

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

“Being transformed by and extending God’s love  
through worship, hospitality and service”

Sunday May 7, 2023 at 10:30 am

## Holy Order



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

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Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel; Song Leader: Laverne Martin  
Pianist: Catherine DiClemente; A/V Technician: Josh Oliverio

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Worship

Leader: Risen Christ,

**People: Your presence fills the cosmos.**

Leader: Cosmic Christ,

**People: Your presence pulses through all galactic space  
across light years of time.**

Leader: Living Christ,

**People: In this moment in time that we call "now,"**

**In this particular place in space that we call "here,"**

Leader: May we feel your presence among us.

**People: Yes, may your presence be felt!**

Opening Prayer

Psalm 139:1-18

Hymn: VT #529 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Bible Reading: Romans 12:3-7

Message: Holy Order

Speaker: Danielle Raimbault

**WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

Hymn of Response: VT # 175 Planets Humming as They Wander

Creation Response

Prayer Time

Offering

**SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Blessing Response: We go in peace and love,  
serving Christ and loving Earth.

Postlude

**Next Sunday:** Joint Worship Service at Wanner Church at **10 am**. Guest speakers: Witness Workers in South Korea. (no service at PMC)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wed May 10	9:30am	Church Council meeting
Sun May 14	10am	Joint Worship Service at Wanner
Wed May 17	9:30am	Men's Fellowship group
Wed May 17	10:30am	Listening Circle
Thur May 18	7pm	Worship commission meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you would like to encourage **Bockki and SookKyoung** in their work in South Korea, we invite you to bring a love offering next Sunday to place in a basket as you enter the sanctuary.
- **Bible Study:** May 9 (in person) 2:30pm, Psalm 119:89-96  
May 11 (Zoom group) 7pm, Psalm 18:25-36
- **Fairview bus is not available** this Sunday, May 7 as well as Sun May 21. All other Sundays in May the bus is picking up.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30pm. This week's scripture is John 11:38-44. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **This Is My Story:** If you missed this on Sunday, you can still view it [here](#). Passcode: qpVT?rP4
- **Danielle** will be attending this workshop on Creating Brave and Accessible Space as a congregation on June 3. If you are interested in attending with her, please let her know.
- You are invited to a **Listening Circle on May 17 at 10:30am** in the church basement. The two questions we will talk and listen about are 1) How does sharing your space feel for you? and 2) What wisdom do you have as we make plans to share our space? We hope to see you there.
- Check out the **lovely cards** that Debbie Wismer has made! They are in the foyer by the library books. Help yourself to any you'd like. Debbie would welcome any cards or envelopes you may be discarding to make more cards.

## **Listen to Creation's Voice**

Listen to Creation's voice, it's voice is never still.

It's heard in water falling high, from mountains melting peaks  
That babbles as it winds it's way, o're rock and tangled root  
And then in silent silhouette, slips on the sea to seek.

Listen to Creation's voice, it's in the howling wind

That bends the trees and whips the seas and crashes it to shore  
The voice is in the rustling grass and in the fluttering leaves  
In stately pines a gentle song is whispered o'er and o're.

Listen to Creation's voice, it fills and soothes the soul.

The songbirds fill the sky with cheer, from forest, field and vale.  
The chatter of the chickadee, the calling of the jay,  
The robin's chirp, the sparrow's song, the summer's songs prevail.

Listen to Creation's voice, it tunes the still of night

With crickets' songs and from the pond the music of the frogs.  
With nighthawks swooping from the sky, the calling of the loon,  
Each with their maker share their song, a heavenly dialogue.

Listen to Creation's voice, the voice in silence moves

To push from rocky depths below, the mountains to the sky.  
It pierces earth with blades of grass and opens flower's blooms  
It graces earth with silent snow and moves the seasons by.

Listen to Creation's voice and join the songs of praise

That rises up from sea to sea and over all the land.  
Your maker wants to hear from you, to hear your song of praise  
For you as well were shaped and formed by this Creator's hand.

by Laverne Martin

## EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

**The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** is excited to present: *Sing for Joy!* On Sun May 7 at 3:30pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$5 children 5-18 available at the door.

Join us at **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** on Tuesday, May 16 for our Spring Concert. Grade 7&8 at 6:45 pm, Grade 9-12 at 8:00 pm in Gym A. Free will offering. All are welcome.

**Calling all Hidden Acres Alumni!** HAC Alumni Weekend is May 19th-21st! Join us for the whole weekend overnight or just the day, to connect, be encouraged and get involved! For more details visit our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or email [alumni@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:alumni@hiddenacres.ca)

**Crow Shield Lodge** invites you to their *Feed the Fire Fundraiser* on Fri May 26 at Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener from 7pm to 10:30pm. Music, community, great food, and a silent auction. Tickets [here](#). Donations accepted via the same link and auction items welcome. PMC is donating a wall hanging pieced by Muriel B and quilted by women from our church. Contact Muriel or Nancy K for help to order tickets or to arrange transportation. Suggested ticket price \$20.

**57th Annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** - May 26 and May 27 - more than just delicious food and a quilt auction, the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is a chance to connect with community and support MCC. Join the fun! More information at [www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)

**Tickets for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's production of FROZEN JR.** are now on sale. Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) to get your tickets! Performances are June 7 to 10.

Hidden Acres is hosting their **56th Annual Chicken BBQ & 15th Annual Pie Auction Fundraiser** on Tuesday, June 13 from 5 - 7 pm. Come and enjoy our delicious chicken dinner that thousands of people have come to know and love. Along with the chicken, your meal includes potato salad, coleslaw, veggies, pickles, a fresh roll, chips and an apple or fresh baked donut. \$18 Small meal (1 piece of chicken) / \$22 Regular meal (2 pieces of chicken). Please visit [hiddenacres.ca](http://hiddenacres.ca) for more details and to order your tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is looking for local households to host an international student in their home as part of Rockway's Homestay Program. Interested? Contact Jill: [homestay@rockway.ca](mailto:homestay@rockway.ca)