

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH



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Worship Service, May 8, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel Song Leader: Laverne Martin

Pianist: Wendy Imrie A/V Technician: Chris Brown

Speaker: Ken Driedger

“FEAR NOT. I AM WITH YOU”

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 #408 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Opening Prayer

Litany for Mother's Day

Response: Loving God, thank you for your tender care.

Prayer for Mother's Day

Hymn: VT #518 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Revelations 1:4-18

Message: Do Not Be Afraid

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 #340 Lift Your Glad Voices

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Litany For Mother's Day from Barnabas in Churches website.

Prayer for Mother's Day adapted from World in Prayer website.

During Easter season (from Easter until Pentecost), we are reassured by the stories of Jesus' appearances to his followers, assuring them that although their world (and ours) is fraught with uncertainty, **“Fear not. I am with you.”**

**You are invited to join in
Coffee & Fellowship time in the lower auditorium.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Boundaries group** is meeting Monday May 9 at 7pm on Zoom for session 8. In preparation, please read through page 102 and complete the work in the shaded areas of those pages. If you have the book, reading prep is chapters 1-13. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 830 0639 6393
- Please join us on May 15 for a **Potluck Brunch** and Update of the Backyard Project, following the Worship service.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is John 1:1-8. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300
- **Menno Singers Concert** on Sat May 14 at 7:30pm at First United Church in Waterloo. Donations accepted to support the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response Fund. Masks required. More information at www.mennosingers.com
- **Hidden Acres Spring Seniors Retreat** on Mon May 16. It's outdoor and in-person, led by Wendy Janzen and Mary Anne Musser. Experience how to nurture your faith through noticing God in nature. More details and register at www.hiddenacres.ca
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** on May 27 and May 28. More than just delicious food and a quilt auction, a chance to connect with community and support MCC. More information at www.mcco.ca/events
- **Thanks, Dave R** for the exquisite and hopeful spring version of our signpost at our "crossroads" as a congregation, reassuring us with the Risen Christ's words.

OFFERING

Three ways to give: [Cheque](#); [Automatic giving](#); or [E-transfer to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com](#)

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Tues May 10	7pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wed May 11	2pm	Pastoral Care meeting
Thurs May 12	10am	Property & Finance meeting
Thurs May 12	1 – 2pm	Prayer meeting
Sun May 15	11am	Congregational meeting
Wed May 18	9:30am	Church Council meeting

Connecting with our Indigenous Neighbours: There are many opportunities during May for learning and connecting with Indigenous neighbours in our community. Connections members will be attending some of these events. If you are interested in joining them and need a ride, please contact Nancy K or Muriel.

May 12–15, Indigenous Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place – a full weekend of events at Conrad Grebel University College. To see the whole program and to register for all or part of this free event, visit <https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters/> or email ime@uwaterloo.ca. Some events are virtual as well as in-person. Voluntary registration fees may be directed to several local indigenous initiatives listed on the website. View an online sampler of the event at: <https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters/event-sampler>

May 27 “Feed the Fire” - A Silent Auction and Fundraiser for Crow Shield Lodge being held at Victoria Park Pavilion. Come and join in the fun to show your support for this land-based indigenous healing lodge for all nations. Donations of new items or experiences (event tickets, dining gift cards, massage, etc.) are being accepted for the Silent Auction. Contact the Connections Committee if you would like to donate an item. They are donating a kookum scarf to the Silent Auction on our behalf. Tickets are available through Eventbrite on the Crow Shield Lodge Facebook page for \$16.93. Contact Muriel or Nancy by May 22 if you want help getting a ticket or need a ride.

