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Jesus and Pilate: Submission and Power

Prelude Linda Shantz

We Gather

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Glyn Jones

We gather for worship,
seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

Your Kingdom come!

Your will be done on earth!

We pray.

Then we look around . . .

Where is it? What is truth?

We pray again and again,

“Your kingdom come!”

We gather for worship,

asking questions and staying the course.

Looking and longing . . .

Where is it? Where are you?

We gather for worship

and find that God is here.

On earth as in heaven.

God’s kingdom now and not yet;

here and in the world to come.

Let us worship our God.

Song Sing a New World into Being

VT 809

Psalm 145:10-13

Song You are Salt for the Earth

VT 297

Confessional poem

Jesus, your kingdom doesn’t work
the way we expect.

Power, honour—everything is backward.

Are you the king?

What is the truth?

We feel for Pilate,

wondering how a prisoner can be king.

If you have power, why are you here

instead of sitting on a throne in glory?

Why don’t you call in your armies?

Silence the naysayers,

free yourself,

conquer the oppressors!

And you say,

“My kingdom is not of this world.”

You say,

“This is how I testify to the truth.”

You say,

“Listen to my voice.”

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture John 18:28-40 video

Song The Kingdom of Jesus video
produced by The Porter’s Gate

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

We Respond

Song of Response The Kingdom of God VT 799

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

Sending Blessing

As you go, may you listen for God
in the discordant melodies of your life,
seeking to live in the upside-down kingdom that is here,
but also yet to come.

May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you,
to practice a different kind of power.

Postlude

Lent - Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 5 Mar 22 Jesus Condemned: Complicity and Innocence
John 19:1-16a (Psalm 146) Susan Allison Jones

Lent 6 March 29 Palm Sunday: The Crucified Messiah
John 12:12-17 & John 19:16b-22 (Psalm 24) Glyn Jones

Good Friday April 3 10 am at Mannheim Mennonite Church

Easter Sunday April 5 Easter: Death and Resurrection
John 10:1-18 (Psalm 118:21-19) Susan Allison Jones

Upcoming Events

March 17 Lunch 12 noon

March 19 Bible Study at Hillcrest MC 7 pm

April 5 Easter Breakfast 8:45 am

Lenten Lunches The churches of the Wilmot Ecumenical Ministerial invite you to join in weekly gatherings at noon for a light meal and a short devotional/time of corporate worship. 12 noon. Cost of lunch by donation.

March 18 – New Hamburg Christian Centre
177 Jacob St., New Hamburg

March 25 – Steinmann Mennonite Church
1316 Snyder's Road W. Baden

Birthdays

Harold Culp March 20

Mary Schwartzentruber March 21

Prayer Requests

Please keep Nevin Gingerich in your prayers for pain control and God's comfort as he continues to adapt to living without Wanda's presence in his daily life. Pray for both of them in this time of separation after 72 years of marriage!

Many of our members are experiencing loss and change. As people come to your mind please pray that they would feel engulfed in God's love and presence.

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Community Mennonite Fellowship** in Drayton, ON in prayer. Laurel Rounds-Fretz provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for these followers of Jesus Christ as they spread God's good news in their community and the world.

Congregational Notes

Join Susan after worship during Lent to discuss the week's Lenten theme.

Your friends at Mannheim Mennonite Church invite you to join us for Good Friday on April 3 at 10 a.m. We will observe communion together as well as hear the story of the Passion of the Christ in scripture and song. For those who are unable or prefer not to use the front steps, you are invited to drive around to the back where there is a ramp with access to the main floor. We look forward to worshipping together with you.

There will be a lunch on Tuesday at noon here at the church. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Lorraine if you can come.

Beyond The Congregation

Tri-County Mennonite Homes is looking for members of our 15 supporting congregations to serve on our Board of Directors commencing at our annual meeting in June. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact Bruce Bechtel for more information. 519-801-0470 BBechtel@tcmhomes.com.

Hidden Acres 2026 Bowlathon

"Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 42nd Annual Bowlathon is happening again this year on April 11th! This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's Bowlathon raising over \$31,000! You can show your support by sponsoring a bowler or donating on-line at hiddenacres.ca/donate, and select "Annual Bowlathon"

Menno Singers We will feature the premiere performance of EXEQUIEN, a newly commissioned companion piece by composer Stephanie Martin (daughter of Menno Singers founder Abner Martin) Sat, March 28 @ 7:30pm at Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo) \$40 adults. \$5 children/students. Tickets available at www.mennosingers.com <<http://www.mennosingers.com>> or at the door.

