



September 11th, 2022 9:30 a.m.

Come to the Water

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Kevin McCabe

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer Kevin McCabe

Leader: At this time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem.

People: “Your ways and your doings have brought this on you”, says the Lord.

Leader: I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

**People: I looked and the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins.**

Leader: For thus says the Lord, “The whole land
shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.”

**All: *For the Lord has spoken, he has announced his purposes: I have not relented,
nor will I turn back,” says the Lord.***

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* HWB #75

Passing of the Peace Kevin McCabe

Offertory Prayer & Song HWB #384, v.1,2

Prayers of the People David Brubacher

Hymn *Come, thou fount* HWB #521

Scripture Reading Psalm 14 [OT p.495] Kevin McCabe

Women’s Chorus *God, in Your Grace*

Scripture Reading I Timothy 1:12-17 [NT p.208] Waldo Pauls

Meditation “GARBAGE DAY” Waldo Pauls

Hymn of Response *Amazing Grace* HWB #143, v.1,2,3,6

Benediction

Waldo Pauls

Sending Hymn *May the grace of Christ our Savior* HWB #423

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 Choir / Singers: TODAY following the service**

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday September 4th, 2022

Attendance – 50 Budget Offering – \$3,425.00

Please remember to check your Grace mailbox regularly!

Sunday, September 18th - Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Jeremiah 8:18-9:1;

Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13; **Micah 6:6-8;**

I Corinthians 3:1-5, 10-11, 16-19, 21-23

Coffee Time following the service

Pastries and fruit donations are welcome.

♪ **Women's Chorus:** Thursday September 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Don't forget! Pick up your new pencil, September love-note, metal pencil sharpener, and MCC info card about "back to school kits" in the foyer today. Feel free to take one for a friend. – Jan Steven

Pastoral Care Chaplain's Corner: Monstro the Goldfish – from Our Daily Bread

(I love this story. My husband Laur and I once rescued an old goldfish we called “One Eyed Jack.”)

Lacey Scott was at her local pet store when a sad fish at the bottom of the tank caught her eye. His scales had turned black and lesions had formed on his body. Lacey rescued the ten-year-old fish, named him “Monstro” after the whale in the fairytale *Pinocchio*, and placed him in a “hospital” tank, changing his water daily. Slowly, Monstro improved, began to swim, and grew in size. His black scales transformed to gold. Through Lacey’s committed care, Monstro was made new!

What Lacey did for a dying goldfish, we can do for people in need around us. Homeless, unemployed, disabled, and lonely “neighbors” lie in our path. Let us allow their sadness to catch our eyes and draw us to respond with neighborly care. A kind greeting. A shared meal. A few dollars donated. An offer to do an errand. How might God use us to offer His love to others, a love which can make all things new?

Love your neighbor as yourself. - Luke 10:27

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  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



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

Over the summer, pray for all MCEC congregations.



A Moment for MCC! Becoming Beautiful Trees - Preschool program for refugees in Uganda grounds students with love

The students at Planning for Tomorrow (P4T) Nursery and Primary School, preschool through grade seven, are refugees. Their families have fled violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and crossed the border into Uganda to find safety and food in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement. The children, who mainly speak Swahili, need to learn English because it is the primary language in Uganda.

When Linda Espenshade visited in February with freelance photographer, Matthew Lester, schools had just reopened a few weeks earlier. (The Ugandan government closed schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19.) They were there to gather stories and photos for Mennonite Central Committee, which supports P4T's two preschool programs — P4T school and New Hope Nursery and Primary School.

“Children love it here,” says Daniel Ameny, executive director of P4T, which is not only the name of the school, but also the Ugandan non-profit, P4T Youth Organization, which Ameny helped to start. As a refugee himself, Ameny is committed to using his compassion and university degree to empower his neighbours.

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