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Rising of Lazarus: Love and Grief; Glory and Belief

Prelude Delphine Schwartzenruber

We Gather

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Glyn Jones

Welcome Lent.

Welcome mystery.

Welcome dissonance.

Welcome grief.

Welcome glory and uncertainty.

Welcome doubt. Welcome belief.

Welcome questions without answers.

Welcome fullness from above.

Welcome death and resurrection.

Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.

Song All People That on Earth Do Dwell VT 5

Psalm 104:27-30

Song I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

Confessional poem/prayer

Jesus, you don't always show up

when we expect

or in the way we expect.

We feel for Martha and Mary.

In our grief we too may say,

“Lord, if you had been here . . .”

In our bitter confusion we may say

“God healed others. Couldn't God have . . .”

We hoped you would prevent this pain.

We hoped you would fix this hurt.

Instead, you weep with us.

Instead, you go to the tomb

and sit with us in the horrid emptiness of loss.

Though you will surprise us again—

and this time with life—

for now, your love is shown

in tears.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Rising of Lazarus: Love and Grief; Glory and Belief
John 11:1-44 (Psalm 104:27-30)

Song In the Bulb there is A Flower VT 670

Sermon

We Respond

Song of Response There's a Wild Hope in the Wind
(video)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song I Have Decided to Follow Jesus VT 443

Sending Blessing

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant
melodies of your life,
remembering that Jesus is with us in our grieving
and the mystery of the Spirit is weaving all around us.
May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you, inviting
you to look for resurrection

Postlude

Lent - Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 2 Mar 1 Jesus Washes Feet: Obvious and Hidden
John 13:1-17 (Psalm 51:7-12) Susan Allison Jones
Lent 3 Mar 8 Peter's Denial: Standing Up and Standing Back
John 18:12-27 (Psalm 17:1-7) Jim Loepp Thiessen
Lent 4 Mar 15 Jesus and Pilate: Submission and Power
John 18:28-40 (Psalm 145:10-13) Susan Allison Jones
Lent 5 Mar 22 Jesus Condemned: Complicity and Innocence
John 19:1-16a (Psalm 146) Susan Allison Jones

A Poem for Lent

As we step into Lent,
we say "welcome" to the dissonance.
We reserve a space for lament and grief,
to stay a while and do their work.
We release our nice little pictures
of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world,
and look for God in the heartache.
We listen for God in discordant melodies.

And follow Jesus to the cross,
though we don't understand
and it doesn't compute.
As we step into Lent,
we say, "welcome" to the dissonance.
Trusting that God is here.
Now. In the mystery.
Before it is resolved.

Upcoming Events

Feb 22 Dwelling in Dissonance Conversation after Worship
Feb 26 Bible Study at Hillcrest MC at 7 pm

Lenten Lunches

12 noon. Cost of lunch by donation.

February 25 – Trinity Lutheran Church
23 Church St., New Hamburg
March 4 – Shantz Mennonite Church
2473 Erbs Road, Baden
March 11 --Zion United Church
215 Peel St., New Hamburg
March 18 – New Hamburg Christian Centre
177 Jacob St., New Hamburg
March 25 – Steinmann Mennonite Church
1316 Snyder's Road W. Baden

Birthdays

Stan Gallian February 22

Prayer Requests

Pray for God's love and comfort to surround Barb Jantzi and her family as they grieve the loss of Barb's sister-in-law, Anne Boshart.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for Christ Kingdom Reformed Church and Pastor Yonathan Assefa. Pray for this Ethiopian congregation located in Scarborough, Ontario.

Congregational Notes

Thank you to all who organized the pancake supper and helped in the kitchen. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

Join Susan after worship during Lent to discuss the week's Lenten theme. We will also use the Lenten material from the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada.

The Gospel of John will be the focus of the Lenten journey this year with the 2026 Narrative Lectionary scripture readings. You are invited to participate in a Wilmot Ignited Bible Study, led by pastors Kathryn, Kevin, and Greg. This will be an in-depth study of John's gospel, starting Thurs, Feb 26 and running weekly for 5 sessions. We will meet at Hillcrest Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 pm.

If you wish to make a financial contribution towards our commitment to furnish a room at the new Longterm Care home at Nithview (Tri-County Mennonite Homes) please designate your donation to "Tri-County Mennonite Homes".

Beyond The Congregation

MCEC Idea Exchange - Churches Caring for Creation, March 7, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener, ON. Join A Rocha Ontario and MCEC for our morning event to explore how Christian communities can make creation care part of the way they serve God and neighbour. A morning of stories and insights from experienced panelists.

Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres

Are you a grandparent looking for ways to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating, and worshipping together!

Join us March 16th, 2026 to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with *Wings Over The Rainforest*. Cost is \$30/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days

Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres

On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practising Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat. If you need help registering please talk to Susan.

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