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**March 22, 2026**

**Jesus Condemned: Complicity and Innocence**

Prelude Hana Pot

**We Gather**

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Anne Thaler

Here we are.

It is still Lent

and we may wish to skip this part.

We don't really want to remember the violence

or hear the horrible cries, "Crucify! Crucify!"

And we really don't want to think

that we might be among those voices,

or consider our own complicity

in such things.

But it is Lent.

So we are here.

And we tell the story again,

trusting that God will meet us in it.

Song I Know That My Redeemer Lives VT 347

Psalm 146

Song In Christ Alone VT 332

Confessional poem

**Jesus, things don't always turn out  
the way we expect.**

**Or want.**

**And sometimes your choices**

**(or the choices of our neighbors or family members or  
politicians)**

**really don't agree with us.**

**We hate to admit it,**

**but we feel for the angry crowd.**

**In our fury, we too can become so consumed,**

**so focused on who or what we are opposing,**

**that we turn away from the things**

**that matter most.**

**"We have no king but the emperor!"**

**we find ourselves saying.**

**And only after we hear our voice**

**do we realize**

**how distorted our allegiance has become.**

**God, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy**

**We Hear God's Word**

Scripture John 19:1-16a <https://youtu.be/fy59VBULAGQ>

Song O Sacred Head, Now Wounded VT 325

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

**We Respond**

Song of Response Let There Be Light VT 714

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song We Are Often Tossed and Driven VT 311

Sending Blessing

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 20:1-18 (Psalm 118:21-19) Susan Allison Jones

## Upcoming Events

March 26 Bible Study at Hillcrest MC 7 pm  
April 5 Easter Breakfast 9:00 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 25 – Steinmann Mennonite Church  
1316 Snyder's Road W. Baden

## Prayer Requests

Keep our seniors who are in long term care homes in your prayers. Mary Schwartzenruber, Nevin Gingerich, Frank Hinz, Sharon Heipel

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Crosshill Mennonite Church** in prayer. Norm Dyck provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this rural congregation as they care for each other, their neighbours and their communities.

## Congregational Notes

**Easter Breakfast April 5th** If you would like to attend the Easter breakfast, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Breakfast to begin at 9:00.

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.

Will Stoltz celebrates his 85th birthday on Saturday, March 28. You're invited to a birthday open house that day at Preston Mennonite Church from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and the cake cutting is at 2:30. No gifts, please. Your presence is the best gift.

**Early Exits: Exploring the Deeper Dimensions of MAiD, Mortality and Meaning** Conrad Grebel University College, Fri. May 8, 2026. Cost \$60 before March 31, \$70 after

## Beyond The Congregation

**The Wilmot Indigenous Relations Working Group** will host the film *From Earth to Sky* -- an invitation to explore the story of unique and accomplished Indigenous architects as they design and complete extraordinary buildings in communities across North America and Turtle Island. **Thursday March 26 7:00 pm at Zion United Church 215 Peel St New Hamburg** There is no charge. Donations to support WIRIWG expenses are appreciated.

**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). Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo) \$40 adults. \$5 children/students. Tickets available at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com) <<http://www.mennosingers.com>> or at the door. **Saturday, March 28 @ 7:30pm**

In an announcement made on December 4th, 2025, the Region of Waterloo identified a water capacity issue resulting from population growth and aging infrastructure. The issue is within the Mannheim Service Area which supplies water to Kitchener, Waterloo, parts of Cambridge, as well as Woolwich and Wilmot Townships. Interested in finding out more? The Nith valley EcoBoosters will be hosting **“Our Water – Challenges & Solutions”** Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:00pm -9:00pm Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg This is a free event but registration is required. It will also be live streamed online for those who are not able to attend in person. Register at: [nvecoboosters.com](http://nvecoboosters.com) or <https://bit.ly/2026water> Poster in the foyer.

**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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