

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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March 28, 2021 9:30 am
Palm Sunday - Called to Deep Hope

Worship Leader: Barb Welfred

Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel

Accompanist: Jack Wyndham

A/V Technician: Mark Kinzie

Speaker: Danielle Raimbault

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 #314 Holy Lord

Call to Worship

Leader: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

**People: God awakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not
turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face
from insult.**

Leader: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

People: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

Leader: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

People: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Hymn: VT #166 Your Love is Washing Over Me

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

Leader: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace enduring forever, saving us. (*Silence.*) Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

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

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Message: Called to Deep Hope

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #621 Hold On

Prayer Time

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #808 Between Darkness and Light
(VT Recording, Vol. 4, #11)

Blessing:

Through the current of the crowd, Jesus came. The shouts swelled, blurred, and hurried, but he remained calm. It is easy to be swept up in a changing current. May we see the current for what it is and be centered in deep hope. Go in the knowledge that the current of the crowd was not the end of the story, but led to a new beginning. May hope in the kingdom of God be with you always. 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

Thu Apr 1	1pm	Prayer meeting
Fri Apr 2	9:30	Good Friday <i>Ways of the Cross</i>
Tue Apr 6	10am	Fidelias—contact Barb W
Wed Apr 7	7pm	PCRC meeting
Thu Apr 8	7pm	“A Just Recovery” event (see below)
Sun Apr 11	7pm	“This is My Story” event (see below)
Wed Apr 14	7pm	Joint Worship meeting
Thu Apr 15	10am	Church Council meeting



Good Friday Worship this year will be a Contemplative Walk-Through *Way of the Cross*, based on Joan Chittister's *Way of the Cross: Gateway to Resurrection*. It will take place in two locations.

- **Outdoor Guided Walk-Through** in Preston church parking lot April 2, Good Friday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. This walk is wheelchair accessible and will have assistance for those who need help with mobility or reading the signs.
- **Contemplative Outdoor Nature Walk-Through** at Wanner church from Friday morning and for several weeks after. This walk is not wheelchair accessible and will not have assistance.

We hope that these worship experiences will add deep meaning to your Holy Week observance this year.

April 8 @ 7pm: Please come to a community online zoom session hosted by Preston and Wanner churches. Guest speaker Natalie Appleyard of Citizens for Public Justice will share information about "Just Recovery for All" 6 Principles. Consider possibilities for a post pandemic new normal where the needs of people and communities are prioritized. Information [here](#).

"This Is My Story Initiative"

Are you interested in hearing personal stories from others? Each story offers memories that connect the person from their past and enriches our present relationships with them. **Your** story is valuable, and there will be some who know you well, but others need to learn more about you. As we share our stories, we will have the opportunity to better understand how God has worked in our lives and how we relate with others. We want to encourage you to **pray** about this opportunity and let us know when you would like to share your story. We are willing to help in whatever way we can. - TMS Taskforce team (Jeanette, Moreau, Evelyn Wake, and KyongJung Kim).

- Storyteller #1 - Jeanette Moreau
 - When - 7 PM on Sunday, April 11
 - Where - Virtual space on Zoom (Link will be sent later)
 - Audience - PMC church family and anyone else interested
- Please see the further details in the **attachment**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID VACCINE: Pre-registration is available to receive the covid vaccine however you must be in the eligible PRIORITY GROUPS. The site to find the Priority groups and to register is [here](#).

Hidden Acres Seniors' Retreat went virtual this spring. The theme was "The Transforming Power of Grief," facilitated by Marian Wiens, Marriage and Family Therapist and Spiritual Director. In these unprecedented times, we are all dealing with many daily griefs and losses as well as the larger losses some of us have experienced. Hidden Acres has made the recordings of both sessions available for viewing until April 30.

<https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/virtuaiseniorsretreatvideo>

Scroll across to listen to the morning session first.

For those who may be interested, the day began with the following:

- Psalm 90:10-17 and Romans 5:1-5.
- Holy Spirit, come with power (HWB 26, VT 57)

You are welcome to share the videos with others.

"Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting" at 1:00 pm every Thursday. Please let KyongJung know if you want to join. All are welcome! The link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 881 4196 7186 Passcode: 085669

UNMUTE: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence is a free event being presented by **Theatre of the Beat** on:

Saturday, April 3rd presented in part with The Assaulted Women's Helpline and Kindred Credit Union

Saturday, April 10th @ 7:30 pm presented by Hamilton Mennonite Church

Sunday, April 11th @ 7:30 pm presented by Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region

UNMUTE is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. Join us for this important and timely piece that gives audience members the chance to rehearse scenarios for real life. Audiences will learn skills and resources for how they can make a difference. Sign up for your free ticket at www.theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute

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

