

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Worldwide Communion Sunday: The Bread of Healing

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

We acknowledge that we meet together today on the
traditional lands of the Neutral, the Anishinaabe,
and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

We especially welcome our brothers & sisters of Living
Bridge Assembly!

Hymn: STJ 4 “You’ve got a place”

Gathering: STJ (*green spiral*) 169 *Come, let us*

Affirming faith (*see back page*)

“God moment”

Hymn: Praise 271 “Fill My Cup, Lord”

We worship with our offerings

(Please designate PMC or LB)

Offering prayer

Hymn: 1--Be still and know that I am God (3X)
2--I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3X)
3--In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (3X)

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Gospel reading in English & Mandarin: John 6:32-40
Message: Jessica & Carl with Claire—sharing about
their time in Mozambique with video & slides

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Confessing/Reconciling (see back page)

Hymn: HWB 582 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
verses 1 & 2"

THE LORD'S SUPPER—THE BREAD OF HEALING

A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion prayer

Community affirmation--together

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come to us again

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

To sing while people come forward:

Hymn: HWB 377 "Healer of our every ill"

& Hymn: HWB 372 "O healing river"

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

**We are sent forth into this world to live into
the visions God has laid on our hearts.**

We are now commissioned to:

- **feed as we have been fed,**
- **forgive as we have been forgiven,**
- **love as we have been loved.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 422 "May God grant you a blessing"

Sending *(see back page)*

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God--by Alydia Smith based
on *A Song of Faith—Seasons of the Spirit Season of Creation, Pentecost 2, 2017*

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!

Adult Discussion Class: Changing times for Mennonite Church
Canada.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Reading the Bible with Jesus, an inspirational four-session bible study on Matthew with Bryan Moyer Suderman. Starting Tues Sept 26 till Oct 17, 7 to 9 pm. First two weeks at Elmira Mennonite Church, second two weeks at St. Jacobs. Pick up a brochure by bulletin board.

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Fall Meeting on Sat Oct 14 at 2 pm in the Community Room at MCC, 50 Kent Ave, Kit. "Celebrating a Century of Mennonite Sewing Circles in Ontario" The event is free, donations accepted.

Empty Bowls for Haiti: Local potters donate bowls, local restaurants donate soup, entertainment by local musicians. You pay \$30, eat the soup and take home a beautiful bowl. Help support sustainable change in Haiti. At Steinmann Mennonite Church on Sat Oct 14, seatings at 5 and 7 pm. Tickets: emptybowlsforhaiti.eventbrite.ca or call MCC.

"Calm in the Storm: Stress Management for Students" Shalom Counselling is offering a group for high school aged youth on Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30 pm from Oct 17 to Dec 5. No cost to participants, generously supported by a grant from Shantz Mennonite Church. Register at 519-886-9690 or at admin@shalomcounselling.org Poster on Bulletin board.

Come, Slow Down, talk and walk with God: a retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on Thurs Oct 19 from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$25, bring a bag lunch. Register at 226-220-2606.

House of Friendship fall fundraising dinner is Oct 21, featuring Sean McCann, from internationally renowned band Great Big Sea, sharing his story of recovery from addiction and abuse. If you would like to join a group to attend this event, contact Muriel or the church office. Tickets are \$75, with a discount for a group of 8.

Encounter Desire *Living from the Inside Out:* an intergenerational retreat focused on sacred listening and the spirituality of desire. Oct 20-22 at Crieff Hills Community, register by Oct 4 at www.pastorsinexile.org

Langs Community Dinners! From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

Six Miles Deep: Indigenous and Settler history along the Grand River on Thurs Oct 26 at 7 pm in the Community Room at 50 Kent, Kit. Come for an evening of learning about the treaty and settlement history of the Grand River watershed, featuring Phil Monture, spokesperson and researcher from Six Nations of the Grand River. Presented by The Mennonite Story (St. Jacobs), and MCCO. This is a *Dancing Towards Reconciliation* event. www.mcco.ca/six-miles-deep

Fairview Centre for Health and Wellness is offering free talks about healthy eating. Fri Oct 27 and Fri Nov 24 at 2 pm in the Centre Auditorium. See posters for more details.

“The People’s Song Set Free” a concert marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Spiritus Ensemble performs works for choir and orchestra based on early hymns of the Reformation by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Brahms with soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo and Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull, conductor. Sun Oct 29, 4-5 pm at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kit. Tickets available online at www.spiritusensemble.com and at the door.

Fairview Mennonite Home Handicraft Sale on Sat Nov 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. Decorations, gifts, sweet shop, wreaths, knitting, woodworking, used books and so much more!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is seeking a *Food Services—Server/Dishwasher*. For more information, please see www.rockway.ca/contact/employment-opportunities

Calling all Painters! Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is looking for painters who would be keen to converge on the camp the week of Nov 6 to 10 to paint the kitchen, addition and vestibule. Accommodations and food supplied. Please call Dave Erb, 519-422-1401 or fun@slmc.ca