## **PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH**

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## **LENT 6: From Power Over to Power With**

Luke 22:14-27, and Philippians 2:5-11

### Sunday April 10, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Vickie Robinson Song Leader: Marg Martin Pianist: Wendy Imrie A/V Technician: Chris Brown Speaker: Dawne Driedger

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 #313 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God, a way so different from the ways of this world.

# People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp, to trust instead of control.

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

People: In worship we give of ourselves and we receive the disarming power of God.

Leader: We cry:

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the power Of God's Name.

**Opening Prayer** 

Psalm 31:9-16

Hymn: STS #75 Blessed be the name

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found. People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts And our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for seeking power over others and let us instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, Let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

## WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Luke 22:14-27; Philippians 2:5-11

Message: From Power Over to Power With

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #320 My Song Is Love Unknown

Prayer Time Offering **SENDING** Announcements Sending Hymn: VT #316 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty 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**: The class decided last week to move the meeting from Sundays to Monday evenings at 7pm on Zoom. People from the Wanner group may be joining us. The Zoom link is <u>here</u>. Meeting ID: 830 7349 5470 Passcode: 767241

We are working on session 4 on April 11, session 5 on April 18, session 6 on April 25 and so on.

### **EVENTS & MEETINGS**

| Thur Apr 14 | 1 to 2pm    | Prayer meeting              |
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| Fri Apr 15  | Good Friday | Way of the Cross            |
| Sun Apr 17  | 8am         | Sunrise Service at Wanner   |
| Sun Apr 17  | 10am        | Joint Easter Service at PMC |

## **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.

\*In case of rain on Friday, the Way of the Cross walk will be on Saturday 9:30am to 12:30pm.

<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.

\*Chuck has agreed to drive the Fairview Bus to provide rides to the Easter service. Please be at the Fairview apartment entrance for pick up at 9:30am.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• In order to provide a safe and comfortable environment for everyone, we suggest you wear your mask inside the church for a little while longer. Let's work together!

• Lectio Divina Prayer meeting is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 15:33-47. The Zoom link is <u>here</u>. 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 <u>gracelao@golden.net</u>

• Shalom Counselling Services Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>shalomcounselling.org/brunch</u> or call Shalom at (519) 886-9690.

## **OFFERING**

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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