

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Come to the Banqueting Table of God's Peaceable Kingdom!

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 6

"Here in this place"

Psalm 103

Call to worship

One: Gather us, O God,

All: **And we will know your life that
makes us one.**

One: Gather us, O God,

All: **And we will celebrate our variety
and uniqueness.**

One: Gather us, O God,

All: **And we will give you the pain of our brokenness.**

One: Gather us, O God,

All: **And we will share the gifts of your Spirit**

One: Trinity of love, bind us as one,

All: **That our brokenness be healed by you;
that our fears be held by you;
that our gifts be used by you;
that our lives be offered to you;
so may the world believe. Amen.**

"God moments," sharing time and prayer requests

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn: HWB 459 "I come with joy"

Gospel reading: John 15:9-17 CEB

Invitation

Meditation: "Come to the Table"

We all start on the outside

The outside looking in

This is where grace begins

We were hungry, we were thirsty

With nothing left to give

Oh the shape that we were in

And just when all hope seemed lost

Love opened the door for us

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you brought with you
You can leave it at the door
Let mercy draw you near

So come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table, Come to the table

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger, all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who fail--you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow, all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who have been labeled right or wrong
To everyone who hears this song

Ooh Come to the table
Come join the sinners you have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Oooh Sit down and be set free

Come to the table, Come to the table
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Communion prayer

Community prayer: STJ 173 "God, Food of the
poor" (read together)

*Ushers will allow everyone to come up one person
at a time to sit at the table to take communion
and to receive a pastoral blessing. Sing your
blessing on each person:*

Hymn: HWB 463 "Let all mortal flesh keep
silence"

Hymn: HWB 1 "What is this place"

Theme: STJ 86 "Taste and see"

Theme: STJ 88 "Halleluia! We sing your
praises!"

Closing prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 478 "Sent forth by God's blessing"

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: "Come to the Table"—Sidewalk Prophets on *WOW Hits 2018*;
Call to worship—from *Holy Ground* by Neil Paynter & Helen Boothroyd.

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!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN THE FOYER—ALL WELCOME!

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration: Sun Jan 14, receiving line 2pm-3pm, program 3pm-4pm, more receiving line a 4pm-5pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Join in the celebration of Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway. Refreshments served throughout.

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

“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.

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 or call 519-885-0220 to register.

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

“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