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The Psalms

Disorientation - When everything falls apart

Pianist Doris Martin

Welcome Wolfgang Dreschke

Call to Worship Isaiah 6: 1-5

I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted,
and the train of his robe filled the little country church.

**Above him were angels with six wings:
with two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet,
and with two they were flying.**

And they were calling to one another:

**Holy, holy holy is the Lord Almighty,
the whole earth is full of his glory.**

And at the sound of their voices,
the doorposts and the threshold shook
and the church was filled with smoke.

**Woe is me for I am undone
and my lips are silent.**

Hymn: VT 76 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Opening Prayer

Almighty and holy God, give us voices, give us words.
Standing in the presence of your beautiful holiness,
we are struck dumb with awe.

Give us voices, give us words that we might praise you.

Righteous God, just God, give us words, give us voices.
Standing in a broken world of the homeless and the abused,
the hungry and the naked, we find ourselves
with nothing to say.

**Give us your Word to set us on fire.
Give us your Voice to proclaim the hour
of your justice and mercy.**

Silent God, give us voices, give us words.
Some here have lost ones they love.
Some, their lives are turned to dust and ashes.
Standing in the empty, forsaken place,
the pain has taken our breath away
so we cannot speak.

**Give us voices, give us words that you might hear us
when we set before you our grief and our rage.
Amen.**

Scripture: Psalm 22: 1-21 Fern Good

Hymn: VT 623 What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring?

Sermon Bob Thaler

Scripture: Psalm 13

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
**How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes or I will sleep in death,
**My enemy will say, "I have overcome them."
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**
But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
**I will sing the Lord's praise,
For he has been good to me.**

Hymn: VT 694 Tears of Suffering
To the tune of VT 57 Holy Spirit Come with Power

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn: VT 98 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Benediction Habakkuk 3: 17-19
Though the fig-tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
Though there are no sheep in the sheepfold
and no cattle in the stalls,
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
He enables me to tread on the heights.

Upcoming Worship Services

Sept 17 Disorientation When Everything Falls Apart
Bob Thaler
Sept 24 Lament in a Time of Disorientation
Susan Allison-Jones

Oct 1st Trust in the Journey to Reorientation
Susan Allison-Jones
World Communion Sunday
Oct 8 Singing a New Song - Reorientation
Susan Allison-Jones
Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events

Sept 19 Tuesday Lunch 12 noon
Sept 19 Girls Club 7:00 pm
Sept 20 Ministry Team Meeting 10:00 am
Sept 24 Formation Hour & Coffee The Psalms:
Orientation, Disorientation, and Reorientation
Nov 12 Annual Meeting 11:00 am

Birthdays

September 21 Michael Fewkes
September 21 Doris Duncan

Congregational Notes

I want to thank my church family for the lovely flowers and your thoughts and prayers during my recent fall. I am feeling better and thank God for healing. Erma Shantz

I want to thank the church for the lovely flower and your prayers during the recent passing of my brother, Jonathan Salanic. Words cannot express how thankful I am, and I appreciate each of you. Edna

Join others for a lunch at the Church this Tuesday at noon. Please sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Lorraine Ramer.

Wilmot Ignited Churches are hosting **I Love You and it Hurts** (Theatre of the Beat) the evening of November 11 at Hillcrest Mennonite Church. I Love You and it Hurts is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. The unique style of Forum Theatre that we utilize with the show will allow participants to stop the action of the play and suggest different approaches to navigating these difficult situations. The actors will then rework the scene in real-time to produce a better outcome. This is a unique and innovative way to raise awareness and start important conversations around abuse.

Beyond The Congregation:

Seniors Fall Retreat at Hidden Acres on Monday October 2nd. The theme is **Songs that Shape and Reshape Us**. Our resource person is Ingrid Loepp Thiessen. Doug Cressman will accompany the singing. Cost is \$50 per person, registration is limited. Call Hidden Acres to register or go [here](#).

Coffee House Talks September 20, 2023. Susan Sutherland, Fibre Artist will be speaking on the history and art of rug hooking. To register for this free event, send an email to coffeehousetalks2020@gmail.com or call the Wilmot Family Resource Centre at 519-662-2731.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre's 29th ANNUAL POOR

BOYS LUNCHEON Thursday Sep 28, 2023

Tickets: single ticket \$10 or Family of Four \$35

Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm Dinner 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Tickets available at the door, cash or cheque only

New Hamburg Community Centre (251 Jacob St.)

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting

September 25, 2023 from 7:00-8:30 pm, Online

We deeply appreciate your support, and how you are impacting so many lives in Ontario and around the world. Join us on September 25 for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) as we share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. Official Congregational Representatives and Delegates who register as such are entitled to vote. Visit mcc.org/AGM for details.

Save the date: Empty Bowls for Haiti

Sat Oct 14 at 5 pm and 7 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church.

Plan to be at this year's Empty Bowls for Haiti event. Local potters donate hand-crafted bowls and local restaurants provide a wide variety of delicious soups. Funds raised strengthen communities in Haiti. Tickets are \$35 each. Go to mcc.org/events to buy your tickets today!

"We Own This Now"

*October 12 at 7:00 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church,
October 15 at 7:00 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate,*

This play, presented by Ted & Company TheatreWorks, is sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee; the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships; local churches and church groups; businesses, and individuals. It explores the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justified European acquisition of the Americas and the oppression of Indigenous peoples and is a follow up to the play, "Discovery - A Comic Lament" which was performed in the Region in 2018. Tickets are \$15 each (\$10 for students). Get yours at mcc.org/we-own-this-now.

Dementia Capable Communities Pop Up Kitchener Public Library 85 Queen St North 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (drop-in)
In recognition of World Alzheimer's Day, the Dementia Capable Communities, co-led by Schlegel Research Chair Laura Middleton, will be at the Kitchener Public Library to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. They will share information, and provide an opportunity for community members to commit to an action. Individuals living with dementia will also be in attendance to share their lived experiences. No registration is required.

Mission Possible: Launch Your Waste Reduction Journey!
Thursday, September 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT. This free webinar will help you learn about specific steps that we can take to reduce waste in our lives and what corporations and governments need to do to reduce waste. Following the keynote speaker's presentation, a panel of community members will share their personal experiences of trying to reduce waste. A Question & Answer period will follow. For more information go to nvecoboosters.com or contact nvecoboosters@gmail.com

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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To Book the Church call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030.
Church Office Hours: Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday (5-9pm). Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday..