

## **Preston Mennonite Church**

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

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Worship Leader: Sandra Moreau    Guest Speaker: Tonya Osinkosky  
Song Leader: Marg Martin    Accompanist: Dianne Winkler, Wendy &  
Heather Imrie, Brook Brenneman  
Quartet: Marg Martin, Muriel Bechtel, Laverne Martin, Robert Witmer  
Soloist: Josh Osinkosky

## **Great is your Faithfulness!**

Prelude – Memories slide show

Greeting and Welcome

Hymn: HWB #120 “Holy, holy, holy”

Call to worship – see back of bulletin

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Praise #62 “Oh for a thousand tongues to  
sing” (v 1,2,6)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 – Nancy Kinsie  
In Mandarin – Jessica Cui

Quartet: “Great is thy Faithfulness”

Children's Time – Krista Kinsie & Heather Imrie

Offering

Scripture: Acts 2: 42-47

Message: "This is holy; this is church"

Solo: "Through all of it"

Confessing/Reconciling – see back of bulletin

Letter from Henry Paetkau – Elsie Kuepfer

Giving of the Prayer Shawl

Claire's time to share

Hymn: STJ #14 "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"  
(v 1,2,4)

Litany of Farewell

Sandra: Together, in God's presence,  
we have completed a journey,  
a journey of faith as a people of God.  
A journey of strength and human frailty.  
In the laughter and the joy of it,  
in the tears and the pain of it,  
God's loving Spirit has sustained us.

**Congregation: You are the Light in our midst,  
Oh God. Your faithfulness endures  
forever.**

Sandra: Together, in God's presence,  
we have worshipped and prayed,  
shared our highest hopes, and learned  
our deepest disappointments.

Together, we have visioned what it is to be the church, a ministry of love to one another and to the world.

We have planned and processed, agreed and disagreed, laughed and loved, given, received, and learned to see our diversity as strength.

**Congregation: You are the Light in our midst, Oh God. Your faithfulness endures forever.**

Barb: Your passion for worship,  
for marking significant passages  
in our individual and community life  
and naming them sacred.  
Your love of beauty in ritual and symbol.  
Your gift of encouraging when we doubted  
our own giftedness.  
Your sensitive pastoral care  
in calm and crisis.  
Your ability to teach in sermon, or study  
group, or personal encounter.  
Your passion for respectful dialogue,  
for open and honest communication.  
Your modeling of integrity and courage  
in difficult times.  
Your attending to your own spiritual  
needs and relationship with God, and  
encouraging us to do the same.

**Congregation: Your leadership has been a gift from God for our enrichment.**

Dianne: Today, in God's presence,  
our journey ends.  
You have become an indelible part of our  
ongoing story and we of yours.  
May the Light of God in Christ, as  
symbolized in this candle,

go with you as you leave this place to  
enter your new chapter in life.

And may that same Light stay with us  
still, ever faithful, ever sure.

Claire: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Hymn: STJ #73 "The Lord lift you up"

Benediction

Postlude

CREDITS: "Litany of Farewell" written by Marg Wiebe, adapted.

### *Welcome to our visitors!*

We hope our time of worship has been encouraging to you.

Please sign our guest book in the front foyer!

God bless you and we hope to see you again!

## **WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration:** Sun Jan 14, 2-5pm  
at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Join in the  
celebration of Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years  
of teaching at Rockway. Refreshments will be served.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** Grade 9 Night on Tues Jan  
16—dinner at 6:15 pm, information session at 7 pm.  
Register at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

**"Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire,"**  
a lecture at Conrad Grebel on Thurs Jan 25 at 7:30 pm  
with visting Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen, who  
will explore the Mennonite colonization on Muslim land.

**Ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs** on Jan 28 at  
7:30pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount  
Rd E, Kitchener.

**Practices to Nourish our Wintry Spirits:** a day apart to sustain our wintry spirits with prayer practices both new and familiar as we quiet ourselves, engage our senses, and explore patience as an underrated gift of the season. Facilitated by Pat Wagler on Wed Feb 7 from 9 am to 3 pm at W-K United Mennonite Church in Waterloo.

**Worship Come to its Senses:** a workshop to explore songs, texts and verbal and non-verbal ways to communicate our worship. Facilitator is Don Saliers, on Sat Feb 10 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Fee is \$25. Contact [congreb@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:congreb@uwaterloo.ca) or call 519-885-0220 to register.

**Heifer Sale** on Fri Feb 16 at 11am. To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact MCC at 519-745-8458. More info at [www.mcco.ca/heifer-sale](http://www.mcco.ca/heifer-sale)

**Mennonite Marriage Encounter Fundraiser:** on Sat Feb 17 at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Refreshments are served at 6 pm followed by a roast beef dinner. After dinner entertainment is provided by the music group *Stand Firm*. Tickets are \$45 at 519-656-2005 or email [denise\\_bender@yahoo.com](mailto:denise_bender@yahoo.com)

**Family Day Open House** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on Feb 19 from 10am to 3:30pm. Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Hot lunch available for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch. More info and to RSVP: [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or 519-625-8602

**“The Mouse that Roared”** presented by students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, on Fri Mar 2 @ 7:30pm and Sat Mar 3 @ 2pm and 7:30pm. Ticket information is available at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

**Free Noon Hour Concerts and Winter Ensemble Concerts** at Conrad Grebel University College. Check website: [www.uwaterloo.ca/music](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/music) for times and locations.