

Order of Worship: Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: *Our scripture looks at another story after Jesus' resurrection because we don't want to leave the good news of Easter too quickly. It's a story with a miraculous catching of fish but its also a puzzling story in that Jesus questions Peter 3 times about his love for Jesus. What's going on here? Is Jesus doubting Peter's faith or loyalty? How do we deal with the betrayal of others or our own?*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Psalms 51:1-4, 7-13 (NIV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #606 HWB – O have you not heard

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: John 21:1-14 (NIV) *Afterward Jesus appeared again to His disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.*

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Hymn: #229 HWB – Lord you have come to the lakeshore

Scripture: John 21:15-19 (NIV) Maggie - *When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Take care of My sheep."*

The third time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My sheep.

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then He said to him, "Follow Me!"

Message: *Recycling old sinners ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #599 HWB – He leadeth me

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #433 HWB – Go my children

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

*****There will be a coordinating committee meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 7 pm**

Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend St. Agatha Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite.

Please note, starting April 2024, Canadian Mennonite magazine will be printed monthly. Current subscribers have the first opportunity to receive one email a week with select stories, interviews, and news from behind-the-scenes. If you already receive Canadian Mennonite as a PDF every second Friday, the new service is already included in your subscription. If you currently only receive your magazine by mail, don't miss out! Ask Karen to add your email address to your subscription. We can add up to two email addresses per household.

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MCC Run for Relief 2024

Is anyone interested in being part of a team from St. Agatha MC taking part in this year's MCC Run for Relief? I've been part of several teams doing a variety of walks to raise funds for MCC. I was thinking of doing a walk from our church to the fairgrounds in New Hamburg: about 13-14 km. People could walk for part of it or all of it. We would wear bright safety vests as well as have a secondary way to let vehicles know of our presence from a distance. To do this it would be helpful to also have a support vehicle to supply drinks or snacks as well as transport anyone as needed. If you are interested in considering this please speak to me: Pastor Jim

Help support Rockway's Student Tuition Assistance program by becoming a golf sponsor in our [29th Annual Golf Classic](#). Contact Chris Ainsworth, Director of Advancement, at advancement@rockway.ca to learn more. The **Early Bird registration closes on Monday, April 15**. URL for Rockway's Golf Classic: <https://rockway.ca/golf>

April 24, 9:30 am - 12 pm, MCC Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener

If you witness a violent situation, will you know how to respond? Training Active Bystanders shows you how. Participants learn to analyze harm-doing and respond in everyday ways. For more info and to register, go to mcc.org/events.

Remembering Henry Pauls – A CILT Cabin Dedication Service will be held on April 28 at 10am at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to honour Henry Pauls' legacy with the camp.

SLMC Summer Camp – Registration is open! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.

Spring Work Weekend – Enjoy a family-friendly, free weekend at Silver Lake to help open the camp for the summer. All meals provided. April 26-28. Register at slmc.ca/retreats.

SLMC Annual Meeting - Silver Lake Mennonite Camp will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting on May 11th at 11:30am on Zoom (link at slmc.ca). There will be voting on by-law changes that can be found on the SLMC website. All are welcome! **Spring Teen Camp** – High school youth ages 13-17 are invited to Silver Lake from May 10-12 for a fun weekend of waterfront activities, campfires, games, great food and more! Register at slmc.ca/retreats

SLMC Grand Paddle & Hike - Silver Lake is holding its annual fundraiser May 10-12. Visit the [fundraising site](#) to create/join your team or donate. All participants are welcome to join scheduled group paddles/hikes/bike rides on May 11 at 2pm (details at slmc.ca).

Spring Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp

On Monday, April 29th join us for a day of fellowship, community and conversations. Dr. Martha Taylor will share with us in the morning and Jane Kuepfer will host a panel discussion in the afternoon as we intentionally explore end-of-life conversations. www.hiddenacres.ca See Bulletin Board for more info.

*****Sunday, June 9, 2-4 pm: Bicentennial Event: Guided Cemetery Tour** Former Steinmann pastor, Fred Lichti will lead a storytelling history tour beginning at the St. Agatha Mennonite Church cemetery and ending at the Steinmann Mennonite Church cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the tour. All are welcome.

Pray for peace in Haiti and for political and social stability that people can go about their normal lives. Pray also for MCC staff and its 11 partners in the country that they would have wisdom and resilience in the course of ongoing stress and trauma.

Upcoming Worship Services:

April 21: Pastor Jim

April 28: Pastor Jim