

Preston Mennonite Church

Sunday October 3, 2021 @ **9:30 am**

Worship Leader: Vickie Robinson Speaker: Danielle Raimbault
Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel Pianist: Wendy Imrie
A/V Technician: Brandon Pace

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: VT #801 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Opening Prayer

Psalm 89:1-8

Hymn: VT #128 Many and Great

Litany for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Nehemiah 9:26-38

Message: Honesty

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #560 Just As I Am, without One Plea

Communion

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #835 Go Now in Peace

Blessing

Postlude

FEEL FREE TO USE THE HYMN BOOKS TO JOIN IN WITH THE READINGS
AND HUM ALONG WITH THE HYMNS
BUT WE ASK THAT YOU **PLEASE DO NOT SING.**

Coffee will be served in the foyer and our fellowship will take place outside on the driveway in order to maintain social distancing.

Nurture Hour Questions:

- “Relationships depend on honest communication.” In our covenant relationship, do we speak honestly with God? What things are hardest to say? To hear?
- Is confession important? What is the point of having confession in the worship service?
- How are you creating a culture of authenticity and vulnerability at PMC?

Preston Mennonite Church strongly encourages everyone attending the in-person worship services and church events to be fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated, are feeling unwell or have a change in your health, we encourage you to participate in our worship services via the livestream link.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Tues Oct 5	10am	Fidelias
Wed Oct 6	3pm	Book Study
Thurs Oct 7	12:30-1:30pm	Prayer meeting
Thurs Oct 14	10am	Property & Finance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **A big thank you** to everyone at PMC for blessing us with gifts and money for our new babies! We were overwhelmed with your generosity and are so blessed to have such a supportive congregation praying for us and being excited with us! Love, Justin & Danielle, Twin A & Twin B.

• **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is taking place in hybrid form. For an in-person gathering, please join us at Wanner Sanctuary from 12:30 pm -1:30 pm on Thursdays. If you prefer to connect from home, you are welcome to join us at the same time on Zoom. The Zoom link is [here](#).

Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** donate non-perishable food items to the food bank in the box in foyer or you can donate through your offering envelopes, designate “food bank”

- After our Worship Series, we will be celebrating Mennonite Church Canada’s Witness Workers and concentrating on a different country each Sunday. If you have items from China, Philippines, Thailand or South Korea, please consider bringing them to church to display at the front of the church. Please contact Sandra Moreau for more information.

- **Chris Brown** is once again participating in the London’s Children’s hospital Charity motorcycle ride, to help benefit children like Annalize. Thanks to your generosity Chris has been the top fundraiser for the past 2 years. If you would like to donate, please see Chris or the link to donate is [here](#).

OFFERING

There are **three** ways to give: **Cheque** (mail or drop off at church), **Automatic giving** (set up with Dave Rorke) or **E-transfer** to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

Litany for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Leader: In gratitude to God who healed our broken relationship by reconciliation through Jesus Christ we receive a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation and to healing broken relationships.

All: Today we acknowledge:

Leader: a dark side to the history of Canada.

We settler peoples have pushed aside Indigenous people, seized their land, and reaped benefits which rightfully belong to all people.

All: Today we lament:

Leader: the attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada through the Indian Act which criminalized the practice of traditions and cultures, and mandated the seizure and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

All: Today we have no appropriate words, so we pay our respects:

Leader: for the children who died while in custody of residential schools,
died of abuse, malnourishment, and disease, died of lonely hearts
and separation from family.

**All: Today we have no appropriate words, so we stand in
silence:**

Leader: mourning with the families and communities who mourn
for their children who did not come home from residential schools,
for the disruption of family and way of life,
for the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.

Pause in silence

Leader: In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of
reconciliation for us,

**All: we commit to walking together in a new way,
acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous
Peoples on this land, living with respect, listening and
learning as we move forward on the path of true reconciliation.**

Adapted from: Ron Flaming, for Truth and Reconciliation Action Group
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