

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

World Communion Sunday

10:30 am, October 1, 2023



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Worship Service

Worship Leader: Danielle Raimbault; Song Leader: Laverne Martin
Accompanist: Catherine Di Clemente; A-V Technician: Chris Brown
Speaker: KyongJung Kim

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

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #131 Praise, I will Praise you, Lord (English, French)

Call to Worship (see insert)

Opening Prayer

Psalm 133:1-3, 134: 1-3

Hymn: VT #163 Amazing Grace (v1 Chinese, v2 Korean, v3, v4 English)

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Scripture: John 17: 20-26 (Chinese, Korean, English)

Message: Complete Unity

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #480 I am the Bread of Life (English)

Communion

Give Thanks (lyrics projected-English)

Offering & offertory prayer

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #436 How Great Thou Art (refrain in English)

(v1 English, v2 Chinese, v3 Korean, v4 English)

Blessing

Postlude

Everyone is welcome to join us downstairs for coffee, fellowship and snacks!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tue Oct 3	9:30 am	Fidelias in Fellowship hall
Wed Oct 4	9:00 am	PMC Men's Fellowship in Meeting room.
Wed Oct 11	9:30 am	Church Council in Meeting room
Sun Oct 15	7 pm	Prayer & Pie at Wanner church
Tue Oct 17	7 pm	Joint Leadership Team in Fellowship hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Fairview Bus** is *unavailable* this Sunday or on October 8.
- Join us for **Prayer & Pie** on October 15 at 7pm. We will join together with WMC to have a celebration of our Praying the Land series. We will have the opportunity to share how God has been moving in both of our congregations and have a chance to pray for each other. Oh, and **there will be pie!**
- SAVE THE DATE for a **Theatre of the Beat performance** on November 16 at 7 p.m. here at PMC!. This performance will be jointly hosted by Wanner, Fairview and Preston.
- Almost half of people in Canada are buying less or lower quality food to make ends meet. Last year over 1 million pounds of food was distributed to our community through our programs. Ontario has seen a 42% increase in food bank participants since 2019. Donate to help . **You are welcome to bring non-perishable food items to church for the Food Bank box or designate on your offering envelope or e-transfer** Thanks for considering this worthwhile cause this Thanksgiving season.
- Lectio Divina **Prayer meeting** every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm on Zoom. This week's scripture is John 17:1-5. The link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

Call to Worship

Though we may be inclined to brag,
Let us come together with humility.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

How good a thing it is when all God's people live together in unity.

Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though the world around often encourages hate,
Let us come together in love.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity,

Let us worship the God who has called us together.

BROADER CHURCH EVENTS

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to **SAVE THE DATE** and watch rockway.ca for information about: **Connections Homecoming Night, Friday, October 20, 5-9:15 pm; Discover Rockway, Thursday, November 9, 7 pm; Annual General Meeting** (online), *Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 pm.*

We Own this Now

October 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyder Rd W, Baden

October 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, 110 Doon Rd, Kitchener

Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, **We Own This Now** is a play that looks at love of land, loss of land and what it means to "own" something. We Own This Now examines how the Doctrine of Discovery is still being used and causing harm today.

Presented by Ted & Company TheatreWorks. Tickets are \$15 each (\$10 for students). Get yours at mcc.org/we-own-this-now.

Bucket of Thanks

Sat Oct 21, 10 am - 2 pm, Material Resources Warehouse, New Hamburg

This fall, the Material Resources warehouse is opening its doors and welcoming visitors to an event for the whole family with games, snacks and hands-on activities for all ages. We invite you to participate in activities for kids and to pack a kit or two while you're there! Admission is free, but we are asking for a donation of large bath soap bars (in original wrapping) to help stuff our kits. Go to mcc.org/events/bucket-thanks for more info.

Voices Together Resource Day

October 28, 9 am-4:30 pm, Shantz Mennonite Church

Join for a day set aside for worship leaders, worship lovers, musicians, pastors, and congregational leaders to explore the music and resources from *Voices Together*. A hymn sing at 7 pm will close the day. [Register here](#) before Oct 15 to take advantage of a lower registration fee.

House of Friendship Dinner

October 28, 5 to 9 pm at Bingemans. Tickets: \$125 each or table of eight \$875. Get your tickets [here](#).

Save the Date: Peace Conference

November 18, 2023 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate

The MCC Peace Conference is your chance to see, hear and experience first-hand how you and MCC are changing lives and communities through peacebuilding. This event will inspire and inform through general sessions, workshops and conversations with messengers of peace. Go to mcc.org/peace-conference to learn more.