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The Transforming Force of Faith: Doers of the Word

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship Wolfgang Dreschke

We long for living faith

and so we come to worship

hoping that our time together, our time with God

will help to unclench our fists

will slowly soften our hearts

will quiet our voices and open our ears.

Revive our faith, O God

that we might serve you with glad and joyful hearts.

~ Joanna Haarder Spacious Faith

Prayer

Song HWB 166 I'll Praise My Maker

Micah 6:6-8

Song SJ 72 One is the Body

Scripture James 1:22-25; 2:8, 14-26

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Prayer of Confession

When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to

others:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we keep putting off being more active "doers of the word":

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

Merciful God, forgive us.

When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

Merciful God, forgive us.

Gracious and merciful God,
forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us— the world that begins on our doorsteps.
Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel not in overbearing ways but sensitively and lovingly.
Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.

Song Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

~ singer unidentified

Assurance of Forgiveness (James 1:21)

As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is "in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive"—surely evidence of "the implanted word that has the power to save our souls" – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online**

Song of Response SS 52 Whatsoever You Do (v 1,2,3,5,6,9)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song HWB 389 Take My Life

Announcements

Sending & Postlude

Protocol Reminders

We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We ask that you are mindful of these protocols.

- Maintain a respectful distance between you and others when possible in all areas of the building. Please be mindful of this at the end of the service when exiting our worship space and avoid congestion in the foyer.
- The wearing of masks is encouraged acknowledging that for some the wearing of masks presents challenges. On Sunday morning masks are encouraged when entering, exiting and when visiting with each other.
- Quietly sing for hymns.
- Use the hand sanitizer as needed.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, limit to one person at a time.
- Be aware of the number of people in the foyer at one time. Please visit at respectful distances in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Worship Services

May 15 The Transforming Force of Faith: Doers of the Word
James 1:22-25; 2:8, 14-26; Susan Allison-Jones

May 22 Wilmot Ignited Service at Nith Valley
Partnership in the Gospel Phil 1:1-18a Greg Jantzi

May 29 The Transforming Force of Faith:Resisting Temptation
James 1:19-21; 3:1-12 Susan Allison-Jones

June 5 Pentecost
Joel 2:28-29; Luke 4:18-19 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Susan Allison-Jones

June 12 The Transforming Force of Faith:The Power of Prayer
James 4:13-15; 5:3-18 Susan Allison-Jones

Upcoming Events

Mat Weaving and Quilting: Tuesdays 9:00 am

Girls Club: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm

Semi Annual Business Meeting: Sunday, June 5 at 11:00 am

Wilmot Ignited Worship: May 22, 9:45 at Nith Valley Mennonite Church

Birthdays:

May 20, Dale Shantz

May 20, Pat Gerber

Anniversaries:

May 26, 1972, Bob & Pat Roi

Prayer Requests:

Please continue to keep Sharon Heipel in your prayers as she journeys towards mental health wellness. Sharon was transferred to Freeport this week.

Please also pray for pain relief and a diagnosis for Marlene Gingerich. Marlene is experiencing pain in her right leg from her hip to her knee. Current treatments and pain medications are not being effective.

Congregational Notes:

Thanks for the flowers, prayers and expressions of sympathy. It is deeply appreciated. Erma Shantz

Wilmot Ignited Churches will be joining together for some joint worship services this summer. The first one will be next weekend (May 22) hosted by Nith Valley Mennonite Church. An in person worship service will take place at Nith Valley beginning at 9:45 am.

The service will also be available by using the following Zoom link. If you join by Zoom please make sure that you are muted. The wearing of masks is optional.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9761314898?pwd=eHR2SE5pNWdlenJFTXVSZUhoNHpkQT09>

Hillcrest Meeting ID: 976 131 4898

Password: 1964

Susan will be away over the long weekend. If you have pastoral concerns please contact John Good or Lil Quanz.

Beyond The Congregation:

MEDA Breakfast

Date: Thursday May 19 at 7:30 am - 9:00am

Hampton Inn & Suites / Berlin 1

\$25 adults, \$15 students, payable online or at the door

Chris Steingart runs a freelance web design business, QT Web Designs, working closely to help many churches, community organizations and nonprofits create websites that help them connect with their audience. Join us May 19th as Chris discusses his personal work journey as well as what's in store in the future, as organizations continue to evaluate the way they expand their reach in a post-pandemic and ever changing digital world.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

May 27 & 28, New Hamburg Fairgrounds & Arena

More than just delicious food and a quilt auction, the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is a chance to connect with community and support MCC. Join the fun at the 56th annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28. For more information, go to mcco.ca/events.

MCC Material Resources Warehouse Open House

Saturday, May 28, 12 pm-3 pm

65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg N3A 2J3

Curious about what happens behind the scenes at MCC's Material Resources warehouse? Join us after the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale and tour this new facility. Go to mcco.ca/events to learn more.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp

is hosting its 55th Chicken BBQ and Pie Auction on June 14, 2022. Both eat in and take out options are available this year. Visit www.hiddenacres.ca for more details and to purchase your tickets.

Spirituality and Aging Seminar with Linda Hochstetler

With Open Eyes and Open Hearts - Recognizing and Living the Journey of Dying and Death Together

Friday June 3rd, 10:00 am-4:00pm In Person at Conrad Grebel University College \$85 (Includes lunch) Virtual \$70.

To register go to:

<https://secure.grebel.ca/residence/civCRM/event/info?reset=1&id=78>

Prayer in the Park

Sunday, June 5 1:30-4:30

Victoria Park Kitchener by the Clock Tower

In Psalm 133:1 King David penned (quilled?), "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" This Psalm was sung by God's people as they headed to Jerusalem to gather together for the feasts. God's people of Waterloo Region, please come and gather together and pray one month from today. How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

Mennonite World Conference

July 5-10, 2022 MWC Assembly 17 in Indonesia will be welcoming 700 in person participants. Plenary sessions will be held at the Sangkakala Seminary in Salatiga with four satellite meeting places at four local congregations in Salatiga. Online participants will experience local congregations throughout all activities including hybrid plenary sessions, workshops and a virtual art exhibit.