

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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LENT 2: From Fear to Compassion

Luke 13:31-35; Philippians 3:17- 4:1

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

Sunday March 13, 2022 @ **9:30 am**

Worship Leader: Laverne Martin 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 #118 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**People: We come to be reminded of God's power
and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ,
as a mother hen,

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 27:1-6, 11-14

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 are not your
thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out
compassion.**

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

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Hymn: VT #437 The Lord is My Light

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Readings: Luke 13:31-35; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Message: From Fear to Compassion

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #596 Don't Be Afraid

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #810 Go, My Friends, in Grace

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: at **11am** on Zoom. The link is [here](#).

Boundaries Class

After worship today in Discussion Time, we're tackling the third of 9 sessions of *Boundaries*, which addresses the idea that each person has a set of things for which we are individually responsible, and that there are other things for which others (not us) are responsible. When we take responsibility that rightfully belongs to others, they often feel disrespected and disempowered, whether they are able to articulate that or not. And when we fail to take responsibility that rightfully belongs to us, we effectively offload that responsibility onto those around us, who again, easily feel disrespected and imposed upon. Healthy boundaries make fulfilling relationships much easier. Unhealthy boundaries predispose us to unhappy relationships. But how can we get from unhealthy boundaries to healthy ones? How can we even identify healthy and unhealthy boundaries?

For maximum benefit, please be sure to have read the first two sessions in the Participant's Guide and done the work in the shaded areas of pages 14, 18-19, 11, 33, and 38.

We still have two extra copies of the Participant's Guide books available. Let us know if you'd like one. Please feel free to participate even if you missed last week or don't have or want a participant's guide, whether in person or by Zoom. And if you have any questions, please call or text us at 226-341-6706 (local call for Cambridge) or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

We will be taking our first quarterly Sunday off next Sunday, March 20, so there will be no *Boundaries Class* then.

Dawne and Ken

Mennonite Central Committee

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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wed Mar 16	9:30 am	Church Council meeting
Thurs Mar 17	1 to 2 pm	Prayer meeting
Tues Mar 22	6:30 pm	Joint Worship meeting
Wed Mar 23	10:30-12:30	Connections meeting
Sun Mar 27		Annual General Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 15:6-15. 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).
- **Addison Women's Choir Spring Pansy Fundraiser:** If you would like to order, please email judyhiggins@rogers.com or call 519-219-2506. Orders due Tues Mar 22, pick up is Sat Apr 16 at PMC. Order 8in bowl (mixed colours, blue or yellow) \$11, 10in bowl (mixed, blue or yellow) \$15, 11in (cool wave) hanging basket \$18.

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