



Grace Mennonite Church

March 5, 2023

Shaped by Jesus ... the source of our work

Welcome

Gravity of Love VT 494

Call to Worship

Build My Life VT 92

[Psalm 16](#)

Selected verses

Abide with Me VT 502 vs 1-2

Prayer of Confession

Abide with Me VT 502 vs 3-5

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 20:1-16](#)

Going to the Source

Here in This Place VT 10

Benediction

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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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 II: “Yes” - Sunday, Mar 5, in the basement, room 26 (previously Women in Mission room) 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	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader	Bethany Visser
Musicians	Shara Dueck, Rose Dupuis, Rachel Dyck, David Graham, Darren Reimer, Jen Rogalsky
Children’s Time	Mel Letkeman
Scripture Reader	Otto Goertzen
Faith Story	Judy Hiebert
Technicians	Matt Boese, Joe Dueck
Ushers	Brenda Penner, Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Coffee Servers	Marlene Hoeppner, Theresa Sawatzky

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

How do you feel about this King?

We Pray Together

Pray for our congregation:

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

Pray for **Roxanne Klassen**. She is receiving palliative care at Bethesda.

We pray for those in Care Homes: **Marie Dyck, Linda Martens** and **Christina Putz**.

Prayer for the week: Lord, may You give meaning to all I do.

Pray for our world: We pray for those recovering from the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.



Are you interested in creating or joining a group for the purpose of hosting and assisting a Ukrainian family in Steinbach?

If you are intrigued by the idea of extending kindness to a Ukrainian family, please contact Curt Penner for further information. 204 371-0583 or clpenner58@gmail.com.

From the Library: The 2nd & 3rd shelves of the small brown shelf in the library is filled with newly donated adult fiction. The top shelf of small brown shelf is featuring our in house authors.

Sunday, March 5th after the morning worship service, grab a cookie and a coffee and say goodbye to Cathy who has been our Administrative Secretary and hello to Nina who now will be.

See the church foyer bulletin board for additional information.

This Week at Grace ❖ March 6 - 10

English Classes (middle level, lower level classrooms) and Childcare (nursery & overflow) are in session various mornings and evenings Monday - Thursday.

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Wednesday	Middle School Youth – Canoe-bogganing! 7-8:30 pm Meet and leave from church. Dress for the weather. Bring your sled (or canoe).
Thursday	Stories with Seniors – 2:30pm We will be discussing Matthew 22:1-14 High School Youth – Poets & Parables & Prayers 7:30-9pm at church
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

Little Bits of Grace - If you are a caregiver of young children, we'd love to hang out with you. Join us from 10 am – 12 noon, the first Wednesday of each month at church for coffee, snacks and a time of encouraging each other. Dates: April 5 and May 3.

Tamara and Mark Rempel, Elsie Kroeker, Elsie Kathler

March 16, 7 pm An evening at Steinbach Mennonite Church to hear from MaryLou Driedger about her recent books. (This is an invitation from the SMC Ladies Executive) Please sign-up in the foyer if you are planning to attend, or phone Enid Letkeman (204-905-2434)

Men's Breakfast group - We are having our next Men's Breakfast meeting on March 18th, 9am in the basement of the church. Cost will be approx. \$5.00 to cover the cost of groceries. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee bar counter. Any questions, contact Kurt Barz.

Church Camp - March 10 – 12 at Camp Assiniboia ❖ If you haven't received an info email, please let Kyle know.

Save the Date for Ladies Retreat at Grace ❖ **April 14-15**, details to follow

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

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Encountering God during Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days leading to Good Friday and Easter. It began as we imposed Ashes on our foreheads at the Ash Wednesday service this past week. It is a time to reflect on the pain of Christ's Sufferings and our own, leading to the hope of new life found in Easter Resurrection. We can facilitate this reflection through self denial, repentance, prayer, works of love and meditating on Scripture.

A Goal for Lent

Remove from or add to your life something which you have been hoping to change, asking God to change in you, even if it is difficult. Lent can be a time when, practically, needed transformation can begin or continue. A time when, symbolically, we can enter the suffering of Jesus and learn that the beauty of the Kingdom of God, and change in our own lives as it takes hold, includes suffering in some form.

A Fast that leads to a Feast

One discipline that could help you in this is Centering Prayer. A brief introduction and a suggestion on how to begin practicing it are found on the other side of this insert.

Centering Prayer

I'll admit it: Prayer can be hard. And confusing.
And what does it do? And how does it work?

The prayer practice that has impacted my life the most is one I learned from the nuns at St. Benedict's Monastery: Centering Prayer. Centering prayer deepens our relationship with God. It's a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

"Centering prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's love and your love for God. This prayer is beyond thoughts, emotions, or sensations. Like being with a very close friend or lover, where words are not required, centering prayer brings your relationship with God to a level deeper than conversation, to pure communion." – Richard Rohr

So, if you'd like to join me in practicing Centering Prayer for Lent, I'd recommend downloading the app called Centering Prayer (created by Contemplative Outreach). And once, or

twice, a day, on your own schedule, practice Centering Prayer simply by following the instructions on the app.

If you're interested, let me know that you're attempting this so that we can connect with others to share our experiences.

Kyle

Woman's Retreat
at Grace Mennonite Church
April 14, 15, 2023

Speaker: Kathy Giesbrecht

Friday – 6:30PM start

Saturday – 9:30AM – 4:30PM

(8:30AM optional yoga)

Lunch will be provided

What to bring:

- Appetizer/dessert for Friday evening
- Your favourite mug; be ready to share its story

Cost: suggested price \$30, pay what you can

To register, contact:

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Registration deadline is April 2, 2023.