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**October 6, 2024**

World Communion Sunday

Welcoming the Refugee

Prelude Doris Martin

Welcome Bonnie-Lee Bowman

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

**We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.**

How in the world shall we serve our God?

**By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

Song Jesus Calls Us VT 30

Psalm 116

Song Longing for Light VT 715

Scripture & Sermon Christina Edmiston

Song Beauty for Brokenness VT 712

Service of Communion (see insert)

Song I Come with Joy VT478

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song We Your People Sing Your Praises VT 849

Announcements

Blessing from Cuba

May God prosper you.

May your days be long and your nights serene.

May your friendships honour you, and your family love you.

May you eat at your table, and

May you be gathered into God's embrace with a smile.

Postlude

We welcome Christina Edmiston to our worship service today. Christina serves as the Refugee Sponsorship Associate with MCC Ontario's Migration & Resettlement Team, guiding sponsors through the onboarding and sponsorship application process. She is an ordained minister with MCEC and a credentialed lawyer with 15+ years of in-depth experience as a sponsor, as well as a volunteer to assist asylum seekers here in Canada.

\*Call to worship by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates serving in the United Kingdom

## Upcoming Worship Services

- Oct 13** The Certainty of God's Presence  
Hebrews 6:13-20 Susan Allison-Jones
- Oct 20** Confidence Like David  
1 Chronicles 29:2-20 Susan Allison-Jones
- Oct 27** Coming Home to a Different Place  
Jeremiah 30 (29:10-14) Susan-Allison-Jones

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 6 Chili lunch 12 noon  
Oct 8 Tuesday lunch 12 noon  
Oct 15 Girls Club  
Nov 10 Annual Meeting

## Birthdays

- October 7 Katie Koenig  
October 12 Ken Quanz

## Anniversaries

- October 8 Michael & Lia Fewkes  
October 10 Harold & Darlene Culp

## Prayer

Give thanks with Harold and Darlene Culp for 65 years of marriage. They live each day with gratitude and are grateful for the many ways in which God has been with them during the challenges of their lives.

Hold our members who live in long term care homes in prayer: Doris Duncan, Frank Hinz and Mary Schwartzentruber. Give thanks for the staff who provide for their daily needs.

## Congregational Notes

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the expressions of sympathy, words of encouragement, cards, flowers, telephone calls and to all who came to the Reception at the church. It was very heartwarming. As well, many thanks to Lorraine, Pat & Wolfgang for giving up a quiet Sunday afternoon to assist with this event. Sincerely, Stanley & Verda Cook

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the Tuesday lunch.

There will be a Q&A with Christina Edminston after the worship service before our lunch together.

**CHRISTMAS CHORALE CONCERT** On Sunday, Dec 1, @ 7:30 p.m., Steinmann Mennonite Church. Neighbouring communities and congregations have been invited to bring their own choir and present 2 songs. The highlight that completes the evening will be a mass choir presenting several songs together under the direction of Nancy Steinmann Yantzi.

The Wilmot Ignited group of churches will be creating our own choir to sing 2 songs and then participate with the mass choir on December 1. This choir will be led by Susan Cressman and Janna Lynn Cressman. More details will be available shortly but it would be expected that practices will take place at Nith Valley Mennonite Church on Sunday evenings in October and November (dates to be determined). If you are interested and would like to participate with your vocal or instrumental musical talents or have more questions, please contact Susan ([cressman7@gmail.com](mailto:cressman7@gmail.com)) or Janna Lynn ([jlccressman@gmail.com](mailto:jlccressman@gmail.com)) by **October 15!** Please indicate what part you sing (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass), what instrument you play and what congregation you are connected with.

## Beyond The Congregation

**This afternoon, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Lutheran Church**, New Hamburg, is hosting the Canadian debut performance of composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker. Mixing his own reflective piano compositions with storytelling, poetry, and humour, concert-goers will hear Keesecker's unique blend of classical technique, jazz improvisation, Celtic, and folk music influences. Attendees will also lend their own voices, as Keesecker leads engaging hymn singing from the piano.

**Kindred Credit Union** is celebrating 60 years of helping you Make Peace with Your Money®! This International Credit Union Day, we want to say "Thank you!" and celebrate our amazing members all month long! Please join us on October 17th at any of our eight branches for refreshments and lunch, great conversation, giveaways, and prizes! Everyone is welcome; bring your family and friends! At 11:00 a.m. there will be a brief welcome from local dignitaries and Kindred leaders, and an announcement about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Drive. A free lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.– menu varies by branch (While quantities last)

**MCEC Intercultural Worship Gathering and Potluck, Saturday, October 26, 2024, 4 - 6 p.m, First Hmong Mennonite Church.** We warmly invite everyone to join us for a special time of worship, unity, and celebration, as various congregations come together to honour our diversity in Christ. This year's speaker: Hruai Tu, Chair of Young Adult Ministry at Chin Christian Church (Kitchener). Potluck follows - bring food to share! [More information at mcec.ca/events](https://mcec.ca/events).

## 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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**Church Office Hours:** Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursdays. Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday.