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**Parable of the Lost Sons:
What about the older brother?**

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship Lil Quanz

Come into this sacred space to worship God

whose teaching is perfect;

whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God

whose standards are right;

whose commandment is clear;

whose judgements are true.

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts

be according to your will, O God. Amen.

written by Jeff Shrowder

Opening Prayer

Song HWB 25 Jesus Stand Among Us

Psalm 19

Song Rock of Ages

sung by Fountainview Academy

Scripture

Luke 15: 11-32

Prayer of Confession

Space (inspired by Luke 15: 11-32)

Holy One,

The space between us is too great–

this agonizing expanse between you and us:

The rift we have created by demanding our share.

The distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country.

The resentment we hold when things don't seem fair.

Our refusal to join your gracious party.

Forgive each selfish request

each step away

each bitter thought

each joyless rejection.

Forgive us

and run toward us

with open arms.

~ written by Rev. Joanna Harader

Sermon

Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response HWB 150 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song VT 599 We've Come This Far By Faith

sung by Menno Singers

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Protocols Reminders - Access to Church Building

- Sign in and out on the papers located in the foyer and the side entrance. Please wear a mask.
- If others are in the building maintain a six foot distance between each other.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.

Upcoming Worship Services

- Jan 16** Parable of the Lost Son: What about the older brother? Luke 15:11-32 Susan Allison Jones
- Jan 23** For God So Loved the World: Who's in and Who's Not? John 3:11-21 Susan Allison Jones
- Jan 30** The Words of Isaiah Fulfilled: "What does this mean for us today given the current social issues we face?" Luke 4:16-20 Martha Smith Good
- Feb 6** Only God Knows : If God, Jesus and Holy Spirit are one then why doesn't Jesus know when he will return? Mark 13:32-37 Bob Thaler

Birthdays:

January 18, Catherine Rudy
January 19, Jean Shantz
January 22, Darlene Culp

Prayer Requests:

Continue to keep those in our congregation who face serious health issues in your prayers. Pray that those who have in person appointments will be kept protected from the virus. Remember Lois Lantz who continues to receive blood transfusions biweekly at Grand River Hospital.

Congregational Notes:

I am enjoying the poinsettia the church gave me this year. Thank you.
Florence Roes

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and best wishes over the Christmas Season. It was indeed a special first Christmas with a grandchild!
Susan Allison Jones

Worship Services

We will continue to worship with pre-recorded worship services and meet at 11 am on Sunday mornings on Zoom for a time of sharing and prayer until further notice.

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4766152022>

Meeting ID: 476 615 2022 Passcode: 2995

Phone 1 647 374 4685 1 647 558 0588

Bible Study

In February you are invited to join in on a book study: What Is God's Kingdom and What Does Citizenship Look Like by Cesar Garcia. The books have been ordered. If you want one but didn't let Susan know please let her know this week.

MCEC Congregational Leaders Workshop

If you are interested in attending this online workshop, please talk to Susan.

New Normal - Facing our Grief and Living with Our Anxiety

with Rev Sunder John Boopalan,

Assistant Professor at Canadian Mennonite University

January 22, 2022 (online) 9:00am - noon

How can we face and acknowledge grief in an ever-changing world?

How do we live with anxiety and what might it mean to embrace our

collective precarity so it can be transformative?

Beyond The Congregation:

Power of Partnership

Thursday, February 24 at 6 pm

425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener

MCC Ontario invites you to join them and best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell as they discuss the Power of Partnership and how a legacy of partnership with local, on-the-ground organizations can bring peace, dignity and hope to those who need it most with the unintended consequence of creating more peaceful communities. This event will also be livestreamed. For more info, go to powerofpartnership.ca. *Bingemans Conference Centre and MCC are working closely to provide a safe and healthy experience for all participants and will follow all local and provincial COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.*