

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Sunday November 6 at 9:30 am  
Gratitude for Creation

*“I promise to be the best lover and defender  
of the earth that I can be.” Matthew Fox*



Pictured: Richard Haack

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

## Worship Service, October 30 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Will Stoltz; Song Leader: Marg Martin  
Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Chris Brown

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

Introduction of Theme and Guest Speaker – Deb Lehman

### **PART 1: PRAISE AND GRATITUDE FOR CREATION**

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

Visual Call to Worship

Prayer: VT #864

Hymn: VT #177 All Things Bright and Beautiful

### **PART 2: LAMENT FOR CREATION**

Bible Reading: Job 12:7-10

Hymn: VT #145 Touch the Earth Lightly

Message: “Ask the animals and the birds; they will teach you”

Hymn of Response: VT #788 The Garden Needs Our Tending Now

### **PART 3: ALL CREATION IS EAGERLY WAITING**

Scripture: Romans 8:19-25

Prayer Litany (see insert)

Offering

### **SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #209 We Dream of a Turning

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Visual Call to Worship-Fred Kinsie; Litany-John van de Laar, *God's Good Earth: praise and prayer for creation* by Anne & Jeffery Rowthorn; Blessing-J. Philip Newel, *Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace*.

**Next Sunday:** KyongJung will speak about  
“Gratitude for the Full Armour of God”

## **Prayer Litany:**

L: Let us open ourselves to the grace of God, to the brokenness of our world, and to the call to be agents of healing and re-creation.

Where human greed has stripped the world of beauty and life, and robbed people of dignity and subsistence,

**C: We pray, O God, for a new vision of abundance, and a new commitment to nurture the world that feeds us and share with those who do not have.**

L: Where human hatred has severed relationships, and broken the connection that unites creation,

**C: We pray, O God, for love to be renewed, and compassion to draw us back into union.**

L: Where human loneliness, weakness, sickness and grief, and the suffering of our planet and its inhabitants hide the signs of your life,

**C: We pray, O God, for healing, comfort and strength and for the courage to keep hoping for the renewed creation to come.**

L: O God, restore our faith, revive our hope, rekindle our love, and hear our prayer for we offer it in Christ's name.

***All: Amen.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.
- **Fairview bus** will pick up again this Sunday at the apartment entrance at 9am and return to Fairview at 11:30am.
- **Fairview Mennonite Home** Christmas Handicraft Sale on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Masks are mandatory. Purchase many handmade items and treat yourself to a warm take-away lunch! Cash or debit.
- **Wanner Mennonite Church** celebrates their 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sun Nov 20. See the poster on the bulletin board for details. An email will be sent as well with a link to register.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week's scripture is John 6:16-24. The Zoom link is [here](#).

## EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

**Elder Mediation Services** invites you to two upcoming events: "Skill building for Older Adults" and "Cultivating Joy in Trying Times." Dates and times and other details on poster on bulletin board.

Join Menno Singers, soloists, orchestra and a mini-mass choir for a **Messiah Sing-Along** on Sun Nov 13 at 3pm at St Matthews Lutheran Church. Participation by donation. [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

**MCC Peace Conference** is Fri Nov 18 @ 7pm and Sat Nov 19 from 9am to 4pm. This event will inspire and inform through general sessions, workshops and conversations with messengers of peace. To register, go to [www.mcc.ca/peace-conference](http://www.mcc.ca/peace-conference)

**Voices Together: A Celebration of Church Song**, on Sun Nov 20 from 7 to 8:30pm at WK Mennonite Church. Sing hymns from many traditions as well as loved church songs. Special guest Brandon Leis and other excellent church musicians. All are welcome, masks encouraged. More information at <https://uwaterloo.ca/music/events>

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate AGM** on Thurs Nov 24 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please email [AGM@rockway.ca](mailto:AGM@rockway.ca) to RSVP and for the Zoom link.