



January 30th, 2022 9:30 a.m.

“Envisioning the Future”

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts, Call to Worship & Prayer Waldo Pauls

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.
We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.
We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.
We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.
Let us worship God.

Hymn *God of our strength* HWB #47

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Scripture Reading Psalm 71:1-6 [OT p.532] Waldo Pauls

Women’s Chorus *I will come to you in the silence*

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30 [NT p.61] Doug Schulz

Reflection “HOMETOWN HERO HEARTS” Doug Schulz

Women’s Chorus *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Benediction Doug Schulz

Sending Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* VT #832

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
secure in God’s word, seeking God’s face,
abounding in love, abiding in grace.

Postlude

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It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

People Care Network and Prayer Notes:

Pray for the family of Irene Seager and the many friends and relatives grieving her passing on January 25th at Hospice Niagara, after her courageous way of living with cancer for so long. Her sense of gratitude for life and family and friendships blessed many of us profoundly. We will spend some time remembering Irene at our worship service on January 30th.

Know that your People Care Team is “always there to care.” You are always welcome to contact Pastor Doug at 905-328-3660 or reachdoug@outlook.com or Jan at janscats@gmail.com or 289-990-4839. (Please leave a message if you get one of our machines. Thank you.)

Kathy Bergen, Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network sends her Greetings and Blessings. MCC PIN is asking for prayers for Palestinian farmers as they looked on while 125 acres of cultivated land for growing wheat was destroyed by the Israel occupation forces in the Jordan Valley on Monday January 3rd.

Lord of all the earth, we pray for the Palestinian farming communities who can do nothing but watch as their crops and land are destroyed. We pray that these farmers will have the strength and opportunity to re-sow their crop and that crop be allowed to grow to harvest. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayers.

Community Chaplain's Corner

Bridging The Divide: A Scientist's Search For Faith And Truth

If you have access to the internet, I encourage to listen to the podcast “Bridging The Divide: A Scientist's Search For Faith And Truth” on NPR’s program “Up First.”

Show notes: Francis Collins was director of the National Institutes of Health for more than a decade. He's also an evangelical Christian. Host Rachel Martin talked to Collins about some of life's biggest questions and how he's found answers with science and faith.

<https://www.npr.org/2022/01/21/1074817462/bridging-the-divide-a-scientists-search-for-faith-and-truth>

Sunday, February 6th – Worship service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Jan Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Isaiah 6:1-8**, (9-13); Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke 5:1-11**

♪ **Women's Chorus:** Thursday February 10th at 9:30 am.

Restrooms: Restrooms in the Preschool area are off limits due to health requirements. If necessary, use restrooms at the south end of the foyer.

COVID-19 Guidelines: Masks and physical distancing required.

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by Thursday February 24th. Contact the office for assistance if necessary, or if you wish to hand in a hard copy.

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 please pray for

Leamington United Mennonite Church. Pastors David Dyck and Mike Williamson provide leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation as they worship God, walk in the way of Jesus and witness in the power of the Spirit in their community.



A Moment for MCC: MCC sends food and relief to Cubans in crisis. More than 20,000 kg of supplies distributed by local BIC churches!

The situation in Cuba was incredibly dire when a shipment of MCC relief kits and canned food arrived. "People have told me they haven't had an egg or any kind of meat for six months," says Bonnie Klassen, MCC area director for South America and Mexico. "They're out of toothpaste, so they're brushing their teeth with soap.

And not even commercial soap, mind you, but soap they've made themselves." So when the Brethren in Christ Church of Cuba (BICCC) distributed some 20,000 kg of MCC relief kits, hygiene kits and canned chicken, it was cause for celebration and thanksgiving.

"We are grateful because today we see the answer to our prayers, what we have been praying for over a long time," says José Gonzalez, pastor of the BICCC church in Santa Clara. "We see that what we thought was impossible is possible. We see that we are in the hands of God. Thank you for this help."

MCC - Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ

<https://mcccanada.ca/stories/mcc-sends-food-relief-cubans-crisis>

A Prayer for Courage

God, give me the courage to be revolutionary,
as your Son Jesus Christ was.
Give me the courage to loosen myself from this world.
Teach me to stand up free and to shun no criticism.
God, it is for your kingdom.
Make me free,
make me poor in this world.
Then I will be rich in the real world,
which is what life is all about.
God, thank you for the vision of the future,
but make it fact and not just theory.
~ Henry Nouwen

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