PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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LENT 5: From Scarcity to Abundance
Phillippians 3:4b-14

NOTE: WE WILL BE SINGING TODAY! PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON

Sunday April 3, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Moreau Song Leader: Marg Martin Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Brandon Pace

Speaker: KyongJung Kim

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

GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #129 O Worship Our God

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: who makes a way in the sea

and provides rivers in the desert.

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty

as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy All: as we worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 126

Hymn: VT #138 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Phillippians 3:4b-14

Message: From Scarcity to Abundance

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #323 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #416 Beyond a Dying Sun

Blessing

Postlude

**During Lent, we will have two periods for silent reflection during the service—after the Bible reading and after the sermon. We encourage you to bring your Bible for that time of reflection.

Our theme for Lent is "Seeking God's Ways." Lent is a time to repent – to turn from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God as revealed in Jesus. As we reflect on the Lenten scripture readings we realize that they reveal truth about the ways of God, as well as the ways God's people get it wrong. And so, we will be invited to consider how we might think God offers one thing but what God really offers can look quite different. Our hope is that within this theme of "seeking God's ways" we will discover space and encouragement to grow more and more faithful to Jesus.

Discussion Time: Boundaries class resumes today with session 4. If you've missed anything, catch up by reading the first 3 sessions and doing the work in the shaded areas. The Boundaries class will be held in person as well as on Zoom. The link is here. Everyone is welcome to join even if you haven't before or if you don't have a Participants guide. Questions? Call 226-341-6706 (local) or 226-350-6215 or email us. Looking ahead: Next Sunday April 10 is session 5, April 17 is Easter so no class that day, April 24 we will continue with session 6.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Tues Apr 5	10 am	Fidelias
Thur Apr 7	1 to 2pm	Prayer meeting
Thur Apr 7	7 pm	Worship Team meeting

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER EVENTS

Good Friday, April 15: You are invited again this year, to contemplate *The Way Of The Cross*, an outdoor meditation comprising of 14 stops describing in words and pictures, Jesus' walk to the cross. This is available in two locations:

<u>Preston Mennonite Church</u> will host a wheel-chair accessible walk around the parking lot. Assistance will be available from 9:30am to 12:30pm on April 15. The walk will be available until April 18.

<u>Wanner Mennonite Church</u> will set up this walk in the Wanner Woods beside the church. You can walk the path at any time from April 15-30.

Easter Sunday, April 17: Preston and Wanner Churches join together to celebrate the Resurrection.

<u>Sunrise Service at 8 am</u> at Wanner Picnic Shelter followed by coffee and light refreshments in the Wanner Fellowship hall.

Easter Service at 10 am at Preston Mennonite Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Ontario Government lifted the Mask mandate but Council suggests that we continue to wear our masks for a little while longer as we worship together. We would like to provide a safe and comfortable environment for everyone. Some of the ropes will be removed from the front of the sanctuary while a few will remain on the back pews. Let's continue to work on this together.
- Lectio Divina Prayer meeting is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 15:21-28. The Zoom link is here. Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300
- New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner is on Apr 25 at 6:30pm at Bingemans. A chance to connect with community and support MCC. Delicious buffet-style dinner and a display of historic quilts. Tickets \$25, must purchase in advance. Order at nhmrs.square.site or call MCC 519-745-8458 (press 3).
- Grace Lao Mennonite Church Egg Roll Sale is on Saturday May 7 at 575 Lancaster St W, Kitchener. Pick up times are: 9am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm. Meat and vegetarian egg rolls available. \$15 for 12 egg rolls, \$8 for 6 egg rolls. Order by April 24 at gracelao@golden.net
- Shalom Counselling Services Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 9:30 am. The theme of the Brunch will be *reconnection*, with stories and reflections by Shalom's counsellors. Join us in person at Steinmann Mennonite Church, or virtually with a delivered brunch. For more information and to register for the Brunch visit *shalomcounselling.org/brunch* or call Shalom at *(519)* 886-9690.

<u>OFFERING</u>

Three ways to give: <u>Cheque</u>; <u>Automatic giving</u>; or <u>E-transfer</u> to <u>treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com</u>

SPRING INTO ACTION FOR CAMBRIDGE FOOD BANK

The Spring into Action campaign is promoting fresh and garden produce but is still in need of non-perishable items. The most needed items



are: spreads like peanut butter, jam and mayonnaise, cereal, canned protein like ham, tuna and salmon, school snacks, canned fruit, baked brown beans, canned pasta, crackers, and menstrual products.

Please leave your donations in boxes provided in the front or back lobbies or you may donate by designating "Food Bank" on your offering envelope.

Mennonite Central Committee Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ



Responding to conflict in Ukraine—You can provide relief today Russian military forces have invaded Ukraine by land, sea and air. Missiles have struck major cities and casualties continue to grow. MCC will be responding to the crisis through our local partners. Your donations and prayers will help partners scale up their work Providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people.

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