



July 2nd, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Mac Plunkett

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.

**People: I declare that your steadfast love is established
forever, your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

**People: 'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"**

Leader: Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

**People: they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.**

Leader: For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.

**All: For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Hymn *To God be the glory* HWB #102

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *Take My Life* Women's Chorus

Prayers of the People Mac Plunkett

Hymn *Christ is our cornerstone* HWB #43

Scripture Reading Genesis 13 [OT p.10] Anita Stephen

Grace Singers *God Fill Me Now*

Scripture Reading Romans 6:12-23 [NT p.156]

Meditation “Grace: A Gift Received, A Gift Extended”
Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *The church of Christ, in every age*
HWB #403, vv.1,3,5

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *As You Go Out from Here*

As you go out from here, may the Lord go with you.
The face of God shine on you ev'ry day.
We are sent by God wherever we are living,
salt and light as people of the Way.

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]

*After the service we will meet in the church hall
for questions and conversation with
Darrell Winger, as well as refreshments.*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday June 25th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 52

Budget offering received during the month of June was
\$11,755.00.



Save the date ~ Sunday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m.
Grace Social Gathering in the Church Hall
(Watermelon, Rollkuchen, etc.) More details to follow.

Please check your Grace mailbox for your copy of the new 2023
Grace Telephone Directory.


Sunday, July 9th – Speaker: Waldo Pauls
Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:1-17; **Romans 7:15-25a;**
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Let us continue to keep in touch with church friends who are not able to attend our Sunday services and who welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in our Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Erna & Jake B (Ester's parents), Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine and Theo I, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary L, and Helen M. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. Would you like a friendly visit? Let me know.

With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

 **A big thank you** to everyone who supported the DAYS for GIRLS fundraising event a few weeks ago. The event was very successful raising approximately \$10,000 from the Niagara Chapter. Pam Pauls

MAISSADE, HAITI: Pastor Accilien is at work in Maissade and so far over 300 children have been attending the school where they receive the best instruction in the area, a hot meal, and the love of God expressed through the caring staff. A larger church construction is now underway for the growing ministry needs in the area. Many people need to know that God cares about their daily struggles. There is also a new medical clinic building staffed with a nurse and stocked with antibiotics, vitamins and other needed medicines. MAP International from Brunswick, Georgia has been a great help with affordable medicine.

PRAYER NEEDS: A community well on the premises with the intent to share the water with the surrounding community of over 2000 people and present the Living Water. (John 14:4) Thank you to all who have given to support the work of Pastor Accilien!



A Moment for MCC ~ Providing clean water in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Marie-Jeanne and her children live in Kikwit, Kwilu Province, of the DRC. Often the water they gather makes them sick. Your gift can help MCC get started on clean water solutions, like the building of a well! For only \$45 dollars, you can provide one person access to clean and safe drinking water.

Q – “*Lord, when did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?*”

A – “*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.*”



MCC News - Grow Hope-Niagara - We have received no

words of promotion on this from MCC, so Loraine emailed Tom Neufeld on June 19/23. Tom responded immediately to advise that the acreage was very recently planted with soy beans. They were held back by the dry spring, but the recent rains have got everything growing. MCC continues to plant, maintain and harvest this property in the Vineland area provided by Bethesda. This project which operates in conjunction with Canada Food Grains Bank provides food to the needy around the world. Our donations help to underwrite the operating costs. Grace has been a strong supporter for several years with our envelopes designating "MCC Grow Hope".

MCC Coin Jug:

Our big blue jug with the yellow top is still open to your loose coins. From time to time, the jug is cleared, counted and forwarded to MCC to be used to feed, heal, or otherwise aid those in need.

Any small coin helps.

Thank you. Ted Stephen

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