

March 14, 2021 9:30 am Lent 4 – Called to Deep Healing

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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 #80 We Sing to You Oh God

Call to Worship

Leader: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

People: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.

Leader: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

People: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

Leader: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

People: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Hymn: VT #564 What Wondrous Love

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

People: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts

Leader: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.

We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

(*Silence*) Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

People: Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Mark 1:1-13

Message: Called to Deep Healing

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #612 Hold On

Prayer Time

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #596 Don't Be Afraid

Blessing

Through the barren lands of our lives, God is calling us to wholeness. Although we may not see this time as a possibility, God is already at work. As we rest in the long nights of winter, a cosmic spark restores us. Look to Christ in faith, noticing the many ways his words and eyes and hands and feet brought healing. Go with the healing light of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

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Covid Update: Attending the Sunday morning service will be by invitation only. Contact Barb Duncan at 519-653-5099 by 9pm Sat evening or to be added to the list for future Sundays.

ADULT DISCUSSION

Link to 11am Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86005369574

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tue Mar 16	6:30pm	ReLearning Huddle
Thu Mar 18	1pm	Prayer meeting
Thu Mar 18	10am	Church Council
Sun Mar 21	1pm	Annual General Meeting
Wed Mar 24	9:30am	Pastoral Care work meeting

KyongJung is taking his quarterly Sunday off today, March 14.

New Office Hours:

Danielle: Tuesday at Wanner, Wednesday at Preston KyongJung: Tuesday at Wanner, Wednesday at Preston Cindy: Tuesday/Thursday at Wanner, starting at 10am Wednesday/Friday at Preston, starting at 10am

Have you got a copy of the new hymnal, "**Voices Together**" to follow along with the hymns used in the worship services? If you would still like to borrow one, please contact Cindy in the church office. If you would like to purchase your personal copy, you may "pay what you can" to the cost (\$38.79 per copy, including shipping). Please send an e-transfer or cheque to the Treasurer indicating that your payment is for a hymnal.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID VACCINE: Pre-registration is available to receive the covid vaccine however you must be in the eligible PRIORITY GROUPS. The groups are:

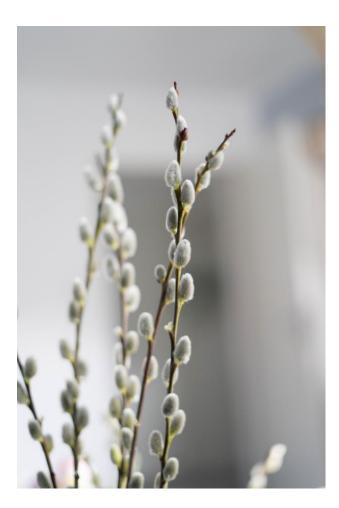
- Adult recipient of chronic home health care
- Adult 80 years of age or older
- Essential caregiver in long-term care or retirement home
- Health care worker
- Indigenous adult
- Seniors congregate setting essential caregivers
- Seniors congregate setting staff and residents
- Staff in Long-term care or retirement home

The site to visit for a registration form is <u>here</u>.

"Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting" at 1:00 pm every Thursday. Please let KyongJung know if you want to participate. All are welcome! The link is <u>here</u>. Meeting ID: 881 4196 7186 Passcode: 085669

Bechtel Lectures (established in 2000 through the generosity of Lester Bechtel, from Wanner), past and future lectures, can be accessed through this link <u>here</u>.

Universal Basic Income is a federally operated system designed to lift all low-income Canadians, out of poverty. It replaces many current income support agencies such as Workman's Comp, Employment Insurance, the Guaranteed Income Supplement for Seniors who only get OAS and CPP, which are not enough to live on, as well as general welfare and disability pensions. Most of these operate on a principal of denying benefits to applicants whenever possible. As a result, many persons fall through their gaps, leaving them homeless and on the street. On Friday, February 26th, an MP proposed a bill to get started on creating UBI for Canadians. The link to this petition if you would like to sign to show your support is <u>here</u>.



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 <u>treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com</u>

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

