



August 6th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Judy Willems

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth.

People: For God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**People: God sets the prisoners free and
opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: God watches over the strangers and
upholds the orphan and the widow.**

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One
who is your help.

ALL: For God keeps faith forever!

Hymn *Holy God, we praise thy name* HWB #121

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Judy Willems

Hymn *When morning gilds the skies* HWB #644

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-31 [OT p.30]

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth divine* HWB #508

Scripture Reading Romans 9:1-5 [NT p.159]

Meditation	“ <i>Beyond the Pale</i> ”	Laur Steven
Hymn of Response	<i>Lord, speak to me</i>	HWB #499
Benediction (Congregation please stand)		Laur Steven
Sending Hymn	<i>Lord, let us now depart in peace</i>	HWB #428

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]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday July 30th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 35
 Budget Offerings received during the month of July was \$15,437.09

Sunday, August 13th – Speaker: Gerry Brodie
 Former Rector at Good Shepherd
Scripture Texts: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:23-33

♥ **Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**
 Did you miss out on your August treat and love-note? They will be available in the foyer after church! 😊

And, just as reminder, if you have too much produce, Laur and Jan are happy to take it to the Ozanam Centre (Soup Kitchen,) the Food Bank at St. Alfred’s, or to Seniors’ Apartment buildings including Grace-Linwell, Jubilee Place, and Ina Grafton. You can bring it to church or we can come and pick it. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

Grace Peace Team letter
 The Grace Peace Team (Diane Kendall, John Rempel, Anita Stephen, and Laurence Steven) wishes to share with the Grace congregation a letter they will be sending electronically to the Canadian Government urging more peace-building initiatives. We sent the letter to the congregation through the Grace Weekly News

this past Thursday. We have brought some copies today for those who missed it. Pick up a copy in the foyer after the service, where Team members will be happy to talk with you about it. In our letter we take the opportunity to thank the government for strongly supporting the ban on cluster munitions. We also remind the government that it has been 100 years since Mennonites fled Ukraine for Canada. Today, Aug. 6th, and next Sunday, Aug. 13th, Grace folks will have the opportunity to add their names to the letter.

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 **St. Catharines United Mennonite Church**.

*Continue to pray for **those who are living in areas impacted by war**. We pray using the words of Psalm 13: "How long O Lord? Will you forget me forever? But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation."



A Moment for MCC ~

When you volunteer or shop at the MCC Christian Benefit Thrift Shop, you are helping communities around the world have access to safe water.

Having a safe place to go to the washroom is an important part of ensuring that a community has access to clean water. It's also important in keeping girls' attendance rates at school high.

In Uganda, MCC supports latrines and a girls' changing area at St. Johns school in Nyakabingo Village in Kasese. The changing room for girls also has space for washing and drying reusable pads.

This project has proven remarkably effective at increasing enrollment at schools and at reducing absenteeism, sickness, and drop-outs. The project works with three schools in Kasese district of Uganda each year, constructing school rainwater catchment systems (gutters and small 2,000-5,000 litre tanks), handwashing stations and latrines.

Sunday, Sep 24, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Bethany Community Church – 1388 Third Street Louth, St. Catharines, ON

Effect Hope is excited to present our speaking tour "Restoring Hope" with accomplished Christian author Philip Yancey.

About this event:

Neglected diseases like leprosy affect 1.7 billion people worldwide – that's 1 in 5 of us. Effect Hope is the only Canadian Christian global health organization exclusively focused on addressing diseases like leprosy. We are thrilled to partner with acclaimed Christian author Philip Yancey to share this message of hope with you. In a world that often seems dark, it can be easy to lose sight of the things that truly matter.

Together we will rediscover the power of hope and the difference it can make in our daily lives. Philip will also share his perspectives on understanding the purpose of pain, and how to make sense of human suffering. Philip Yancey's writings have impacted millions of people around the world. He has a unique gift for blending deep theological insights with practical wisdom, and his books have been translated into dozens of languages. For tickets go to the following website:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/effect-hope-presents-philip-yancey-at-bethany-community-church-tickets-642376273727>

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