Giving our Best As the use of food hampers increases in Ontario, what is MCC doing to address food insecurity in our own backyard? How do we pack relief and school kits with peace in mind from start to finish? For answers to these questions and much more, don't miss this inspiring new episode of the MCC podcast Undercurrents, entitled "Giving our best."

Wanted: Volunteers in Circle of Friends! Circle of Friends is a program that supports individuals transitioning out of homelessness by fostering social inclusion and community connection. Small groups, or "Circles," are formed with two volunteers, one staff member, and one participant who has recently moved into stable housing. We're currently looking to grow our volunteer team. If you are passionate about making positive social connections, non-judgmental, and a good listener, please consider applying. We'd love to meet you! [Start your application here.](#)

First Hmong Mennonite Church

Our church will be holding a spring roll fundraiser on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, to support our upcoming mission trip to Thailand. **Orders are due by Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, so we have time to purchase ingredients and prepare materials. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late orders. All orders must be picked up at First Hmong Mennonite Church (93 Doon Rd, Kitchener) on April 18 from 12–3 PM, using the main front entrance. **Order form is in the foyer.**

Pow Wows 101 Tuesday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m. (Online and in person at 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener) Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. (Online) MCC has two opportunities on the horizon to help you learn about the Indigenous celebration of pow wows. While everyone is welcome to celebrate and enjoy these powerful experiences, often non-Indigenous people feel shy or hesitant about attending for the first time. MCC's Indigenous Neighbours team is holding two training sessions to help make this a little easier. Learn the basics of what to expect and how to participate, and then plan to attend with the team this summer. Attend May 12 in person in Kitchener or online, or May 13 online. Learn more [here](#).

MCC Thrift Join our team! We are excited to announce new opportunities to join our team and make a meaningful impact in communities across Ontario. If you are passionate about community engagement, collaboration, and fostering belonging, we invite you to apply.

- [Associate - Home Pick-Up \(Part-Time\)](#) - Kitchener, ON
👉 *This role is ideal for students and active retirees*
- [Thrift Team Member - Receiving Lead](#) - New Hamburg,

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit mcc.org/serve.
Stay Connected with MCC Thrift!

MCC Thrift proceeds support MCC's relief, development, and peace work around the world. Follow us on social media to see our latest unique finds, get fresh inspiration and stay connected with the amazing staff and volunteers who make our shops so special! Instagram: [@mccthrifton](#)
TikTok: [@mccthriftontario](#) Facebook: [MCC Thrift](#)
You can also follow each shop's local Facebook page to get announcements specific to your community.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca)

The Grand Paddle & Hike Fundraiser: Join us for our 17th annual fundraiser **May 8 – 10** and support Silver Lake programs! Participants collect donations leading up to the fundraiser and then paddle/hike/walk/bike outdoors in their communities, or join a group paddle or hike along the Grand River. Visit slmc.ca/gph for more information.

The 65th Campfire Concert & Dinner: On **May 9**, join us at Breslau Mennonite Church for a special 65th anniversary celebration featuring an evening of music, skits, stories, dinner & friends! Visit slmc.ca/65th to purchase tickets.

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

Finance - Lia and Michael Fewkes

Worship - Bonnie Lee Bowman

Facilities - John Good

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Office Hours: Tuesday afternoon & Thursday morning
To Book the Church call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030

The Kingdom of Jesus

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To what shall we compare the Kingdom of Jesus if not a seed?
It's small, it's sown, it's tended and grown and it's sturdying you
and me
Its branches never break and its fruit never withers

[Chorus 1]

His Kingdom is not of this world or of any
Kingdom whose ruler's face is on a penny
He comes to make all things bright and put a new wine in us
He's chosen the small things to outlast the great
The meek and the merciful to shine through the hate
Though it seems some days that Hell and its gates are prevailing
Oh, say can you see the kingdom within us
Is the Kingdom of Jesus?

[Verse 2]

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It frees us, unites us, it slaves and divides us and violence, help
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Oh say can't you see we have one allegiance?
It's to the Kingdom of Jesus

[Bridge]

He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world
He who is in us is greater and He's overcome the world

[Chorus 3]

Oh His Kingdom is not one of slander or rage but one that is
ruled by the Lamb who was slain
And is worthy of wisdom and honor and glory and strength
No pain, no division, no public disgrace will compare with seeing
the smile on His face as He welcomes the poor as children with
places at the table
Not a death, nor threat, nor power can ever separate us from the
love of God forever in Christ Jesus
Everything shall pass away but not the Word that's within us, no,
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