

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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LENT 3: From Earning to Receiving

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

Sunday March 20, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Ellen Kim Song Leader: Laverne Martin
Pianist: Wendy Imrie 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 #125 Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

**People: whose ways are not our ways,
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert
and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

People: without money and without price.

All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 63:1-8

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 acting as if we must earn your love.
Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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 #161 I Sought the Lord

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9

Message: From Earning to Receiving

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #610 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #133 My Jesus, I Love Thee

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](#).

Questions for Discussion Time:

1. What do you think is the big difference between “earning” and “receiving”? Which one do you find easier between the two? Why?
2. What is the secret to being grateful even in difficult situations in life? What is the way to find meaning and purpose in life, even in difficult situations?
3. How do you usually react when God feels so far away and when things seem too far-fetched? How can we know God’s thoughts and ways so that we can make wise decisions in our daily lives?

Boundaries Class

Ken and Dawne will be away today, so there will be no *Boundaries* class. Next Sunday, March 27, we will have our AGM, so there will be no *Boundaries* class then either. The next *Boundaries* class will be on April 3, when we will tackle session 4.

In preparation, it will be helpful to have read the first 3 sessions in the Participant’s Guide and done the work in the shaded areas of pages 14, 18-19, 22, 33, 38, 42, 44, and 49. If you are a keener, you could also read the first 5 chapters of the book.

We still have one extra copy of the Participant’s Guide available. Let us know if you’d like it.

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 Dawne or Ken at 226-341-6706 (local call for Cambridge) or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Tues Mar 22	6:30 pm	Joint Worship meeting
Wed Mar 23	10:30-12:30	Connections meeting
Thurs Mar 24	1 to 2 pm	Prayer meeting
Sun Mar 27	Following Worship	Annual General Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Ontario Government will be lifting the Mask mandate on Monday March 21. The Council met this past Wednesday, and we would like to suggest 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 15:16-20. 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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Three ways to give: Cheque; Automatic giving; or E-transfer to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

Pray for Peace!



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