



# Grace Mennonite Church

March 19, 2023

Shaped by Jesus ...  
to receive and be light

**Welcome**

***Summoned by the God Who Made Us*** VT 1

Call to Worship

***Could It Be That God Is Singing*** VT 42

[Psalm 43](#)

Selected verses

***Thy Word Is a Lamp*** VT 398

Prayer of Confession

***Thy Word Is a Lamp*** VT 398

Time with the Children & Coins Count  
*Children ages 3 to Grade 8 may leave for Children's Church.*

Life of the Congregation  
Congregational Prayer and Offertory

Faith Stories

***Fill Us with Your Feast*** VT 309

[Matthew 25: 1-13](#)

Light for the long haul

***Your Love Is Washing Over Me*** VT 166

Benediction

# Sunday, March 19, 2023

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**10:00 am – Worship Service All are welcome!**  
**Livestream** will be available between 10 – 11 am.  
**Audio recording** can be accessed on church website after the service.

**Children’s Church for ages 3 to Grade 8** will be held during the worship service. You may pick up your children following the worship service in the upper level classrooms.

**9:00 am - Sisters of Grace** meet each Sunday before the Worship Service in the downstairs lounge. Whether you’re able to come once in a while or regularly, we hope to grow in our relationships with each other and with God.

**11:15 am - Adult Formation**  
**3-Part Book Discussion on Brian McLaren’s *Do I Stay Christian?***

Part III: “How?” Sunday, Mar 19, in the basement after the service.



*Please join us for coffee in the foyer following the worship service.*

**Our Coins Count money will be going to MCC’s Grow Hope Campaign,** where \$350 “sponsors” one acre of farmland here in Manitoba. After harvest, the Grow Hope farmer will sell the crop and donate the proceeds to MCC’s account at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which is matched 4:1 by the Canadian government. That means that every dollar we give can become up to 5 dollars to provide emergency food aid. If you’d like to give extra money besides your coins, you can designate some extra giving to church as Grow Hope and we’ll add it to the coins.

Worship Speaker	Karen Schellenberg
Worship Leader	Tamara Rempel
Musicians	Ron Dick, Shara Dueck, David Graham, Leroy Penner, Kristy Rempel, Laurie Wiens
Children’s Time	Kyle Penner
Faith Story	Mark Rempel
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Ushers	Mary Doerksen, Ken Fehr, Marigold Peters
Coffee Servers	Marlene Hoeppner, Theresa Sawatzky

**Sunday, March 26**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

[Matthew 25: 31-46](#)

*Would you consider yourself a sheep or a goat?*

## We Pray Together

### **Pray for our congregation:**

Pray for **Virginia Fast**. She is receiving palliative care at home.

Pray for **Shannon Giesbrecht** who is recovering at home after surgery for a broken leg this past week.

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Vi Brown, Raelyn Dick, Shannon Giesbrecht, Laurie Kroeker, Matt Rogalsky**

Our condolences to **Ken Klassen, David and Stefan Klassen** on the passing of their wife and mother, **Roxanne Klassen** on Friday March 17, 2023. Roxanne was also a sister-in-law to **Glen and Betty Klassen**, and an aunt to **Neil and Jennifer Klassen, Darren and Andrea Reimer** as well as **Kim and Rob Sidorchuk**.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with them.

**Prayer for the week: Lord, give me long-term hope, faith and love.**

**Pray for our world: Pray for those rebuilding their lives after the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.**



### **Psalm 43 (selected verses)**

My God, when you hand down your decision, let it be in my favor.

You are God, my place of safety.

So why have you turned your back on me?

Send me your light and your faithful care.

Let them lead me.

Let them bring me back to the place where you live.

Then I will go to you who are my joy and my delight.

God, you are my God, I will praise you

My spirit, why are you so sad?

Put your hope in God.

Once again I will have reason to praise the Lord

## This Week at Grace ❖ March 20 - 24

English Classes (middle level, lower level classrooms) and Childcare (nursery & overflow) are in session various mornings and evenings Monday - Thursday.	
<b>Monday</b>	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Middle School Youth: 7:00-8:30pm – Come for the community and Jesus. Stay for the snack and games.
<b>Thursday</b>	Senior's coffee @ 2:30pm High School Youth: 7:30-9:00pm – Parables, Poets & Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

**Anabaptist Bible Project:** Anabaptism began 500 years ago when bold young Christians challenged authorities with the radical idea that Scripture spoke clearly to ordinary people who studied the Bible together. To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism a project is planned to create an Anabaptism Bible. It will be a "people's Bible" that, if recruiting is successful, will draw on the work of 500 small groups of laypeople who will write marginal notes and commentary. 500 study groups will get a "3-4-5" assignment: read three passages of Scripture (the entire Bible will be divided into 500 sets of three passages and assignments given), meet four times and respond to five discussion questions. Would you like to be part of a study of scripture with others here at Grace as part of this project? Let me know... Mel

**Paungassi Family Camp – Save the date! July 24 – 29.** More info coming, but if you're interested or want more info, talk to Kyle.

**See the church foyer bulletin board for additional information.**

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday ❖ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm