

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

“Being transformed by and extending God’s love
through worship, hospitality and service”

Sunday April 23, 2023 at 10:30 am



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Worship Leader: Sandra Moreau; Song Leader: Marg Martin
Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Josh Oliverio
Speaker: KyongJung Kim

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional lands
of the Neutral, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #95 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Psalm 148

Hymn: VT #177 All Things Bright and Beautiful

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 55:1-3

Message: Holy Water

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT # 806 Called by Earth and Sky

Creation Response

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #838 The Peace of the Earth Be with You

Blessing

Postlude

Next Sunday: Danielle will be speaking on the theme, *Holy Ground:
Finding the Sacred in the Ordinary* based on Isaiah 52:6-7; Exodus 3:1-6

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wed Apr 26	10:30am	Pastoral Care meeting
Wed Apr 26	12:30pm	SCRC meeting
Apr 28 & 29		Annual Gathering 2023 at Rockway
Sun Apr 30	10:30am	Communion Sunday
Sun Apr 30	7pm	This Is My Story—Alice Gascho
Tue May 2	10am	Fidelias
Wed May 3	9am	Men's Fellowship Group
Wed May 4	7pm	Joint Worship meeting
Sun May 7	11:30am	"Memory" potluck see below

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study:** Apr 25 (in person) 2:30pm, Jeremiah 50:11-46
Apr 27 (Zoom group) 7pm, Deuteronomy 19
- **Fairview bus** will continue to pick up at **10am** on Sundays.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30pm.
This week's scripture is John 11:17-27. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **This Is My Story:** Sun Apr 30 at 7pm at PMC as well as on Zoom.
Alice Gascho will share her story. Zoom link is [here](#).
- **Potluck Sunday May 7:** the theme is "memory." Bring a dish that gives you a memory and then share the story with us.
- The "**Healing Waters**" **quilt** features the art of Mark Anthony Jacobson who was born in Sioux Lookout, Ontario and currently lives and works in British Columbia. His art is dedicated to sharing his Ojibway heritage and to protecting creation. It was assembled by Muriel, quilted by quilters from the church and Fidelia's, and is being donated from our church to Crow Shield Lodge for their fundraiser.

Protecting our Water

Here at PMC, we have been looking at ways of being better stewards of the sacred created world in which we live. This week, we will be discussing water and the ways in which we can help to protect our precious water supplies.

Canada has over 38 million people at present, and our population will be growing rapidly in the next decades. Our government is encouraging more immigrants to choose Canada as their destination. For refugees fleeing war and the effects of climate change, Canada is a preferred destination. More people mean more need for safe drinking water.

We were told in school that our country has the largest fresh water supply in the world. But the truth is that only a small percentage of it is available for use. Most of it is underground, and large industries are contaminating it at an alarming rate. Daily we read news of the ways Big Business is polluting our ground water, while some cities are dumping raw sewage into lakes and rivers.

We ourselves might have daily habits that waste a lot of water. For example, soaking in the tub instead of taking a shower. The average bath uses about 50 gallons of water, while a 5-minute shower uses about 10 to 15 gallons of water. We might keep the tap running while we brush our teeth; we might wash our clothing more often than necessary for personal hygiene. Leaking taps and toilets are other ways that can waste water, so we need to check regularly for leaks. Even certain ways of preparing and cooking our food can waste both water and nutrients.

It is difficult to change the habits of a lifetime, especially when one is a senior citizen. But we cannot let our age deter us from finding active ways to be better stewards of our water supply.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27): Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux at Silver Lake on Wed evening for dinner and night. Thurs morning learn about Indigenous culture. More info/register at [SLMC Retreats & Events](#)

Public Intercultural Worship Service on Fri Apr 28 at 7pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener. You are warmly invited to gather with Mennonite sisters and brothers from across MCEC. Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Mission Minister will challenge us from Hebrews 12:1-4. Where does our Transformation, Inspiration and Calling come from? Join our community worship team as people from across MCEC bring their acoustic instruments, or pick up the ones that are there, and lead in worship. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord—what a celebration this will be and an evening you will want to attend! See you there. Note: this is part of the Annual Church Gathering but registration is not required here.

Cambridge Moves for Mental Health walkathon is a fundraiser for Porchlight, on Sat Apr 29. Beginning at Cambridge Civic Square at 11am (check in 10:30am). More info and sign up [here](#).

Living Below The Line: a stereotype-busting play about poverty, struggle, resilience and hope co-created by Watercourse Theatre. April 30 at 2:30pm at Stirling Mennonite Church and May 30 at 2pm at Wellesley Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

Hidden Acres Seniors Retreat is on May 1 with the theme: *Unlearning Loneliness, Relearning Community*. Speakers are Chip Bender and Cathi Watson. Cost is \$50, noon meal included. More info: www.hiddenacres.ca Register asap at 519-625-8602

Trillium United Church Women Spring Luncheon is on Wed May 3 from 11:30am to 1pm. Cost is \$18, call 519-653-6601 for tickets.

May 5th is Red Dress Day, which is a day to raise awareness and education for Murdered Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. The City of Cambridge is working to promote this day. If you have a red dress to lend or donate, please drop it off at Cambridge City Hall.

Grace Lao Mennonite Church Egg Roll Sale on Sat May 6 at 575 Lancaster St W, Kitchener. Egg rolls are \$2 each or box of 10 for \$20. Email your order to gracelao@golden.net More info call 519-404-1547 Please order by **May 2**.

Menno Singers present our Spring Concert: “a light exists in spring...In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect” at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church on Sat May 6 at 7:30pm. \$25 adults, \$5 children/students. Tickets available online or at the door (cash or credit). www.mennosingers.com

Calling all Hidden Acres Alumni! HAC Alumni Weekend is May 19th-21st! Join us for the whole weekend overnight or just the day, to connect, be encouraged and get involved! For more details visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca or email alumni@hiddenacres.ca

Tickets for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate’s production of *FROZEN JR.* are now on sale. Visit www.rockway.ca to get your tickets! Performances are June 7 to 10.

