

## WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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**March 19 , 2023**

### Called To The Light

Pianist Sylvia Gallian  
Welcome Michael Fewkes

### We Gather

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

The Lord is our shepherd.

**We shall not want.**

God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**We shall not want.**

God leads us beside quiet waters.

**We shall not want.**

**Restore us through your Holy Spirit,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the comfort of your presence.**

Song VT 129 O Worship Our God

Psalm 23 VT 660 The Lord's My Shepherd

### Confession

Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness,  
and we walk in deep shadows.  
We have driven back justice.  
Truth has stumbled in the streets,  
and thick darkness is over the people.  
We confess our sinful deeds.  
We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

As everything exposed to the light becomes visible,  
we walk from darkness into light.  
**Open our eyes, Jesus,  
that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.**

Song VT 536 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

### We Hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

Sermon

### We Respond

Song of Response VT 584 Jesus be the Center

Testimony

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song VT 162 The Love of God

## Benediction

Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**  
Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our  
lives,  
**and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Postlude

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

- 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  
Psalm 100; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 21:1–11
- Apr 07 Good Friday Service at 10:00 am

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday Morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am
- Apr 07 Good Friday Service 10 am
- Apr 18 Tuesday Lunch
- Apr 18 Good Samaritan Committee Mtg 1:30 pm
- May 04 Team Leaders Meeting
- June 04 Semi-Annual Meeting

## Birthdays:

- Harold Culp - Mar 20  
Mary Schwartzenruber - Mar 21  
Sue Wagler - Mar 21

## Prayer Requests:

We celebrate with Harold Culp on a milestone birthday. (85)  
Be thankful with Harold for the many ways in which he has been  
the recipient of God's love and grace.

Continue to keep Sharon Heipel in your prayers.

## Congregational Notes:

Are you interested in helping to serve coffee on Sundays after  
church Service? If so please put your name on the sign up sheet  
located in the foyer bulletin board. Your help is greatly  
appreciated.

The Art of Hope: Healing the Wounded City. Derek Cook (son of  
Stanley and Verda Cook), is the director of the Canadian  
Poverty Institute at Ambrose University in Calgary has written  
this insightful book on poverty in Canada. In the foreword Paul  
Born writes "What makes this book unique is that it provides a  
holistic framework to address poverty and is one of the few  
books that considers the larger "spiritual" questions of a society  
that could allow poverty." Members are encouraged to read it -  
we will have a conversation about it after Easter. There is one  
copy in the library. It can also be purchased through Amazon.

## Beyond The Congregation:

### Free Film Screening

**Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis** present  
Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil (Vespers) at Trillium Lutheran  
Church (22 Willow, Waterloo) on Sat, April 1 at 7:30pm. \$25  
Adults. \$5 Children/Students. Tickets available on-line or at the  
door (cash or credit) [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and MCC Indigenous**  
Neighbours Program invite you to an event at Rockway on  
March 29, featuring The Landed Buggy Art Exhibit. Visit  
[www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) for more details

**Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27):** Indigenous  
cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver  
Lake on Wednesday evening for dinner and spend the night.  
Thursday morning be inspired to learn about indigenous culture.  
Great opportunity for church ministry workers. Go to **SLMC**  
**Retreats & Events** for more info and to register.

**The Landed Buggy Art Exhibit** will be at Rockway from **March**  
**20-31**, with a special evening event "**Bison and a Buggy**" on  
**March 29** which also features Indigenous Cuisine samples by  
Chef Destiny Moser. In order to help Chef Destiny prepare her  
food samples, **we ask that you RSVP** so we can get an idea of  
how much food to prepare. (Don't worry, you're still able to come  
if you didn't RSVP, and if you did RSVP and can't make it, we  
understand!) . **Admission is free, however, as you're able, a**  
**suggested donation of \$10 to help cover costs is**  
**appreciated.**

**Amira Elghawaby, Special Representative on Islamophobia**  
**at Our Whole Society Conference**

Amira Elghawaby, the new federal government's Special  
Representative on Islamophobia has confirmed she will be  
presenting in-person at the Our Whole Society: Finding  
Common Ground in Time of Polarization conference, May 7-9 at  
Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.  
The early bird registration of \$99 ends on Sun Mar 12. Please  
register at: <http://bit.ly/3R3d0UR>

**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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**To Book the Church** call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030.  
**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..

**Protocols** We wish to create a safe environment for people to  
gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this  
new way of being community together with gratitude to our God  
that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community.  
We invite you to enter into the space in ways that you are  
comfortable with and that respect others. If you have concerns  
please talk to a member of the protocol committee.