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Shaped By New Birth

Pianist Sylvia Gallian

Welcome Susan Allison-Jones

We Gather

Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

**Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Song VT 57 Holy Spirit Come with Power

Psalm 121

Song VT 158 I Know God Loves Me

Confession

**Lord, we need new birth.
Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness
and guilt,
walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened
to your love.
We confess to the Lord . . .**

(silent prayer)

Jesus, you have come to put the world right,
to give life to the dead,
and to call into existence a people born
from above.
Break in by your creating Spirit.
Send forth your fresh wind.
And open the way to real life, eternal
life. Amen.

Song 590 I know Not Why God's Wondrous Love

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

Sermon Answer Me Home Rene Sauder

We Respond

Song of Response VT 737 Breathe On Me Breath of God

Testimony Anne Thaler

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song VT 443 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction

The Lord watch over you –
the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will bring you to life and carry you
safely home.

Postlude

We welcome Rene Sauder and her husband Fred Longanbill to our worship service this morning. Rene was intentional interim pastor at Wilmot from 2003-2005.

Lenten Worship Services - Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus.

- Mar 05 Shaped by new birth Rene Sauder
Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121; John 3:1-17
- Mar 12 Shaped through thirst Susan Allison-Jones
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; John 4:5-42
- Mar 19 Called to the light Susan Allison-Jones
Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- Mar 26 Called to life Bob Thaler
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; John 11:1-45
- Apr 02 Palm Sunday: Called to Worship
Susan Allison-Jones Ps 100;
Phil :5-11; Mt 21:1-11

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday Morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Formation Hour 11:15 am
Tues. March 14 Tuesday lunch
Sat. March 18 (morning) Meeting with Threshold Commons

Birthdays:

Ed Wagler - March 06
Sandra Bean - March 07

Prayer Requests:

Praise God for the persistent efforts of Mennonite pastors in Ukraine. They bring hope to people in a hopeless situation, showing the love of Christ. Recently, church buildings in occupied areas have been taken over by Russian forces. Church activities, including outreach to children and senior citizens, have lost their home. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to strengthen Ukrainian brothers and sisters with hope in this time of suffering. (From MWC)

Lord, have mercy! Two earthquakes in a border region have resulted in more than 40,000 deaths in Türkiye and Syria. In a season of rain, snow and cold temperatures, many people lack shelter; buildings and roads were destroyed or damaged, delaying aid. Pray for people who have lost loved ones and are affected by fear and trauma from the quakes and their aftermath. Global Mission Fellowship (GMF) member Multiply has relationships with churches in the region. Pray for discernment in responding. Pray that the hope and peace of Christ would permeate all their efforts. (From MWC)

Congregational Notes:

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of my sister. Fern Good

There will be coffee after Worship. Then join Susan in the auditorium for a time of discussion around the Lenten theme.

Please sign up for the Tuesday lunch. (Foyer bulletin board.)

The Ministry Team has invited Jeff and Jan Steckley (Threshold Commons) to help us discern present and future possibilities for our church and ministries. The initial conversation will happen on Saturday, March 18th in the morning. Anyone interested in joining this conversation is invited to attend. More information to come.

Linda Cole has a new phone number 548 934 4312 This is an unlisted phone number so please talk to Linda before giving it to someone.

Worship Ministry Team has decided to place the Voices Together hymnals that we have on the back of some chairs for those of you who like to have the music. If there is not one where you choose to sit you will need to get one from another location.

Beyond The Congregation:

Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Response

MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at mcccanada.ca/earthquake, by calling 888-622-6337 or by sending a cheque marked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to 203-50 Kent Ave., Kitchener, ON, N2G 3R1.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to register today for their 28th Annual Golf Classic, happening on Monday, May 29 at Grey Silo Golf Club. Help us get 100 golfers! Register as a single, pair or get a team of 4 together. Details can be found at www.rockway.ca/golf

Free Film Screening

Please note the **free screening of "Colonization Road"** - an exploration of the effects of road building by settlers on Indigenous land and culture - has been rescheduled to **Friday, March 31st, 2023, 7 p.m. at Zion United Church**. The church requires that face masks be worn. Registration is not required.

Raw Carrot soup is available at your local thrift shop

The Raw Carrot soup is available for sale at your local thrift shop! As an MCC Ontario program, The Raw Carrot provides a compassionate workplace to people on long term disability. Our healthy soups are handcrafted in small batches, packed with tasty veggies and free of added preservatives. Fresh ingredients are sourced as locally as possible. Our staff are "stirring up" change with their delicious, handcrafted gourmet soup!"

Ministry Team Leaders:

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members

Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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Church Office Hours: Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday (9:30- 1:30). Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday..