

Sunday, March 05, 2023

Second Lent

10:00 am – In-person (with Coffee time)

*Lenten Theme:
Created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus*

Worship Theme: ***On this second Sunday in Lent***, we re-visit the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus as it is recorded for us in the gospel of John chapter 3. The sermon will be given in a narrative form, in which we imagine a conversation between Nicodemus and another Biblical character, Procurus (Acts 6:5). As we listen in, we try to imagine how we would have responded to Jesus of Nazareth, the itinerant preacher on the hillside, and we consider how we respond to Jesus' words today.

Prelude

Words of Welcome – Dianne

Call to worship (*based on Psalm 121*)

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – VT # 419 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth.

Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt,
walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Amen.

Words of Assurance: Dianne

Hymn – VT # 544 – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Scripture 1: Psalm 121 – Dianne

Hymn – Theme Hymn for Lent -

VT # 141 – Create in Me a Clean Heart vs. 3 & 4

Scripture 2: John 3: 1 - 17

Sermon: *Words of Challenge - Nancy*

Hymn of Response: VT # 545 – Here I Am, Lord

Sharing our prayer requests – Nancy
Prayers of the people – Nancy

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn – VT # 832 – The Lord Lift You Up

Benediction

Postlude

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We are having a **Soup and Sandwich Potluck on March 12<sup>th</sup>**, with more details to follow at coffee time.

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowlathon** is happening again this year! It will be held on March 25. This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's bowlathon raising over \$30,000! You can show your support by sponsoring Judy or donating on-line at [hiddenacres.ca/donate](https://hiddenacres.ca/donate), and select "Annual Bowlathon" from the list. Thank You!

**MCC is accepting donations** to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at [mcccanada.ca/earthquake](https://mcccanada.ca/earthquake), by calling 800-313-6226 or by sending a cheque to MCC.

**Intercultural Volleyball Fellowship:** March 11, 10 am to 3:30 pm Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, ON \$100/group (team, church). Pizza for lunch. Bring your own drinks. Contact: Yoel Masyawong at [yoelmasya@gmail.com](mailto:yoelmasya@gmail.com)

**MCC Winter Warm-up:** Here is an opportunity for you to join with a group to do some Comforter Knotting for the MCC winter warm-up. Saturday, March 18: 1 – 5 pm at Nith Valley Mennonite Church. (Come for all or part of this time.)

**Nith Valley EcoBoosters** is hosting an information session geared to questions about electric cars. Webinar on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 7 – 9 p.m. Contact Nith Valley MC to obtain the link.

**Rescheduled screening of "Colonization Road"** - an exploration of the effects of road building by settlers on Indigenous land and culture. The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships rescheduled the screening to Friday, March 31st, 2023, 7 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg. The church requires that face masks be worn. Admission is free and registration is not necessary.

**Worship with us at Agape Fellowship:** On Palm Sunday, April 2, Pastor Nancy will offer a service of worship at Agape Fellowship in London, Ontario. The service will take place in the late afternoon. All are welcome to join us. Further details forthcoming.

**Transformed, Inspired, Called:** The MCEC Annual Church Gathering will take place on Friday evening, April 28 and Saturday April 29 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. If you would like to attend as a delegate from St. Agatha Mennonite Church, speak with Pastor Nancy.

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is currently recruiting new Board members. If you are interested in considering this service opportunity, contact Linda Shantz, Chair of the TCMH Nominations Committee at [lshantz@tcmh.com](mailto:lshantz@tcmh.com)

**Wanted:** Volunteers to serve on the Board of the Detweiler Meetinghouse and Roseville Cemetery. Contact Marion Roes, secretary at mlroes@sympatico.ca about the work of the Board. See [www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca](http://www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca) for more information about us. The historically restored stone church at 3445 Roseville Road, can be rented for public meetings and there are occasionally planned public events. The Board meets twice a year.

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: Summer Camp Registration is now Open:** Visit the SLMC website for more details.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 05, 2023    Second Lent – Pastor Nancy Mann

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Mar 26,    "        potential Congregational Meeting after the service