

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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River Sunday

Your justice rolls down like a river, O God, and your righteousness is like an ever-flowing stream. Immerse us in the rushing waters that we may be swept up in your current of love and washed by your mercy.

PRELUDE

We acknowledge that we meet together today on the traditional lands of the Neutral, the Anish-i-naa-be, and the Hau-den-o-sau-nee (Six Nations: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, & Tuscarora) peoples.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: STJ 82

“Water has held us”

Gathering

(see back page)

Call to worship

Response: **God brings order from chaos.**

Opening prayer

Grand River poem—Barb Duncan

Hymn: HWB 615

“Shall we gather at the river”

“God moment”

“Gravity,” a poem by Laverne Martin

Hymn: STJ 79 “As I went down to the river”

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Children’s time

Meditation & Revelation 22:1-5

Message: “Compassion fatigue--Just be held!”

Benediction: Hope

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: Praise 343 “Like a river glorious”

Prayer of confession

Words of affirmation

Hymn: HWB 493 “I heard the voice of Jesus say,”
verses 1 & 2

Moments for Mission

September birthday offering for camp scholarships
for local children

Invitation to offering

Prayer of dedication

Sharing time

Hymn: Praise 527 “Got Any Rivers?”

Prayers of the people

Response: **You are the river of life.**

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: STJ 77 “The peace of the earth be with
you”

We bless each other!

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: Prelude meditation, Call to worship, Opening prayer, Prayer of confession,
Words of affirmation, Prayer of dedication, Prayers of the people

—*Seasons of the Spirit Season of Creation, Pentecost 2, 2017*;

Benediction: Hope—by Kellyann Fladenberg Wolfe;

Blessing--Norman Habel, *Rainbow of Mysteries*.

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 Today: Meet in the upstairs auditorium after coffee time. Continuing Mennonite World Conference Peace Sunday – Why do we need the global church?

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Raise Awareness & Raise Hope for Alzheimers: Join K-W Silverstars & Friends (Schneider Male Chorus) for an afternoon of entertainment you won't soon forget. At St. Jacobs Country Playhouse TODAY at 2 pm. Tickets \$25.

Taizé Ecumenical Worship Service on Sun Sept 24 at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Kitchener. On Sun Oct 22 at 7:30 pm it will be held at Conrad Grebel Chapel in Wat.

Lunch and Listen Events: Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers in the 50 Kent community room at noon. On Sept 26, MCC's refugee sponsorship team shares news and stories about the refugee sponsorship program. More info at www.mcco.ca/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.

Spiritual Emphasis Week at Rockway—Wed Sept 27 at 7 pm. There will be an evening time for all with Dr. Drew Hart on the theme "Changing the way we view racism."

Anna Magdalena Kokits, award-winning Austrian pianist will play modern and classical pieces as part of her nation-wide tour on Fri Sept 29, at 7 pm at Conrad Grebel Chapel in Waterloo. Free admission, reception to follow, All welcome!

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting on Sat Sept 30 from 12-3 pm in the Community Room at 50 Kent Ave. Cath & Peter

Woolner will join MCC Ontario staff to update you on MCC's work in Ontario and around the world. More info and to RSVP go to www.mcco.ca/agm or call 519-745-8458

Conrad Grebel University College Annual General Meeting
on Sat Sept 30 at 4 pm in the Great Hall at Conrad Grebel.

Water Ceremony, join us for an evening of Ceremony & Friendship, beginning at 6:15 pm at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris on Sat Sept 30. See poster on bulletin board for list of what to bring. Let Claire know if you need a ride.

Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, Oct 2 or Oct 3 (same program offered both days). Theme is "Food and Community" a day of worship, learning and fellowship! Space is limited, register by Sept 25 at www.hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Fall Meeting on Sat Oct 14 at 2 pm in the Community Room at MCC, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. "Celebrating a Century of Mennoite 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.

Future Directions: Covenant New – Update to Congregations. In October, delegates to the MC Canada Special Assembly in Winnipeg will be asked to approve the new proposal for re-visioning our denominational structure. Following the Assembly, MCEC is holding a series of regional meetings to introduce and review the actions taken at the Assembly and their implications for MCEC, congregations and the

future of MC Canada Witness initiatives. All are welcome!
KW Perimeter Ministerial Group meets on Tues Oct 17 at
7pm at Rockway Mennonite Church, 47 Onward Ave. Kit.

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!

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.

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!