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November 8, 2026
Mennonite Church Canada Witness

Prelude Elaine Bender

Call to Worship Wolfgang Dreshke

Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.
Come! Let us worship!

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.
Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.
Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.
Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Life-giving God,
may your Holy Spirit inspire
our praise and our prayers.
Open our hearts and minds to your presence
among us and within us.
Come alive in our words and actions
as we worship today.
To you alone belongs all praise and honor
and glory and blessing,
now and to the end of time. Amen

Song We Praise Thee O God VT 91

Psalm 67:1-5

Song I Love to Tell the Story VT 761
This Little Light of Mine VT 762 (traditional tune)

Scripture Revelation 21:1-5
2 Corinthians 5:17-20 VT 785

The Ministries of Mennonite Church Canada Witness (video)

Sermon Doug Klassen, (video)
Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada

Response
Equip us, God, for the work of ministry.
For the work involved with building unity of purpose and vision.
Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way.
Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths.
Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you.
Equip us, God, to speak the truth in love even when it's uncomfortable.
Equip us, O God, for the work of ministry that you have called us to do. Amen.

Song of Response Christ has No Body Here but Ours VT 568
sung by Steve Bell

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer VT 989B

Announcements

Song Thuma Mina VT 834

Benediction

*The Call to Worship was written by *Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.*
*Opening Prayer written by Christine Longhurst (adapted) VT 879
*The response to the sermon was written by Kwasi I. Kena, The Africana Worship Book, Year B, 136.

Upcoming Worship Services

Nov 15 Elisha Heals Naaman 2 Kings 1 (Matt 8:2-3)
Glyn Jones1
Nov 22 Micah Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8
Glyn Jones

Upcoming Events

Nov 22 Annual Meeting after Worship followed by Pizza lunch
Dec 2 Christmas Lunch at Schmitzville Restaurant 12:00 noon
Dec 5 WI Women's Retreat at Crieff Retreat Center

Anniversary

Marcia & Chris Kastner November 9

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for MCEC pastors who gathered at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on November 9-10 with David Boshart, AMBS President, for a time of renewal, encouragement and reflection on Anabaptist spiritual leadership. Pray also for MCEC staff who have planned and are guiding this gathering. Grant them wisdom, energy and grace as they serve and may this time together nurture a renewed sense of God's presence among all who attend. Susan is attending this retreat.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Hunta Mennonite Church** in prayer. Lord, strengthen and encourage Hunta Mennonite Church as they grow in faith, care for one another and share the love of Christ in the Cochrane community.

Congregational Notes

The Worship Service on Nov. 22 will include a time of remembering those who have died in the past year. If you would like to include someone who was special to you please let Susan know.

The Annual Meeting followed by a pizza lunch will be held after worship on Nov 22. The Report book will be in your boxes on Thursday Nov 12. If you will not be at church on the 15th please ask someone to pick it up for you or let Edna or Susan know and they will get it to you.

Women's Retreat (Wilmot Ignited) Join Susan at this retreat Sat. Dec 5, 10am-4pm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. $55 Includes lunch. Join other women in a "time out" as we reflect on the theme of nourishment Register by Nov 15. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you intend to attend. Register at: Women's Retreat Registration or ask Susan to register for you. Rides will be arranged.

Beyond The Congregation

"Loops that Hold Us - Everyone is Worthy of Love and Belonging". Sunday, November 8, 1:30-3:00 (presentation at 2 pm) at Steinmann Mennonite Church - Come and be a part of this interactive event. Explore a collection of 37 pieces that were hand hooked by members of K-W Rug Hooking Guild representing art work by Samuel Wiebe. Learn about homelessness, food insecurity, mental health and addiction struggles in rural communities.

Decapo Chamber Choir, Sat Nov 14, 7:30pm & Nov 15, 3:00pm Trillium Lutheran, 22 Willow St, Waterloo Featuring music that flows from loss & fear to hope; with guest cellist Miriam Stewart-Kroeker $30 for adults | $25 for seniors (65+) | $15 for post-secondary students $5 for youth & children (18 & under) www.dacapochamberchoir.ca 519-725-7549

Sunday, November 15, 3pm. Come out with your voice and your score to join Menno Singers in a Singalong Messiah with orchestra and soloists at St Matthews Lutheran Church (54 Benton St, Kitchener). The audience is the choir! Entrance by donation. www.mennosingers.com

MCEC Day of Fasting and Prayer, November 21, 2026 - Set aside November 21 to join congregations across MCEC for a shared day of prayer, fasting and seeking God together. Whether you fast from food, a meal, social media or another activity, this is an opportunity to deepen your dependence on God and listen for the Spirit's leading. Conclude the day at a regional prayer gathering from 6-9 p.m. at MCEC in Kitchener, or gather locally with your congregation(s) as we unite in prayer across the region. More information at mcec.ca.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will hold their Annual General Meeting **Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM**. All are welcome to attend. To see if you're eligible to vote or to RSVP for the Zoom link, visit our AGM webpage. Membership applications are due Monday, November 16.

Ministry Team Leaders Ross Shantz (chair), Fern Good, Florence Scheerer

Worship - Bonnie Lee Bowman

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