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Returning to God's garden

We lose our way when we limit our sight to our human interests.
Our way is restored when we seek God and the expanse of
God's plan for the entirety of our shared common home.

Prelude Susan Cressman

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Anne Thaler

We come to worship, seeking God.
We come to pray, seeking guidance.

When wickedness abounds and hope feels out of reach,
We yearn for signs of God's presence.

When the ways of the world
Lead to destruction, not shalom,
We long to know God's will.

Together, let us turn and open ourselves to the healing
embrace of our creator.

Together, let us seek God's shalom.

Song This is God's Wondrous World VT 180

Isaiah 55:6-9

Song There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

VT 156

Confession

Creator, at times we feel abandoned.

Remember us, your beloved children?

Why have you turned on your own flock?

Come and see your home—

your dwelling place, your sanctuary.

See how it has been wrecked, destroyed!

We ask, How could this happen, God?

Who would do this?

How long will this violence continue?

**But we confess that these wounds are also of our
own making.**

Creator, we name ecological harm

that we have witnessed with our own eyes:

**(Name your ecological concerns aloud or place
your written concerns in a vessel as part of the
visual display).**

Assurance

God who works salvation in the womb of the earth,
you hold power over the waters. The day and
the night belong to you; you put the sun and
the moon in place. You laid the boundaries of the
earth, created autumn, winter, spring, and summer.

**We turn again toward you,
knowing that your compassion
is greater than our despair.**

Even in our grief, we choose to seek you—
God, whose mercy is wider than our ways.

**Teach us your harmonies and rhythms of
covenant that we may rise as a choir to
join creation's song of renewal.**

Scripture Matthew 6:7-13

Song Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God VT 653

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response Ask the Complicated Questions VT 440

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song The Peace of The Earth Be with You VT 832

Benediction

God is a source of abundant life and love
wherever we find ourselves on the journey back to
our common home. May we turn from oppression
and may we release possession, seeking to care
for the earth, which provides for us all.

**As we go from here,
may we know God's shalom and let it guide all
that we say and do on this earth,
our common home. Amen.**

Upcoming Worship Services

Sept 27 Walking in Wonder Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 55:10–11 Matthew 6:25–34

Oct 4 Singing with Creation WI Joint Worship Service
at Nith Valley Mennonite Church 9:45 am

Birthdays

Lia Fewkes September 14

Nate Gingerich September 14

Michael Fewkes September 21

Anniversaries

Wolfgang & Meritta Dreschke September 13

David & Bonnie Lee Bowman September 23

Prayer Requests

Give thanks that John and Catherine Rudy are now living on the same floor at Nithview.

Keep Wanda Gingerich and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Nevin. Nevin died on Wednesday. Give thanks for Nevin's long life and his unwavering faith.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Hagerman Mennonite Church** in prayer. Roberson Mbayamvula provides pastoral care to this community in Markham, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and their pastor as they seek to be people who receive God's transforming love and become God's servants in the world.

Congregational Notes

Catherine Rudy has moved to the 3rd floor at Nithview Long Term Care Home. Her room number is 321. She is now on the same floor as John.

Plan to join the Wilmot Ignited Churches at Nith Valley Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 4th at 9:45 am. As it is World Communion Sunday we will be celebrating communion together. Nith Valley is an accessible building. To avoid steps enter by the front door.

Our sincere apologies to Nate Gingerich, Lia Fewkes, and Wolfgang and Meritta Dreschke for missing your birthday/anniversary in last week's bulletin. We pray for God's blessing to be upon you in the year to come.

Beyond The Congregation

On Mon Oct 5th, seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *The Gifts and Challenges of Aging: Releasing and Embracing*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register phone Hidden Acres or go to hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting *Tues, Sept 22, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom* The 2026 AGM is our opportunity to share with MCC Ontario constituents and supporters our financial results and strategic progress, while empowering congregational delegates to participate in decision-making through voting on key organizational matters. Register [here](#).

Community Peacemaker Teams is marking its 40th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, CPT is hosting a special online gathering on Sat., Sept. 26 at 12 pm EDT that brings together stories spanning four decades of peacemaking, solidarity, and transforming violence and oppression. Sign up at cpt.org/forty.

Free Noon Hour Concerts | Most Wednesdays from September to November at Conrad Grebel University College. Enjoy performances by professional musicians during the lunch hour. All are welcome! Concerts begin at noon in the Grebel Chapel. Full schedule: <http://grebel.ca/music/events>

Repair Café - Saturday, September 26 Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair? We'll show you how to fix it for free! 9:30am – 12:30pm at Zion United Church,., New Hamburg

Get Pumped - A Better Way to Heat and Cool your Home!
September 29, 2026, 7:00pm Wellesley Recreation Complex, 1401 Queen's Bush Road, Wellesley. The information session on Heat Pumps will feature local experts who will discuss the pros and cons, ins and outs of the technology. For more info go to [Get Pumped Waterloo Region](#) There will be an opportunity for Q&A as well. Register at [Get Pumped](#).

Register now for learning opportunities with Indigenous Neighbours This year, MCC Ontario is hosting two learning series open to anyone interested in deepening their commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Neighbours. Contact lauraenns@mcco.ca with any questions.

Organizing for Repair is a learning series which draws on teachings by Sarah Augustine to equip us to engage our congregations for meaningful repair with Indigenous communities. Meets on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month, November 2026 to March 2027, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [Register here!](#)

Social Enterprise Pilot Project: Help us spread the word!
We need your help getting the word out about MCC Thrift's Social Enterprise pilot project, which employs individuals who face barriers to traditional work. The team turns textiles into practical cleaning rags for homes and businesses. We are very excited about the possibilities of this initiative, but also know our greatest chance of success will come from partnering with friends and business owners who are passionate about supporting community and environmental causes. Please spread the word or reach out to Jodi VanNoord with contacts or connections: jodivannord@mcco.ca

Theatre of the Beat is celebrating its 15th anniversary on **Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026**, from 4-7pm at Danforth Mennonite Church - live performances, anniversary quilt activity, BBQ and Childcare will be provided. [RSVP at theatreofthebeat.ca](https://theatreofthebeat.ca), and contact johnny@theatreofthebeat.ca for **carpooling options**.

Register today for Peace Conference: Nourishing Peace Together *Sat., Nov. 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate*. If you're hungry for connection, meaning, and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Pay what you can. Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

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