



...Forgiven and Forgiving

Grace Mennonite Church

August 23, 2020

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Grace Virtual Worship Service, *recorded August 19*

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Melvin Toews, council announcement

Call to Worship

****Mountain of God***

Lectio Divina

****Refiner's Fire***

Congregational Prayer

****Amazing Grace/my chains are gone***

[2 Corinthians 2:1-10; 5:11-21](#) (*click to read*)

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****Sanctuary***

Benediction

****please scroll down for words to the songs***

Participants in Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader:	Trudi Graham
Song Leaders:	Carmel Wiebe, Barb & Harv Lane, Sherril & Wes Reimer
Accompanist:	Roxanne Klassen
Ushers:	Bill Sawatsky, Doug Kathler
Technology Technicians:	Bruce Blatz, Patrick Friesen

Grace Summer Worship Plan:

You can view the *Grace Mennonite Covid-19* guidelines on our website.

<https://gracesteinbach.ca/>

You can view a video of what to expect when coming back to worship here:

[Coming back to worship at Grace video](#)

To RSVP for the recording of worship on

Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00pm,

our first preference is to email the church at

office@gracesteinbach.ca,

and our second preference is that you call the church

at 204 326 3707

or

Cathy: 204 380 4518 (Tuesday - Friday)

We will continue to send the virtual worship service to you via email on Sunday mornings.

Looking ahead to Sunday, August 30

Please read [2 Corinthians 4:7-12](#) (click to read).

We Pray

Community Resources: We pray for those in our community who use the resources that help with their lives on a daily basis: **Agape House, Soups On, Southeast Helping Hands, Today House, Steinbach Community Outreach.**

Prayer for this Week: God, help me move into the direction of forgiveness.

Prayer for the Community & The World: As we prepare for what back to school looks like during a pandemic, please pray for the well being and mental health of students, parents and teachers.

Our Condolences go out to Cam Barkman's family:

Grace Barkman, Elmer and Helen Barkman, Jon and Regan Barkman, Michael Barkman & Rob Barkman. Cam passed away peacefully, Thursday, August 20 at his residence. A private funeral service will be held Thursday August 27 at 11:00 am. At Birchwood

Funeral Chapel. A come and go public viewing will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 7-9pm at Birchwood Funeral Chapel. May you feel God's love as you spend time together remembering Cam this week.



"Congratulations to John and Eileen Toews as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, (August 22)! Wishing you God's richest blessings as you celebrate and continue your life's journey together."



Opportunities at Grace

Please send all bulletin announcements to audrey@gracesteinbach.ca

A note from Grace Librarians:

- The library will be open during Grace office hours (Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm).
- Hand sanitizer will be available before entering the library which is to be used before handling the books.
- There may not be a librarian on duty.
- Returned books are to be put in the return bin.
- Books may be signed out.



Grace Garden Club: All are welcome to join the Grace Garden Club for fun, fellowship and growing vegetables for the Soup's On Project. We will meet on **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm** weather permitting.

Rejoice, a quarterly devotional magazine, seeks to inspire Christian disciples to deeper faithfulness as they experience and share God's healing and hope in the world. Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. The magazine also includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies. *Rejoice* is published by Kindred Productions and MennoMedia. Please contact Cathy Barkman (cathy@gracesteinbach.ca) if you are interested in receiving *Rejoice* for a year. There is no cost to you as Grace Mennonite Church pays for the subscription.

The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers with Early Response Teams are working in Iowa, engineers roll up their sleeves in West Virginia and help build bridges they designed, and you'll learn how MDS is cautiously planning for a few projects this fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/2YhWGFk>.

On August 4, a large explosion killed over 200 people and injured more than 8,000 others in the capital of Beirut, Lebanon. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and cleanup needs arising from this disaster. Through the Humanitarian Coalition, **individual donations made to MCC in Canada will be matched up to 5 million by the Government of Canada.** Donate now at mcccanada.ca/beirut-response .

Grace Donation Options

Church Council and Treasurer want to remind you of donation options while we are no longer in worship together. If you have any questions, please email the church office.

- mailing your cheque to the church
- through automatic withdrawal
- e-transfer at donate@gracesteinbach.ca
- emailing the office to arrange a time to drop off a donation

This week at Grace, August 23 – August 29:

Tuesday: Soup's On lunch supplies program

Soup's On, 5:00 pm

Grace Garden Club, 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Worship Recording at Grace, 7 pm

Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm

If you are not receiving emails from the church and would like to, please email office@gracesteinbach.ca to sign up. *The emails include all the links to the worship service and weekday activities.*

Mennonite Church Canada weekly online worship service for Sunday, August 23, 2020 :

Langley Mennonite Fellowship will share a service with us this Sunday, drawing from Matthew 16:13-28. In the intimacy of Jesus's and Peter's master-disciple relationship, Jesus is recognized for who he is and Peter is blessed, ordained, confounded and sternly rebuked. Living with good news is so perplexing and surprising. Join us at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshippervices>.

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Cathy Barkman *Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30-1:30*

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Audrey Frey *on vacation this week.*

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Worship Songs for August 23, 2020

Mountain of God

Words and Music by Phil Campbell-Enns

Come let us go to a place that is pure
To learn about love and wipe away tears
He'll melt swords of steel and hearts made of stone
He'll set prisoners free and give strangers a home

So come, come as you are
Oh come, from near and far
Oh Come, salvation we'll taste
As we climb the mountain of God

From each corner and end of the earth
We'll gather together to sing of your worth
Of blind who can see, and weary who rest
Good news for the poor, freedom for oppressed

New life awaits for all who believe
All who love mercy, do justice, walk humbly
With Christ as our guide, united we'll be
Living the kingdom secure in God's peace

Sanctuary

Lord, pre-prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary Lord for You.

Great Creator, we come before you,
We are broken and feel alone.
Come and meet us with your deep love,
Bring us healing once again,"

Refiner's Fire

Verse 1

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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Amazing Grace/my chains are gone

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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