

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Quartet: Muriel Bechtel, Laverne Martin, Margaret Martin, Robert Witmer

Palm Sunday: Restore us, O God! We hope.

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 238 "Hosanna, loud hosanna"

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Opening prayer

Hymn: STS 73 "Jesus is coming"

(Children come forward while we sing)

SHARING AND PRAYING

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer

Sharing time

Prayer of the people

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time

Hymn: HWB 239 "Ride on, ride on in majesty"
Prayer for illumination

St. Matthew's Passion: Matthew 26:14—27:2

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus
The Passover with the Disciples
The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Hymn: HWB 463 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"
v. 1 & 2

Peter's Denial Foretold

Hymn: HWB 240 "Go to dark Gethsemane"

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Hymn: HWB 242 "Stay with me (2X)"

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Hymn: STS 80 "Jesus walked this lonesome
valley"

Jesus Before the High Priest

Peter's Denial of Jesus

Hymn: STS 58 "O God, how we have wandered"
with quartet

(TO BE CONTINUED ON GOOD FRIDAY WITH THE
DRAMATIZED TRIAL BEFORE PILATE)

RESPONDING

Prayer of response

Hymn: STS 85 "Lay down your head"

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 522 "My Jesus, I love thee"

Sending (see back page)

CREDITS: Opening prayer—UMC Website; Prayer for illumination, Invitation to offering, Offering prayer, Prayer of confession, Prayer of response—*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1.*

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: "The Truth About Stories"—continuing the discussion on telling our history and our Bible stories.

MISSIONS

Elmira Meat Canning, April 24 to 28, See the poster on bulletin board. Order forms for meat are available there as well.

Lenten Food Drive: bring in your donations for the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank and put in the bin in the upper lobby.

The Summerbridge Program is an eight to twelve week service program for people of diverse cultural backgrounds to strengthen relationships with their communities, experience the fulfillment of Christian service, support the development of their skills and build new friendships. More info, contact Joline Patfield at 519-745-8458. Application deadline May 1.

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

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ecumenical Prayer service with Taizé songs, Palm Sunday, April 9 at 7:30 pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church.

MCCO Easter Labyrinth, Wed Apr 12 from 12-2 pm at MCC at 50 Kent Ave. Deepen your preparation for Easter by walking the Labyrinth with Patricia Wagler. A brief introduction will be given at noon followed by an invitation to experience the labyrinth as you are able. No need to register.

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 the Registry Theatre in Kitchener on Apr 13-16 and 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 Fundraising Banquet is on Sat Apr 22 at 6 pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. There will be a program of music and biblical storytelling from the new Executor Editor Virginia Hostetler. RSVP by Apr 15 to alexandra.L.T.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. Speaker is Rachelle Friesen, former Peace Coordinator for MCC. 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 with a blessing ceremony. (Claire is going if you need a ride.) Go online at www.pfir.ca to sign the petition. Claire will be participating in the last 4 days of the pilgrimage. Check out the *Church Matters* podcast with Kathleen Vitt and 87 yr old Henry Neufeld who will be walking hundreds of kilometers: www.commonword.ca/go/1131 To follow the progress of the Pilgrimage check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Mennonite Church Canada Assembly scheduled for Oct.13-15: delegates are invited to this special assembly. More info at www.mennonitechurch.ca

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites applicants for the position of Vice-Principal. See full job posting at www.rockway.ca

EASTER EVENTS AT PMC

Palm Sunday with St. Matthew's Passion

Good Friday Service: 10:00 am with the Drama "Truth in the Face of Power"

Easter Sunday

Singing in the Resurrection: 8:30 am

Easter Breakfast: 9:00 am, sign up for what you plan to bring as well as attendance

Children's Egg Hunt: 9:30 am

Easter Service: 10:00 am, Joint Service with Living Bridge Assembly

****Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services will be broadcast in the Fairview Dining Room****

Easter Monday: PCC Singing Visitation, 9:30 am

