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Walking on Emmaus Road

Pianist Ken Ogasawara

Welcome Anne Thaler

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on **Leading in Worship**. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

Song Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1

Psalm 116:1-4, 10-17

Song Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7

Confession Recognizing Jesus

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize you in our neighbour, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, at the Liturgies Online website.
<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

Scripture 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Song Come, Walk with Us VT 23

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response Lord, Listen to Your Children VT 682

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song In Christ Alone VT 332

Commissioning

What has happened to you this morning?

Our eyes were opened and we have seen the Risen Christ.

Go tell the others that He is alive in our midst.

Our hearts were burning as He walked with us along the road.

Go tell the others that we are not alone, not forsaken, not lost. He goes with us.

Our hands were filled when He took bread and gave it to us.

Quick! Go! Take this bread to the world so the poor, the broken-hearted and the outcast may sit at your table and eat.

Benediction

Now may Jesus walk with you along the road this week.
May you find the waiting Father running down the road to meet you at the journey's end.

May the Spirit be your daily bread to sustain you each step of the way. Amen

Postlude

Worship Services

- April 23 Emmaus Road Susan Allison Jones
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-9 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
- April 30 Jesus the Good Shepherd Lou Lewis
Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
- May 07 Living Stone - Chosen People Susan Allison Jones
Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Upcoming Events

- Apr 23 Fellowship time 11:00 am
Tuesday Morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am
- Apr 30 Formation Hour - The Art of Hope
- Apr 27 Worship Ministry Team 10:00 am
- May 2 Formation Hour - The Art of Hope
- May 04 Team Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 21 (Long Weekend) Worship at St. Agatha
- June 03 Meeting with Threshold Commons 9:30 am
- June 04 Semi-Annual Meeting

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Doris Duncan as she heals from her recent surgery.

Pray for Sharon Heipel as she settles into her new space at Winston Park.

Congregational Notes

Thank you for the pot of Tulips that I received in Easter from my church family. Blessings to you all - Barb Jantzi

To my family Church, thank you for remembering me at Easter with a pot of beautiful Tulips. Blessings - Carol Barton

There will be a time of fellowship (with coffee) after worship this morning. Also, if you would be able to help with coffee after church please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Mark your calendars for June 3 (9:30-12:00) if you are interested in attending the second congregational meeting with Threshold Common's. A summary of the conversation from our first meeting will be available in a few weeks.

Formation Hour - April 30 & May 2 The Art of Hope: Healing the Wounded City. This will be a chance to engage with Derek Cook's writings addressing the issue of poverty. You do not have to read the book to participate. There are copies in the library.

Beyond The Congregation

Grace Lao Mennonite Church is hosting their annual Egg Roll Sale Sat May 06. Pick up time 9:00am - 4pm at 575 Lancaster St. Price \$2.00 for an eggroll box of 10 eggrolls for \$20 Sign up sheet in the foyer bulletin. Order deadline May 2, 2023

Special Invitation (MCEC) - All Are Welcome!
Public Intercultural Worship Service
Friday, April 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener

You are warmly invited to gather with Mennonite sisters and brothers from across MCEC on the Friday night of our Annual Church Gathering. No registration is required. Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Mission Minister, will challenge us from Hebrews 12:1-4 - Where does our Transformation, Inspiration and Calling come from? As believers in all the local churches, why do we believe that our covenant relationship with God and with each other is our calling in life and not just a temporary pledge?

Hidden Acres Seniors Retreat - Monday, May 1st.
Unlearning Loneliness: Relearning Community with Chip Bender & Cathi Watson. Join us for a day of fellowship, learning and music with friends new and old! Even before the pandemic, US Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy identified loneliness as a major public health issue, an epidemic. Studies show that the health impact of loneliness is equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. What have you learned about being alone and isolated from family and friends in the last three years? Some people have become content with being alone, not recognizing the subtle changes to their mental and physical health. Other people crave connection but are uncertain how to re-engage. Join us as we reconnect and relearn how to live more fully as relational human beings created in God's image. To register go to <https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat>

Food and Bottle Drive Fundraiser at Zion United Church
Sat May 6, 2-4pm accepting non-perishable food items in support of our community pantry and empty cans/bottles in support of Zion's children & youth. Stay for some backyard games and beavertails (available for purchase) in our parking lot!

Menno Singers Concert - A Light Exists in Spring.
Saturday May 06 at 7:30PM. At the St Jacobs Mennonite Church. For tickets, visit Mennosingers.com

Ministry Team Leaders:

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

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Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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