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April 20, 2025 Bread for the Feasting

Prelude Sharon Heipel
Welcome Bonnie-Lee Bowman

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The bread of life has broken the power of death! Let no one go hungry again!

Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!

Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence! Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.

Alleluia! Let restoration begin! The kingdom of God is at hand!

Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.

The bread of life is risen and alive. Let us worship the one who leads us now in compassion and justice!

Opening Prayer

Song Christ the Lord is Risen Today VT 346

Scripture Luke 24:1-12

Song Low in the Grave He Lay VT 333
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia VT 341

Prayer of Confession

Often our imaginations can hardly conceive of the transformative spirit of resurrection life. Let us confess the ways we have limited God's work in this world.

Resurrected Christ, you faced the depths of death and suffering and emerged victorious. You were broken yet made whole, for the love of God's good world. Yet, we confess that we forget love has the final victory. You prove your love for us by taking our small efforts and magnifying them into dramatic change. You challenge our limited potential and expand our reach into new horizons of love and justice. You are a good teacher, showing us how to take what little we have and trust in your abundance. Yet we cling to our scarcity, doubting that what we offer could ever be enough. You took a little boy's small lunch— five loaves and two fish—and fed a multitude. Forgive us when we think too small, failing to believe you can multiply our efforts for the good of your world. Forgive us, bread of life, for underestimating your power and ignoring the call to join in your work. Inspire us to dream boldly, give generously, and act faithfully, trusting that your love can transform even the smallest offering into a feast of justice and grace.

Hear this good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive us and cleanse us from unrighteousness. May you carry this peace everywhere you go, bringing the spirit of resurrection to a hurting world.

Scripture John 21:1-17 Breakfast on the Beach

Song Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing VT 359

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Affirmation of Faith

From the manger in a town called House of Bread,
Jesus came to show us God's love.

We believe Jesus lived a fully human life. He chose to take
on our weakness and remained faithful until the very end.

We believe Jesus was and is the bread of life, broken for all,
and made whole in resurrection.

We believe the table is set for all people, and there will
always be enough.

We believe the bread of life compels us to seek justice
so all might have the spiritual, emotional, and physical
nourishment they need.

We believe Christ is risen, death is defeated, and no one can
separate us from the love and joy that surround us today and
every day.

We believe in the renewal of all things.

Even now, the bread of life is at work, healing and restoring
all that was broken.

We believe one day we will all gather around God's table,
united in peace, joy, and justice for all people. Alleluia!

Song of Response Christ Has Left His Home in Glory HWB 283

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song Thine Is the Glory VT 355

Announcements

Sending

Postlude

Upcoming Worship Services

April 27 John Lougheed and Natalie Schill
from House of Friendship

May 4 An Ever Evolving Anabaptist Faith Arli Klassen

May 9 The Driving Forces of the Anabaptist Movement
Greg Jantzi (video)

May 18 Wilmot Ignited Worship Service

May 25 Living out the Schleithem Confession
Hendrike Isert Bender

Upcoming Events

No Alpha this week.

April 25 Worship Ministry Team Meeting 9:45 am

Birthday

Pat Roi April 21

Anniversaries

Sue & Ed Wagler April 23

Prayer Requests

Glyn Jones is retiring from pastoral ministry at the end of April.
Pray for Glyn as he enters a new stage of life and for the
congregations that he has served these past five years -
Rouge Valley Mennonite Church (Markham) and
Community Mennonite Church (Stouffville)

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This
week we are praying for Shalom Worship and Healing Centre,
Guelph. Hizbay Nigussa provides pastoral leadership for this
vibrant and growing community that worships on the east side of
Guelph.

Congregational Notes

Spiritual Practice Each Sunday during Lent there will be a bookmark tucked in your bulletin with a suggestion with a Spiritual practice. This week you are invited to enjoy a feast!

Susan will not be present for our worship services on April 27th and May 4th in order to attend the farewell services for Glyn at his churches.

Beyond The Congregation

With the suffering in Gaza and the West Bank accelerating unabated, and a federal election around the corner, it is essential that we raise our voices in a collective call for peace and justice. Join Mennonite Action and Neighbours for Palestine for an evening of hymns and learning, featuring Project Ploughshares, as we gather in solidarity and peace-building.

Hymns, Hope, and Justice for Palestine will be on 24 April at 7:00pm, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave N, Kitchener). For more information and to register, email MennoniteActionKW@proton.me or visit ActionNetwork.org/events/hymns-hope-and-justice-for-palestine/

Grace Lao Egg roll Sale is happening again. Delicious egg rolls with options of Meat and Vegetarian at the same great price as before. Don't miss out...Place your orders and send them back no later than April 29, 2025 Sign up Sheet in Foyer.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (slmc.ca) Summer Camp: Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp for 2025 schedule and program descriptions. Still spots available in most camps! Grand Paddle & Hike (May 9-11): Join us for Silver Lake's annual fundraiser! Visit our webpage to create a team or to make a donation... slmc.ca/retreats/paddle-the-grand

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to join us in celebrating our 80th Anniversary on **Friday, May 2, 2025**. Morning: Chapel featuring alumni Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49. Evening: Soup Supper Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. Learn more at rockway.ca/events!

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 Thursdays. Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday.