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**November 17, 2024**

Trusting God's Generosity

Prelude Delphine Schwartzentruber

Welcome Susan Allison-Jones

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Praise the Lord.

**Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

Happy are those whose help is from God—  
the One who made heaven and earth,  
the One who created the seas and all that is in them.

**Happy are those whose hope is in God—  
the One who keeps faith forever,  
the One who feeds the hungry  
and defends the oppressed.**

God will reign forever, for all generations.

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**Opening Prayer**

Song Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing VT 764

Psalm 146

Song Draw the Circle (recording) VT 802

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**you know how we love miracles.**

**We love your healing, life-giving presence.**

**We confess that poverty and oppression  
are less appealing topics.**

**Yet, we find you among the poor,  
the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan.**

**In their midst we find you,  
your prophets, and your miracles.**

**Dwell with us,**

**as we make the struggles of the oppressed  
our own struggles.**

**Join us at your table,  
as we join the effort to feed and clothe  
those who live in want.**

**Grant us your compassion, we pray,  
that we may truly be your people. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

Song God, Whose Giving VT 745

Sermon & Scripture 1 Kings 17 Lori Guenther Reesor

Song of Response Sing a New World into Being VT 809

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song When We Walk with the Lord VT 570

Announcements

## Sending

Elijah was sent to someone in need—  
not only to serve,  
but that he too might also be served.  
Wherever God sends you, go to serve,  
but allow others to serve you as well;  
and may the peace of Christ go with you.

## Postlude

The worship resources used in this service are from

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3908/worship-elements-june-5-2016>

We welcome Lori Guenther Reesor and her husband Barry to our worship service today. Lori is passionate about nurturing generosity and is the author of the award winning book *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*. Lori and Barry live in Mississauga and attend Hamilton Mennonite Church. They have two young adult children.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Nov 24** The Reign of Christ John 18:33-37 Susan

### Advent Worship Services: (THEME name)

**Dec 1** Between a Rock and a Hard Place Susan  
Daniel 6:6-27; Luke 11:13

**Dec 8** Opening Hearts Susan  
Joel 2:13-13, 28-29; Luke 11:13

**Dec 15** Anointing for Justice Bob Thaler  
Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 4:16-21

**Dec 22** Embodying God's Spirit Susan  
Luke 1:26-49; Psalm 113

**Dec 24** Christmas Eve Service 4 pm

**Dec 28** Christmas Carol Sing - Wilmot Ignited Churches

**Jan 5** Keeping Promises Who Sees It? Susan  
Luke 2:21-38 Psalm 131

## Upcoming Advent Formation Hour

**The Weary World Rejoices** by Kate Bowler

**Dec 1** The Promise of Truth

**Dec 8** The Promise of Compassion

**Dec 15** The Promise of Restoration

**Dec 22** The Promise of Justice

## Upcoming Events

**Dec 1** Christmas Choral Concert (Steinmann MC)

**Dec 10** Christmas Lunch at Schmidtsville

## Prayer Request

Please keep Jean Schwartzentruber in your prayers as she grieves the death of her brother, Ward Jackson. Jean is consoled by the fact that his family was with him.

## Congregational Notes

Sunday, November 24th will include a communion service. In addition there will be an opportunity to name our losses, in particular those loved ones whose death weighs heavy on our hearts. If you would like a specific loved one named please give their name to Susan or be prepared to name them yourself.

The Advent Formation Hour Conversation includes a printed guide. If you plan to attend or if you would like it for your own study please sign the paper on the bulletin board.

**Wilmot Ignited Christmas Choir** will be performing at three events over the Christmas season:

1. Sunday, December 1, 7:30 pm - Christmas Chorale Concert hosted by Steinmann Mennonite Church, all are welcome
2. Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm - WI Christmas Program at Nithview Home auditorium
3. Sunday, December 29, 10:00 am - Joint WI service at Wilmot Mennonite Church, featuring the WI Christmas Choir

## Beyond The Congregation

### **Anthony Siegrist appointed MCEC Executive Minister**

The MCEC Executive Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Anthony Siegrist to the position of Executive Minister. "I've long been committed to the life of the church, believing that Christian communities are called to participate in the reconciling work that God is doing in the world," says Anthony. "I look forward to contributing to the life and vitality of this group of churches as they seek to embody Christ's presence in the world." Anthony is currently the Ontario Director of *A Rocha*, a nationwide creation-care focused organization that builds partnerships with congregations. Prior to this he was the pastor of Ottawa Mennonite Church for seven years. Anthony begins his role on February 1, 2025.

**Messiah Sing-Along with Menno Singers** Today, Sun, Nov 17 at 3pm at St Matthews Lutheran Church. People will sit in parts and sing through lots of Messiah choruses.

**Upcoming Breakfast Event** - Nov 21 @ 7:30 am at Graffiti Market. In the spring of 2024, Jim and Mariel Konrad visited MEDA's RIISA project in the Philippines. Join us for breakfast where Jim will share their experiences and insights from their trip, hearing a firsthand account of MEDA's work in the Philippines and learning about business solutions in the cacao sector through MEDA's RIISA project. (Resilience and Inclusion through Investment for Sustainable Agrikultura)

### **Men listening, men talking retreat**

November 29-30, 2024 at Hidden Acres. Who are men called to be in 2024 and beyond, and how can they live lives that matter? Join a two-day retreat to take a deep dive into honest conversations on healthy masculinity. The cost is \$115 and includes refreshments, meals, and accommodations. Learn more at [mcc.org/events/men-listening-men-talking-retreat](https://mcc.org/events/men-listening-men-talking-retreat).

You are invited to attend the **Area Churches Christmas Choir Concert** on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 7:30 pm at Steinmann Mennonite Church (1316 Snyder's Rd W Baden). There will be a freewill offering in support of Mennonite Central Committee's Meat Canning Project. Doors open at 7 pm.

### **Lunch and Listen: An MCC Journey through Uganda**

*December 10 at 12 p.m.*, Join us for an inspiring presentation as MCC staff Lynda Lynch and Debbie Siertsema share their experiences from a recent learning tour in Uganda, where they explored MCC's impactful programs across the region. Join us in-person in the Community Room, 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener or [watch the livestream on Facebook](#).

## 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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