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March 9, 2025

Bread that Feeds Us

Prelude Ken Ogaswara

Welcome Lil Quanz

Call to Worship

Gather for worship, all who wander in the wilderness looking for bread.

We have wandered through the wilderness, but we cannot live by bread alone.

Gather for worship to be satisfied by the bread of life, which nourishes and makes us whole.

Through the Spirit, the words, and the life of Christ, we are fed by the bread of life.

Come, let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God’s Spirit, who redeems us.

Opening Prayer

Song What is this place? VT 22

Psalm 91

Song All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name VT 411

Words of Confession & Assurance

Let us lay our burdens down and confess our sins to our God, who loves us unceasingly as we learn and grow.

Holy and perfect God, as creatures of dust, we confess we lack eternal perspective. We confuse our hunger for righteousness and peace with worldly desires of power and wealth.

We confuse our hunger for friendship with shallow connections that deplete our souls.

We hunger for meaning and significance in this universe, yet we choose mind-numbing antidotes that never satisfy. You are the source of meaning and significance, friendship and love, righteousness and peace.

We gather today to confess our need for you and step back onto the path of the bread of life once again. Forgive us and set us right, once more. Amen.

Paul writes, “There is no one who is righteous, not even one.” Yet in Christ, we are forgiven, justified, and transformed to carry on in the way of love and justice. Savour the good news of this pardon and be at peace. Amen

Song What a Friend We have in Jesus VT 628

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation of Jesus

Sermon Harold Schlegel

Affirmation of Faith

We believe Christ, the bread of life, nourishes our spirits and sustains us in all seasons.

We believe the wilderness is not a place of abandonment, but a place where God meets and strengthens us.

We believe Christ, who was tempted, walks with us in our struggles and empowers us to choose life and faithfulness.

We believe God's grace is sufficient for every moment of weakness and every step through the wilderness.

We believe God provides for our needs, offering spiritual and physical nourishment through Christ.

We believe Christ's example calls us to resist temptation and live lives of compassion, mercy, and justice. Even in our fragility and imperfection,

We believe God can use us to bring hope, healing, and light to the world.

Amen.

Song of Response Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song Go, My Children VT 830

Announcements

Sending

Postlude

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We welcome Harold Schlegel and his wife Elaine to our worship service this morning. Harold and Elaine currently live in Tavistock and enjoy many trips to Western Canada to visit with their children and grandchildren.

Lent & Easter Worship

Bread of Life: Gather. Savour. Share

The world feels heavy - divided and uncertain. Hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments many search for a way forward. Amid injustice and tragedies, we remember we must first gather around the table for strength so we can respond with love and grace.

This Lent, we will gather together to break bread, savour the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life.

March 9 Bread that Feeds Us

Harold Schlegel Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation of Jesus

March 16 Bread for Growth

Susan-Allison Jones Luke 13:18-31 Parable of the Yeast

March 23 Bread for Each Day

Susan-Allison Jones Matthew 6:9-13 Lord's Prayer

March 30 Bread for Sharing

Susan Allison-Jones Luke 14:7-14 Parable of the Great Banquet

April 6 Bread for Community

Bob Thaler Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus

April 13 Bread for the Road

Susan Allison-Jones John 12:12-16 Luke 19:28-40 Palm Sunday

April 18 Bread for Uncertainty - Good Friday

April 18 Bread for Feasting - Easter Sunday

Susan Allison-Jones John 21:1-17 Breakfast on the Beach

Upcoming Events

March 12 Alpha 10:00 am

Prayer Requests

Please keep Verda and Stanley Cook in your prayers as Stanley experiences a decline in his physical abilities.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Rouge Valley Mennonite Church**, a long-standing church community in Markham. Glyn Jones provides pastoral leadership to this community.

Wilmot Eccumenical Lenten Lunches 2025

12:00 noon

- March 12 Hillcrest Mennonite
- March 19 Wilmot Centre
- March 26 Shantz Mennonite
- April 2 Trinity Lutheran (with St. George Anglican)
- April 9 Mannheim Mennonite
- April 16 Steinmann Mennonite

Congregational Notes

Dear Wilmot Mennonite Church, Thank you very much for the two fruit baskets. Love, Beverly, Michael and Katie Koenig and Wolfgang and Meritta Dreshke.

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 savour the sensory delights in your world. Take time to enjoy the flavours and smells of the food you eat and intentionally pause to enjoy moments of beauty and peace.

Alpha - A series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the Christian Faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Wednesday mornings starting March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. If you are interested in delving deeper into the very basics of Christianity this is for you. The first session will be an hour and a half. After that they will be one hour long.

Beyond The Congregation

Join us for a Lunch & Listen with Philip Fountain

March 20, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., MCC Community Room, 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener and on Facebook Can faith play a part in development work? Author and professor Philip Fountain draws from his new book to discuss how MCC blends Mennonite values with efforts in disaster relief, development and peacebuilding, all while working with people from many different backgrounds. Join us for a special Lunch and Listen event on March 20 at 12 pm in the Community Room at 50 Kent Ave. in Kitchener. Learn more at [Lunch and Listen with Philip Fountain | Mennonite Central Committee](#).

Hope Starts at Home: An evening with Phyllis Webstad

March 24 at 6 pm, Bingemans Conference Centre. Join us along with author and speaker, Phyllis Webstad, the founder and ambassador of the Orange Shirt Society. Phyllis will share her childhood of healing and reconciliation in Canada as we seek to restore justice, foster belonging, and address poverty in Ontario.

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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