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Thanksgiving Sunday

Disorientation to Reorientation: Singing a Song

As we orientate ourselves to a new way of being, we rejoice and offer our gratitude to our Creator. Living with a spirit of gratitude, how will we embrace our new realities? What new song will we sing?

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship Martha Smith Good
Come sing a new song of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

We sing our joy and gratitude for all the good things that God has done!

Come sing a new song with sea and earth, with rivers and hills, with all creation longing to be made new.

We sing God's reign and righteousness, already but not yet in our beautiful and broken world, already and coming soon in the fullness of time.

Come sing a new song of God's saving power and victory, a song of love and faith and hope for all God's promises.

We sing with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

All praise and thanks to God!

Prayer

Songs Now Thank We All Our God HWB 86
Holy, Holy, Holy HWB 120

Words of Confession & Assurance

We confess that God is righteous and has already won the victory, yet how often we take matters into our own hands and fail to trust God. Instead of joining creation in praise, we have too often done harm to the earth and its creatures. Instead of respecting others, we have too often failed to recognize them as made in the image of God. Forgive us, Lord, for our hard-heartedness and willfulness. Create in us a new resolve to follow you in doing what is right.

Hear now these words of assurance from Ephesians 2:8-10:
"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

As we have now made our confession, let us receive God's gift of forgiveness and grace. May we sing a new song of God's goodness in the way we live each day. May we live the life that God has prepared for us, a life of humility and good works. Amen.

Song Sing to the Lord of Harvest HWB 98

Scripture Psalm 98

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response We Sing to You, O God. VT 80

Sharing Time & Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Sending Song You Shall Go Out With Joy HWB 427

Benediction

Postlude

Protocol Reminders - In Person Worship

We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather to worship. 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 six foot 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. As much as possible visit with each other outside.
- Wear a mask at all times unless you have breathing issues.
- Hum or quietly sing for hymns.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Do not move chairs in the sanctuary. Ushers will rearrange the chairs if needed.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.
- Signing in is not necessary

Protocols Reminders - Access to Church Building

- Sign in and out on the papers located in the foyer and the side entrance. Please wear a mask.
- If others are in the building maintain a six foot distance between each other.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.

Upcoming Worship Service

- Oct 10 Disorientation to Reorientation: Singing a Song
(Thanksgiving Sunday)
- Oct 17 A Journey Towards Right Relations with First People's
Marie Pavey guest speaker
- Oct 24 - Nov 14 The Book of Ruth
- Nov 2 Guest Speaker: Susan Schwartzentruber. Shalom Counselling

Upcoming Events

Quilting and Matt Weaving - Tuesday mornings at the church
Bible Study Psalm 23 - Tue. Oct 19, 7 pm on Zoom
Annual Business Meeting - November 14 , 11 am at church

Birthdays:

October 12, Ken Quanz

Anniversaries:

October 10, 1959, Harold & Darlene Culp
October 11, 1997, Ralph & Sandra Bean

Prayer Requests:

Please keep Nelda and Ray Brenneman in your prayers. Nelda had some health concerns this week which required hospitalization. Pray for healing for Nelda.

Pray for those who for whatever reason find it difficult to come to church. Pray this week for Doris Duncan, Jean Schwartzentruber, Mary Schwartzentruber.

Congregational Notes:

Fall Worship

The services will be recorded and a copy will be made available on Youtube and on the tablets by the following Wednesday. Worship Services will begin at 10 am.

Bible Study Join Bob Thaler on Tuesday evenings as he leads us in a six week study on the Psalms. The first study will be on Tuesday evening, October 19 at 7 pm. The meetings will be held on Zoom. (The link will be in next week's bulletin.)

Book Conversations: Read the novel Gutter Child by Jael Richardson by the end of October and join in on a conversation with others. Talk to Lil about borrowing the church copy.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 11:00 am at the church. If you will be submitting a report for the annual report, please email it to Valerie by October 24.

Sewing Kits

MCC is in desperate need of sewing kits. For this week we will have a basket at the back of the church for donations to purchase kits. You may also include it in your weekly offerings.

Office Hours: Valerie will be in the office next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Beyond The Congregation:

2021 Benjamin Eby Lecture (CGUC) | Thurs., Oct. 21 7:30 PM
"Composing Louis Riel's Dream: Exploring the history of the Red River Settlement through family stories and music" will be presented by Associate Professor of Music Karen Sunabacka. This virtual lecture will be shared over video, with a Q&A on Zoom to follow. Register your spot at grebel.ca/eby

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is inviting you to "participate" in its first annual Rally for Recreation, Oct 15 - 17. It's a great way to get outside while also supporting the work of Hidden Acres. Decide how far you want to walk, hike, bike or run and choose the best course for you near your home. For more information, visit www.hidden.acres.ca.

Global Vaccination Effort (Unicef) Canadians generously donated to UNICEF's #GiveAVax campaign, over \$8,300,000 — which will be matched by the Canadian federal government. This will provide urgently needed vaccines to low-income countries allowing 3.4 million people to be fully vaccinated.

MEDA Breakfast

Thursday, October 21, 7:30 -9:00 am

RiverSong Banquet Hall at 623 Hawkesville Rd, St Jacobs
\$20 online or at the door.

*We strongly encourage paying the admission fee online if you're able!
This helps us get a reliable count for meal planning
Please note: Ontario's passport requirement is in effect: Attendees will need to show full proof of vaccination and photo ID to attend, especially as we will likely be indoors to the colder weather.