

Preston Mennonite Church

*Being transformed by and extending God's love
through worship, hospitality and service*

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Easter Sunday

Restore us, O God! We live!!!

PRELUDE

*During the service, those who have bells may ring them
whenever the word "Alleluia" is said or sung.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Traditional Easter greeting

CHRIST IS RISEN.

RESPONSE: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 273 "Low in the grave he lay"

Call to worship *(responsive--see back page)*

Community prayer (read together)

**God of endings and new beginnings,
we come to worship and to praise.
We come to abandon our pretenses
and offer up our hope and dreams,
that you may breathe new life into them.
Shake us from our slumber
and awaken us to our own resurrections.**

**Open our eyes to the new day
dawning in our hearts.
Let us rejoice and be glad,
for life has triumphed over death!
Alleluia! Amen.**

Hymn: HWB 278 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!"

SHARING AND PRAYING

Prayer for Jessica and Carl who will be going to Mozambique for two months, leaving on May 28

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time

Prayer for illumination

**Almighty God,
by the power of your Spirit
roll away the stone
and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

Gospel reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Message: "Fear of the unknown"

RESPONDING

Colossians 3:1-4

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Acts 10:34-43

Easter prayer

Hymn: HWB 275 *Lift your glad voices*

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: STS 92 (*purple spiral*) "Sing with all the saints
in glory"

Blessing

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer! God bless you and we hope to see you again!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the foyer-- ALL WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children: Classes (ages 3—5 and Primary) will follow the children's time and will last until the service ends. (10:55)

Adult Christian Formation: No adult class today.

MISSIONS

Wilmot Mennonite Church has asked us to save clean milk bags for making mats.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Amish Project, a fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community and the path of forgiveness and compassion forged in its wake. At St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre on Apr 26-30. For more info or to purchase tickets call 519-957-2693 or go to www.mcco.ca/the-amish-project

Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner on Fri Apr 21 at 6 pm at Waterloo Region Police Association, Camb. Tickets are \$28 See poster on bulletin board for more info.

Cambridge Male Chorus Cabaret 2017 on Fri Apr 21 and Sat Apr 22 at 7 pm at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Cambridge. Tickets \$20. See poster on bulletin board.

Women of MCEC Spring Meeting is Sat Apr 22, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Meet here at PMC at 8:15 am to carpool to St. Jacobs.

Canadian Mennonite's Annual Banquet is on Sat Apr 22 at 6 pm at Flordale Mennonite Church. RSVP by Apr 15 to alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com or call 343-262-1002

Spring Hymn Sing on Sun Apr 23 at 6:30 pm at King St Baptist Church, featuring musical selections by the William G. Davis School Choir. Refreshments to follow! Admission is free.

Mennonite Relief Sale Fundraising Dinner is Mon Apr 24 at 6pm at Bingemans. Tickets are \$10 and available by contacting Cindy at office@prestonmennonite.com

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: April 23 to May 14, a 600 km Pilgrimage from K-W to Ottawa. Opening Ceremony Celebration on Sun Apr 23 at 1:30 pm at Stirling Mennonite Church. A First Nations elder will be sending a blessing Claire will be participating in the last 4 days of the pilgrimage. To follow the progress of the Pilgrimage: www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/

Cambridge Stop for Pilgrimage—April 23, St. Peter's Lutheran will be hosting the meal for the first day of the pilgrimage in partnership with Wanner and Preston Mennonite Churches. There will also be a talking and learning circle after supper, which you are invited to attend to learn more about indigenous history and rights. If you would like to share your gifts of food preparation and hospitality, they would be very thankful. Supper will be potluck style, and breakfast will be continental style (breads, yogurts, hard-boiled eggs, fruit cheese, and juices). For more information on helping with supper and/or breakfast, or to join us for the sleep over, please contact Pastor Janaki pastor@st-peters-bridge.org or 519-653-4721.

Rockway Information Night is Tues Apr 25 at 7 pm, an opportunity for future students and families to explore a Christian education at Rockway.

Rockway Visual Arts Night is Tues Apr 25 at 7 pm, there will be a fair trade café and the opportunity to see the amazing work of the students.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 28 & 29 at The Meeting House in Oakville. Theme: The Great ReCommission. Register at www.mcec.ca by Thurs Apr 20. Everyone is welcome to attend a free concert on Fri night. *Rescue Junction* will play from 7-8pm. ReLearning Community participants will share moving stories of how God is changing lives. David Marting, MCEC Executive Minister, says, "ReLearning Community has been a powerful initiative within MCEC and I'm encouraged by the stories from those involved. It's exciting for us to share this experience more broadly."

Spring Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, on May 1 or May 2. Resource persons are Robert J & Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society." More info and to register: www.hiddenacres.ca by Apr 25.

Shalom Counselling Services Fundraising Breakfast on Sat May 6, 8:30 to 11 am, Stirling Ave Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$30 (receipts for \$15) by calling 519-886-9690 or online at www.shalomcounselling.org See poster.

House of Friendship Trek 4 Kids 12th Annual Hike & Bike on Sat May 6, 2 pm. Run, walk or bike the Iron Horse Trail starting and finishing at 50 Kent. See poster for details.

Hawkesville Mennonite Church Homecoming Sunday: Come home and see people from days gone by on Sun May 7. Fellowship 10 am, muffins & coffee, Worship 11 am. More info email office@hawkesvillemennonite.ca

Addison Women's Choir Spring Concert: *Something To Sing About!*, on Sun May 7 at 2pm here at PMC. Birthday cake will be served following the concert. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children, available from choir members or at the door.

Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50th Anniversary Concert is on Sun May 7 at 3 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Paddle the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sat May 13, a 1.5 hour late afternoon paddle from Inverhaugh to West Montrose. Funds raised help support camp program. To register or donate call 519-422-1201 or visit www.slmc.ca

Annual General Meeting for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp on Sat May 13 at 5:30 pm in Letson Park West Montrose. More info call 519-422-1201 or visit www.slmc.ca

22nd Annual Rockway Golf Classic is Wed May 17, a fun four person Scramble tournament at Willow Valley Golf Course. Golfers sign up then fundraise, proceeds benefit Tuition Assistance, helping students attend Rockway.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants (perennials, house plants, shrubs, annuals) More details to follow.

10th Annual Run for Relief, Sat May 27 at 8 am, at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. The event includes a 5K Run and a 2K Run/Walk. Register online at www.nhmrs.com

Rockway's Spring Concert is Thurs June 8 at 6:45 pm, join us at Rockway for this night of vocal and orchestral music.

Mennonite Men Retreat on Fri June 9—Sat June 10 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Scott Brubaker-Zehr and Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead. More info: www.eventbrite.ca