvation, or FOCUS. His family's farm, two others others in the area and five Hutterite colonies volunteer to grow food for the organization in benefit of the foodgrains bank. Local suppliers also help with donations of fertilizer and chemicals. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank works to help developing countries meet emergency food needsand devise long-term solutions to hunger. Last year's effort raised \$2,000 in cash donations and made another \$20,000 on the sale of the sunflower crop, Toews said. The federal government matched that amount at a ration of 4:1, meaning more than \$100,000 was raised overall.

<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

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

**FIDA's Annual Fall Fundraising Event for Haiti** is taking place on Thursday September 15 from 5:30 to 9:30pm at the **FIDA** Trevor Falk farm located at 1039 Lakeshore Road, Niagara on the Lake. On stage host is Niagara comedian Joe Pillitteri with music by the Andy Griffith's Band. Tickets are \$100 and include a super swag bag, food catered by "Pig Out", a silent/live auction featuring extraordinary Haitian crafts along with other items, fun contests, mingling with friends and wine sampling. Waldo has served on FIDA's Board of Directors since his time in Haiti and reports that it was a very enjoyable event last year and it promises to be that once again. Reserve tickets by calling Alexis Barkman at 519-886-9520 or email her at: [alexis.barkman@fida-pch.org](mailto:alexis.barkman@fida-pch.org)



**From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**

\* Over the summer, pray for all MCEC congregations.



## ***MCC News - Grow Hope Niagara - from Tom Neufeld***

Hello friends and supporters of Canadian Food Grains Bank and Mennonite Central Committee. Here is a brief update on the field at Tintern Road that is an ongoing project for your support. With the war in Ukraine and Russian blockage of grain exports (marginally open at this time), the need for grain stocks is escalating. MCC expects a greater demand on food stocks this year. We received about 3 inches of rain between July 17-20 which were magnificent in terms of propelling the field forward into healthy growth. There was a period of nearly a month prior to the rain where we had some concerns about dry weather damaging the field. It is now in strong condition and we are hopeful for more favourable weather. Grain prices are strong right now due to the volatile international conditions with the Russian Ukrainian invasion. This war has disrupted trade with huge volumes of Ukrainian grain being held up in port and causing potential famine and hunger in many areas of need. Also, it has created increases in costs for inputs in all of agriculture - including the Grow Hope Project. Fuel costs and fertilizer, for example, are nearly doubled this year. Our hope is for sufficient donations this year to cover all costs. We are always thankful for everyone's great support of this project from year to year. This year's situation with Ukraine requires a special effort to keep crisis areas around the globe food-secure. Canadian Food Grains Bank, together with Mennonite Central Committee, desire to make a difference with your help in alleviating hunger in 2022. May God bless as we work together. We plan to have a crop tour sometime in September or October. In the meantime, come out to see the field at Campden and Tintern Road in Vineland and watch its development. It's right beside Bethesda Home near the village of Campden! Thank you for your support. In the spirit of Peace.  
Tom Neufeld - Stewardship Associate, CFGB projects, Mennonite Central Committee, Ontario.

PS: Grace's contributions in 2022 to date total \$2920.

Submitted by Ted Stephen



## **A Moment for MCC! Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise**

MCC is thrilled to partner with The Raw Carrot and Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church to open a gourmet soup-making enterprise in Kitchener, Ontario.

The Raw Carrot is a social franchise that believes that every person who WANTS to work should have the opportunity for a Hand Up (instead of just a handout) in life!

We partner with churches and non-profits across Ontario to create meaningful employment for amazingly talented individuals living with disabilities and mental illness. We're "stirring up" change in local communities through our delicious, handcrafted gourmet soup. Together, we are "Peeling for Change."

**MCC – Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ!**

<https://mcccanada.ca/learn/more/raw-carrot-soup-enterprise>

## Healing River of the Spirit

Voices Together #642

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.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit,  
stream that flows to bring release,  
as we gain our selves, 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 Savior's face.

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 home-ward to our Source.

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