



February 28, 2021 9:30 am
Lent 2 – Called to Deep Commitment
Mark 8:31-38

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Speaker: Fanosie Legesse

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP – BEGINNING WITH GOD!

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #1 Summoned by the God Who
Made Us

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hebrew (OT) Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Hymn: VT #778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayer of Reflection:

Jesus, what do you mean - that in losing our life,
we save it?

It feels like we have been in Lent for a whole year,
Losing our lives and bearing crosses not of our
choosing,

Crosses and losses that seem heavier with each
passing day.

How much more do we need to lose?

Help us to see and to say "yes" to what really
matters.

Words of Assurance

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Message: Following Jesus is Bigger Than Life

Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Minister

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #576 Who Now Would Follow Christ

Prayer Time

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #776 Teach Me Thy Truth

Blessing

Postlude

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Covid Update: Now that we are in the “red zone” we are able to have a few more people at the church. Attending the Sunday morning service will be by invitation only. Contact the office to be added to the list.

ADULT DISCUSSION

Fanosie Legesse will be joining us for Discussion time at 11am via Zoom. Bring your comments and questions about the sermon and also his role as Intercultural Minister for MCEC. Link to Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86005369574>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wed Mar 3	10am	Perimeter Ministerial
Thu Mar 4	1pm	Prayer meeting
Thu Mar 4	3pm	Book Club
Fri Mar 5	8:30am	Joint Good Friday planning meeting
Tue Mar 16	6:30pm	ReLearning Huddle
Thu Mar 18	10am	Church Council
Sun Mar 21	1pm	Annual General Meeting

From Danielle: “Thank you to everyone who attended, sent cards, prayed for and thought of me during my ordination last Sunday. It was an incredibly meaningful afternoon and I am very blessed to have such a supportive congregation. Thank you to the church for the kind gift of a prayer shawl, oil lamp. Thank you to the anonymous giver of the beautiful pen! I appreciate you all very much and hope that you may be blessed as much as you are a blessing to me.”



New Office Hours: Danielle and KyongJung will be at Wanner on Tuesdays and Preston on Wednesdays. Cindy will be in the PMC office on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 10am and at WMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

New Hymnals have arrived! To purchase your own copy or borrow a copy, contact Cindy at the office 519-653-5171 or preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com

Fidelias will not be meeting on Tuesday March 2 due to pandemic concerns for our community and ourselves. We're hoping to be able to meet in April.

You are welcome to join the **Wanner Discussion** this Sunday at 11am, via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8703745455>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voices Together Launch III: *For the Joy of Ear and Eye* on Wed March 10, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. There will be a time of Worship then a Q & A with visual artists who contributed to the collection. Link to join via Zoom is [here](#).

World Day of Prayer Service: Travel to Vanuatu! The world is now joined in fighting covid-19 BUT this service emphasizes how the world can be joined in prayer, praise and service to our Lord. It is an inspiring and heartwarming experience. Your donations can be sent directly. Here is the link to watch the service: <https://youtu.be/0rWE3TCR59U>

"Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting" at 1:00 PM on Thursdays. Please let KyongJung know if you want to participate. All are welcome! The link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141967186?pwd=MjN0V1QrTkpUM2ZhcWRjZm03eUY5UT09> Meeting ID: 881 4196 7186
Passcode: 085669

Hidden Acres' Spring Seniors Retreat is going Virtual on Wed March 10 starting at 10am. Topic: "The Transforming Power of Grief" with Resource speaker Marian Wiens. No cost to join. Register at info@hiddenacres.ca For more details see: <https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat>



OFFERING

There are now **three** ways to give, even though we are not meeting on Sunday mornings:

- Cheque, either mailed to the church or dropped in the church mailbox beside the main entrance.
- Setting up automatic giving by arranging with Dave Rorke
- E-transfer to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

It has been confirmed with Fairview that residents are able to come to the church property to drop off their offering.

