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Grace Mennonite Church

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Virtual Foyer via Zoom Link: 10:00 am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540>

Livestreaming Link: 10:15 am
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCTLu8JkIInRV782cA>

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

My Life Flows On VT #605

Time with Children

[Luke 19:28-44](#)

Hoping

What a Beautiful Name

[Luke 19:41-44](#) and Extinguishing the Candle

Congregational Response

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

As I went down to the river STJ 79 and slides

Congregational Prayer

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT #313

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Speaker:

Mel Letkeman

Worship Leader:

Enid Letkeman

Time with the Children:

Kyle & Arianna Penner

Musicians:

Katie Schroeder, Melissa Taylor, Gary Bergman, Scott Jodoin, Karen Toews

Techs:

Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters

Ushers:

Mary Doerksen, Jon Barkman

Greeters:

Curtis & Jenn Kulpa

Congregational Response

Hope. It's not always easy to have it or find it. Identify some aspect of life in which you would like to, need to, experience more hope. It might be in relation to some life changing decisions you are uneasy about making. It might have to do with people you love and that which they're going through. It might be in relation to the on-going saga that is our living with COVID and the uncertainty of the future. You want to be filled with deep hope which will carry you and ground you in ways which will enable you to live well and peacefully with God, yourself and others.

In a prayer of Confession and Assurance we will talk with God about deep hope. Ponder and pray about that in your life as you let the visuals take you 'deeper into the current' symbolizing being led to deeper into hope in your life and in the midst of your living.

We Pray Together

Prayer for our Congregation:

- ❖ Pray for **Kumba Mansaray** who is in Bethesda Hospital with health issues. Pray also for her children, **Musu & Sheiku**, who live with her.
- ❖ Pray for **Betty Koop** who has recently traveled to Toronto in relation to her ongoing Cancer treatment.
- ❖ Pray for **Kalem Martens**. He is recovering at home from eye surgery.

Prayer for our Community: 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 and Steinbach Community Outreach.**

Prayer for this Week: Lord, keep me hopeful when life seems to make it impossible.

Prayer for our World: Mennonite Church Canada has asked that we pray for **Bethlehem Bible College**, students, staff, faculty, families and all Palestinians as they are in the midst of the worst-yet coronavirus outbreak in Palestine.

Congratulations to Lindsey Banman & Matthew Penner on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, **Norah Clementine Penner** born March 21. Grandparents are **Gerald & Teresa Banman.**

Opportunities at Grace

April 4th - Easter Sunday Sanctuary Service 10:00 am or 11:15 am:

Please RSVP by **THURSDAY, April 1st NOON**. Email office@gracesteinbach.ca or if unable to email, you may phone the church office. The office staff will not be available to respond after Thursday noon. If you were unable to sign up before Thursday noon, you are welcome to see if there is walk-up space available.

Tree Planting: This spring you'll be invited to help our church plant 300 trees! Stay tuned for more details.

Giving Project: The youth are collecting **2021 rolls of toilet paper** for *Steinbach Community Outreach!* Please help them out by dropping off rolls of toilet paper at church by Easter morning.

This Week at Grace March 28 – April 3

Sunday
(March 28th)

Sanctuary Service, 10:15 am
Virtual Worship Service:

Zoom at **10 am** *
Livestream at **10:15am**
Zoom following the service. *

Middle & High School Lenten MCM Worship, 8 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2048961616>

Monday:
Tuesday:

Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am
Soup's On Take out only, 4:30 pm
Grace Adult Formation,
7:30 pm zoom - see link in announcement

Wednesday:

Morning Prayers, 7:30 am, Zoom *
Evening Prayers, 9:30 pm, Zoom *
Middle School Girls Bonfire at church, 6:30 pm

Thursday:

Stories with Seniors, Zoom 10 am*
Maundy Service, 7:30 pm - Sanctuary or Livestream
High School Bonfire AFTER the Maundy Thursday service
Approximately – 8:30 pm

Friday:

Good Friday Family Friendly Outdoor walking service
Arrive anytime between 10 am & 10:30 am
Soup's On Take out only, 4:30 pm
The church office will be closed on Good Friday.

Saturday
Sunday
(April 4th)

Sad Saturday Service, Zoom 7:00 pm*
TWO Easter Morning Services
One service at 10 am and one at 11:15 am
Please RSVP for one service by Thursday, April 1st noon.
There will be no Zooms Easter Sunday.

* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540>

Grace Adult Formation - "My Life as a Writer"

Tuesday March 30 at 7:30 pm



MaryLou Driedger grew up in Grace Mennonite, and has been a regular columnist for *The Carillon* for 35 years. She has also been a *Winnipeg Free Press* columnist and has published hundreds of pieces in anthologies, magazines, devotional periodicals, newspapers, and journals. She has written institutional histories and dozens of curriculums. Her first novel, *Lost on the Prairie*, is being published by Heritage House in April 2021. She also maintains a daily blog, What Next?

To join this Zoom session, click the following link on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30pm: <https://prov.zoom.us/j/93059064830>

If you have any questions or want to request a recording of this session, contact Dennis Hiebert at dennis.hiebert@prov.ca

Steinbach Community Outreach

Easter dinner leftovers - Why not share a little of your holiday meal leftovers with the needy and hungry? We can bring takeaway containers to your church that you can send home with your families who are interested in donating a meal. The families can fill it up with their Easter dinner leftovers and toss it in the freezer. You may drop them off at 345 Loewen Blvd, (west side parking, blue doors) between 9am and 4pm Monday - Friday.

At Outreach we feed approximately 80 households a week in the form of heat and eat dinners, and bring meals to Today House, the homeless shelter, every day. That's about 500 casseroles every month. If everyone in your congregation donated one meal it would go a long way towards helping people who are food insecure this spring.

Faith and Life Male Choir - Here is our third virtual recording simply called "Offertory". https://youtu.be/0yB5_YBybPM Enjoy this worshipful song!

Leroy Penner

Please see the bulletin board for various announcements.

MCC, MCM, MCC, MDS, job opportunities, courses.

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Office is closed Friday, April 2nd.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service, April 1st at 7:30 pm

We will be having communion as part of that service. For those coming to the Sanctuary, you will need to bring your own bread and juice, we will not be serving you. You do not need to sign up ahead for the sanctuary service. Those of you joining via Livestream from home can have the elements ready there.

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCTLu8JlkInRV782cA>

Good Friday Worship, April 2nd

Family Friendly - Arrive anytime between 10:00 & 10:30 am for a outdoor, short walking service exploring the Stations of the Cross. We'll walk around the church lot as individuals, households, or small groups. Plan to be at church for 30 minutes. If the weather is terrible, we'll send a cancellation email by 9:00 am.

Sad Saturday, April 3rd

Join us on Zoom at **7:00 pm** for liturgies and a time of Wondering and Questioning.

The disciples '**knew**' it was all over after Jesus death on Friday. So, all they'd believed about Jesus had also ended. While we know the ending of the story, the day in between is still an opportunity to act as if we didn't. What are deepest doubts, question and wonderings? We'll share some of those which Biblical Characters reveal, but spend most of our time sharing ours.

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Easter Morning, April 4th

We will be having two 45 minute services as we Gather for Easter Morning Worship in the Sanctuary. You may sign up for one of the services - 10:00 am or 11:15 am service. We will end each service by singing outside. Please sign up by emailing the church before **Thursday, April 1st noon** indicating which service you would like to attend. Livestreaming will be available for both services.

Please note that there will be no Zoom at 10:00 am and 11:00 am on Easter Sunday.