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**October 20, 2024**

Confidence Like David

Prelude Susan Seyler

Welcome Wolfgang Dreschke

Call to Worship (Psalm 104:31, 33-35b)

May the glory of the Lord endure forever,

May we rejoice in God's works!

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

May our meditations be pleasing to God,

For we rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer VT 879

Life giving God,

May your Holy Spirit inspire

our praise and our prayers.

Open our hearts and minds to your presence

among us and within us.

Come alive in our words and actions

as we worship you.

To you alone belongs all praise and honor

and glory and blessing,

now and to the end of time. Amen

Song God of Grace and God of Glory VT 716

Psalm 37:3-7a

Song The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound VT 392

Prayer of Faithful Living

God invites us to live by faith today in every way, with every facet of our lives to trust that God is sovereign, to trust that God is almighty and all good.

**God, help us to not live based on our understanding, but to live based on faith and trust in you and to acknowledge you in all of our ways.**

God, all throughout our day, help us to acknowledge you.

Help us to be aware of your presence with us, your guidance in all that we do.

**Help us to live today tethered to your Word and your Spirit acknowledging you in all our ways and we trust...**

We believe...

We know you'll make straight our paths.

**God, make straight our paths today.**

**Lead us, guide us, direct us according to your Word and your Spirit as we trust in you.**

Song Come, Thou Fount VT 563

Sermon & Scripture 1 Chronicles 29:2-20

Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response For Christ and the Church HWB 416

Sharing

Congregational Prayer in Voices Together VT 996

Song Now Thank We All Our God VT 114

## Announcements

### Sending

### Upcoming Worship Services

- Oct 27** Coming Home to a Different Place  
Jeremiah 30 (29:10-14) Susan-Allison-Jones
- Nov 3** Peace Sunday John 17:10-26, 1 Peter 5:6-9  
Dave Rogalsky
- Nov 10** Rising from the Dead Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 11:1-44 Susan-Allison-Jones

### Upcoming Events

- Oct 27 Formation Hour
- Nov 3 Coffee after Worship
- Nov 10 Annual Meeting & Pizza Lunch
- Nov 17 Formation Hour with Lori Guenther Reeser
- Nov 12 Tuesday Lunch
- Dec 1 Christmas Choral Concert (Steinmann MC)
- Dec 10 Christmas Lunch at Schmidtsville

### Prayer Request

Please keep Nevin and Wanda Gingerich and their family in your prayers after the sudden death of their granddaughter Katie. Also remember Katie's parents Larry (Barb) and Karen and her sister Ally.

Also pray for Pat and Mel Jantzi and their extended Steckley family as they grieve the sudden death of Ross Steckley.

Pray that those who are grieving will feel the presence and love of God during this difficult time.

Pray for First Mennonite Church and the Shalom Healing & Worship Center as they enter a new partnership centered on the shared use and ownership of the building at 800 King St. East.

## Congregational Notes

**RLT Group** You are invited to be part of a small group who will take time to **Reflect** on scripture, to **Listen** to God and We thank **Talk** together about what we have heard. If you are interested in being part of this group please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Susan. Dates and times will be determined based on the availability of the people wanting to participate.

Please review the volunteer list that is on the foyer bulletin board. If any changes are necessary please let Edna know.

### Beyond The Congregation

**You are invited to attend Sing the Journey Deep**, a conference being hosted by Inshallah and the Kanata Centre, on October 24 and 25. We are honoured to welcome Mark A Miller as the featured guest. Professor Miller is a distinguished composer, hymn writer, and educator known for his profound contributions to contemporary worship music. Mark is committed to using his gifts of music to advocate for social justice and helping to create the beloved community.

**Organ Recital** Mark Miller, who holds a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Juilliard, will play the 3,000-pipe Casvart organ at St. Matthews Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24. His performance will be followed by a question and answer session.

**Big Sing** Anyone who likes to sing will enjoy the "Big Sing" from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The cost is only \$10.00 per person. Mark Miller will lead participants in several of his compositions. **Community Singing Event and Sing the Journey Deep songbook launch** with Inshallah and Mark Miller - public event

**On Friday evening, Oct 25 at Trillium Lutheran Church** at 22 Willow St in Waterloo, where Inshallah, along with Mark Miller and other guests, will sing and lead songs from their new songbook, *Sing the Journey Deep*.

**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).

**MCEC Lunch and Learn** Oct. 29, noon, 50 Kent Ave., Kit. Pastor Yin Hongtao, Mennonite Church Canada church liaison since 2005, and several Chinese colleagues will talk about their ministries in the Chinese church. Pastor Yin will also discuss the growth of the Anabaptist movement in China and the challenges for the church. You are invited to bring your lunch and join the conversation.

**The Canadian Council of Churches** was founded in 1944 to promote dialogue and sharing among the many Christians denominations in Canada. In 1962 the *Kitchener-Waterloo Council of Churches* was founded. In 2018, it was renamed *Christians Together Waterloo Region*. There will be two CCC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events held locally on November 6, 2024.

**In-person learning event (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)** at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Christian Unity and Social Justice in Context, Young Adults in the Canadian Ecumenical Movement, and Ecumenical Engagement at the Intersection of Faith, Life Sciences, and Biotechnology.

**An evening service (7 p.m.) Singing Lament and Hope Towards Peace**, at First United Church, Waterloo. The music will be led by Andrew Donaldson and Wendy Wyatt Donaldson and a presentation on Climate, Peace, and Security will be given by Cesar Jaramillo, Executive Director of Project Ploughshares. See posters on bulletin board in library for more information.

### **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 Thursdays. Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday.

## **Exciting Partnership Between First Mennonite and Shalom Healing & Worship Center**

First Mennonite Church and Shalom Healing & Worship Center are thrilled to announce a new partnership centered on the shared use and ownership of the building at 800 King St. East. After a period of deep discussion and careful discernment, both congregations have agreed on the sale price for a 50% stake in the property, shared goals, operational responsibilities, and mechanisms for resolving disputes or exit contingencies. This has resulted in a formal legal agreement, which will be signed during a special joint service of thanksgiving and celebration on October 13.

Throughout this process, First Mennonite and Shalom have found their trust in God's leading strengthened at every step. As two distinct congregations with their own structures and theological identities, they look forward to sharing the mission to serve God's kingdom in downtown Kitchener.

This partnership is a beautiful example of MCEC's collective commitment to foster intercultural growth by building relationships across diverse communities of faith. It also affirms our shared desire for sustainable growth as congregations strive to steward resources wisely and invest in a future where both congregations can thrive and continue their witness in the community.

Please celebrate and pray for First Mennonite Church and Shalom Healing & Worship Center. Let us give thanks together for this significant new chapter in the lives of these two MCEC congregations, as they walk alongside one another and strengthen their shared commitment to ministry in downtown Kitchener.