

# Sunday, March 12, 2023

## Third Lent

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

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

Worship Theme: ***On this third Sunday in Lent**, we turn to the Old Testament where we visit Moses and the Israelites wandering in the desert. There seem to be no shortage of challenges for them there. How do the people respond to the challenges that they face? Are they able to trust their leadership? Are they able to trust that God will supply their needs in difficult circumstances? We will look at the leadership that Moses provides in a difficult situation and see what we can learn about Godly leadership.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome – Rudy

### **Call to worship:**

Leader: In a dry and weary land,

**All: Restore us, O God.**

Leader: When we are parched and depleted,

**All: Restore us, O God.**

Leader: When we long for your living water,

**All: Restore us, O God.**

Leader: We thirst for you, O God.

Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Opening Prayer – Rudy

Opening Hymn: VT # 91 We Praise Thee, O God

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life.

And yet

we have drunk deeply of resentment;

we have savored self-centeredness.

We confess to the Lord . . .

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear your voice. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Rudy

Hymn: – Theme Hymn for Lent -

VT # 141 Create in Me a Clean Heart vs. 1 & 4

Scripture 1: Psalm 95 – Rudy

Hymn: VT # 47 God of Our Strength

Scripture 2: Exodus 17: 1 – 7 – Gary B

Sermon: *Camping at Rephidim ~ Nancy*

Hymn of Response: VT # 703 Rain Down

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

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: VT # 606 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

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**TODAY:** Join us downstairs for a soup lunch following the service.

**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!

**Wilmot Death Café** - Our lives are filled with death and grief all around us. Having open, honest and safe conversations about death, helps us to live well. The next gathering of the Wilmot Death Café will take place on Wednesday, March 15 from 7-8:30 pm. This monthly Zoom gathering is designed to be a safe space where we will have informal conversation about our experiences with death and learn from one another about how to live well. Go to <https://deathcafe.com/what/> for more information or contact Greg Yantzi ([pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com](mailto:pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com)) to receive the zoom link.

**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.

**Taize worship service:** Come and share in a Taize-style worship service which will be offered at Shantz Mennonite Church on Thursday, March 30 at 6 pm. This is a service of music and prayer which has been re-scheduled from Ash Wednesday, and will take a slightly different form than originally planned.

**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](mailto: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:**

Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Lent – Guest Preacher: Catherine Hunsberger

Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Lent – Pastor Nancy Mann

(Potential Congregational meeting following the service)

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday – Pastor Nancy Mann

(Afternoon service at Agape Fellowship, London)

Good Friday, April 7 – 10:00 am – Service with Foot-washing and Communion

Easter Sunday, April 9 - Sunrise service at 8 am followed by pot-luck breakfast

10:00 am Easter worship