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Uncommon Wisdom: Choosing How We Shall Live

Prelude Sara Roth

Welcome Anne Thaler

Call to Worship Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, my soul!

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in humans who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

On that very day, their plans come to nothing

**Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

He is the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea and everything in them.

He remains faithful forever.

Therefore, God upholds the cause of the oppressed

He gives food for the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free.

He gives sight to the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

He loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the immigrant and the foreigner.
The Lord sustains the fatherless and the widow
but frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

The Lord reigns for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Hymn The Love of God VT 162

Opening Prayer Ps 125: 1, Prov 22: 2,22, Jas 2: 8,17

Lord God, we trust you. Because your love and goodness surround us, we are like a mountain that cannot be moved.

Because we have you, we do not need to seek the favour of the rich and powerful. They cannot save. We do not need to grasp from the poor or the weak. We have enough.

Because we trust your overflowing abundance, we can share our blessings with the hungry and homeless. Because we can trust your strength and protection, we can take up the cause of the oppressed and the down-trodden.

Because we trust your love, we can love our neighbour as ourselves. We need not hold anything back. We can welcome them home. We can go out to meet them.

Open our eyes, Lord. that we might see just who is our neighbour: the poor, and the weak, the lonely and the broken. Open our hearts that we might be moved with compassion.

Lord, if the poor are to inherit your Kingdom, give us the courage to seek them. There is no life in our trust in you if we do not live it out among them. Amen.

Hymn: For The Healing of The Nations VT 705

Scripture: Psalm 125

James 2: 1-17

Hymn: Beauty For Brokenness VT 712

Scriptures: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Hymn of Response: Longing For Light VT 715

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Hymn: Will You Come And Follow Me VT 540

Announcements

Sending

The Law says you must love your neighbour as yourself.

But then they asked Jesus, "who is my neighbour?"

This week you may find yourself on the Jericho road.

You will come across someone left for dead:

the poor, the downtrodden, the lonely and abandoned.

Do not pass by on the other side. Have courage.

Stop and tend their wounds. Give them something to eat.

Bring them home.

Postlude

Upcoming Worship Services

Sept 15	Holding on to Wisdom Proverbs 1:20-33	Susan Allison-Jones
Sept 22	For Such a Time Esther 7:1-6, 10, 9:20-22	Susan-Allison-Jones
Sept 29	Job's Integrity in Suffering Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Susan-Allison-Jones

Upcoming Events

Sept 19	Ministry Team Meeting 9:30 am
Sept 22	90th Birthday Celebration for Frank Hinz 1:30 pm

Birthdays

September 14	Nate Gingerich
September 14	Lia Fewkes

Anniversaries

September 13 Wolfgang & Meritta Dreschke

Prayer Concerns

Pray for Liam Merritt and the children in your lives who began a new school year this past week. Ask God to walk alongside these children as they learn and grow.

Doris Duncan is in declining health. Pray for her family as they spend time with Doris and for the medical caregivers who provide for her daily needs.

Congregational Notes

Frank Hinz 90th Birthday Celebration Join Frank at Westmount Chartwell LTC home to celebrate his milestone of reaching 100 years in July. All are invited to join in on the celebration. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you are planning to help celebrate Frank's birthday on Sept. 22nd. The plan is to arrive at 1:30 at Westmount. Please talk to Fern Good if you need a ride. **Sign up by Sept.15th.**

Anabaptist Bible Pre-order If you wish a copy of the Anabaptist Bible and haven't signed the sheet on the foyer yet please do so today. We will be doing a bulk order with other churches to lessen the cost.

Beyond The Congregation

Steinmann Mennonite Church is celebrating their bicentennial this year. We invite you to a "Hymn Sing: Music Through the Years" on Friday, September 20, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. An offering will be received for the Wilmot Family Resource Center. Following the singing, there will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

A bus tour of the Wilmot Township Amish Settlement is planned for Sat., Sept, 21, 8 am – 12:30 pm. The morning includes breakfast at Schmittsville and the bus tour led by tour guide, David Neufeld. Cost is \$60/person. E-transfers can be sent to accountant@smchurch.ca. For more info, contact Steinmann Mennonite Church 519.634.8311.

Meet-the-author event on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener. The author is Leah Reesor-Keller, and her book is entitled *Tending: Change for People and Planet*. This is an interdenominational event offered to the whole community.

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting Mon, Sept. 23,, 7 p.m. Grounded in the church, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an opportunity for us to be accountable, transparent and responsive to you. We invite you to join in celebrating the impact you've made of sharing God's love and compassion in the lives of so many in Ontario and around the world. Delegates from constituent congregations are invited and authorized to vote. The meeting will take place over Zoom. For more information, go to mcc.org/Ontario-AGM.

Canadian debut performance of composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker. October 6th, 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg, Mixing his own reflective piano compositions with storytelling, poetry, and humor, 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. Thomas Keesecker retired as a church musician after serving over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His sacred music is published by MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, Concordia, and GIA. He studied at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C.

Catching the Spark: Dynamic Bible Study Series with Dr. Derek Suderman, Professor of Conrad Grebel University. In-person - Thursday evenings in October from 7 - 8:30PM. FREE! Do you long for a deeper connection with Scripture and a more engaging way to study the Bible? If you've ever felt that Bible study can sometimes feel dry and disconnected from everyday life, "Catching the Spark" offers a refreshing, interactive approach to delving into Scripture - this series through the timeless story of Ruth. This is open to any and all individuals invite your friends and family. [More Information and to Register](#)

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.

Living with Loss A six week course offered by Interfaith on Tuesday evenings November 5-December 10. See the pamphlet on the table in the foyer for more information and information on other support groups that are being offered this fall.

Ministry Team Leaders

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good
Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz
Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler
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Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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