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Welcome, Life of the Congregation & Land Acknowledgement

All Who Are Thirsty VT49

Call to Worship

Jesus be the Center VT584

Prayer

In Christ There Is No East or West VT390

[Exodus 17: 1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:4](#)

**Children's Feature**

(Children ages 3 through grade 8 may leave for Children's Church)

**Take in your hand the staff**

Communion

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

O Healing River VT706

Benediction

# World Communion Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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**9:00 am - Sisters of Grace** – All women are invited to a time of reading, sharing and prayer together.

## **10:00 am – Worship Service**

We welcome Doug Klassen, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, here to our worship this morning.

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

Audio recording can be accessed on the church website after the service.



**Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8** will be held during the service.

You may pick up your children following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

**All are welcome to join us for coffee.**

## **11:15 am – Formation with Doug Klassen**

Worship Leader	Brenda Penner
Worship Speaker	Doug Klassen
Technicians	Lloyd Fund, Curtis Kulpa, Tim Schmitt
Ushers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Coffee Servers	Diane Driedger, Steve Reimer
Musicians	Cindy Blatz, Loretta Friesen, David Graham, Karen Pries
Scripture	Mabel Allen, Kate Hiebert, Arianna Penner Zach Penner, Mack Peters, Jude Toews
Children's Church	Audrey, Brandt, Olivia Dupont, Ange Neufeld
Children's Feature	Kyle Penner, Paxton Wiebe

## We Pray Together

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

***Prayer for the week:*** Lord we pray for wisdom and courage to be your witnesses to Jesus in our multi-cultural world.

***Prayer for our world:*** Lord we pray for Mennonite congregations and their witness all over the world.

***We will be gathering for times of prayer every Tuesday during the month of October. Join us for the first one on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 – 7:00pm.***

## This Week at Grace ❖ Oct 2 - 6

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Lunch Program @ 9 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5–6:15 pm <b>Time of Prayer:</b> 6:30-7pm - Meet in Room #15 – the downstairs lounge.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Little Bits of Grace</b> – 10 am – noon in the church foyer.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>High School Youth</b> – 7-9 pm – Meet a church. Food Drive. Dress for the weather.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5–6:15 pm

**Little Bits of Grace** - If you are a parent or 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. You'll find a place to talk, listen, commiserate, and encourage. As a bonus, we also provide other adults, coffee and snacks!

**Might you be interested in baptism, or knowing more about it?  
Perhaps becoming a member at Grace?**

**If so, let me know. I'd be glad to talk with you about it ...** *Mel*

### ***Sunday, October 8*** ***Thanksgiving Weekend***

[Psalm 145](#)

[Deuteronomy 16:13-15](#)

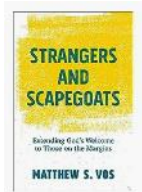
Mel would like to create a display at the front of the church as part of his sermon, so bring any produce, preserving, canning etc. that has come from your gardens this summer. After worship, those who brought something, may take something.

### ***Grace Thanksgiving Potluck***

All are invited to stay after our **October 15<sup>th</sup>** Worship Service for a potluck fellowship-meal. Please bring either a main-dish or salad. Buns, dessert and coffee/tea will be provided. Please sign up at the back of the church to assist with set-up, serving and clean up.



**POTLUCK DINNER**



## Adult Formation Book Discussion

[Strangers and Scapegoats: Extending God's Welcome to Those on the Margins : Vos, Matthew:](#)  
[Amazon.ca: Books](#)



The first of five discussions will be held Oct. 22.

**SAVE THE DATE: November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Grace Fundraising Auction

We are excited to announce that after a multi-year hiatus, planning is being made for the Grace Auction!

Care about climate action? Mennonite Church Manitoba's **Climate Action Working Group** is looking for *Climate Animators* – Someone from each church to organize and advocate for climate action in all 39 of our churches. If you're interested, please talk to the office.

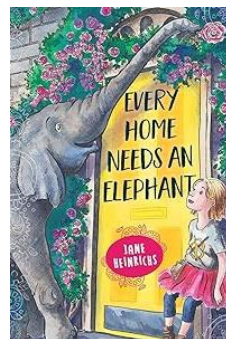
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An arithmetic challenge brought to you by the

### ***Grace Church Librarians:***

How many books do we have within our library that Jane Heinrichs has either written or illustrated? We are having a contest featuring books illustrated or written by Jane Heinrichs. Please enter by leaving your name and best guess in the box, on the table, in the library. A draw from the correct answers will be held and the winner will receive this book! Contest closes Oct 29, 2023.

Lately we have received several generous donations of new books for our library. We are grateful for each and every book donated.



### ***Gift Card Exchange***

If you would like to **donate** gift cards please drop them off at the church office. Gift cards in denominations of \$100 or less from Walmart, Superstore, Giant Tiger, & Sobeys will be accepted.

If you would like to **receive** gift cards, please talk to one of the pastors. Participation in the gift card exchange is entirely voluntary.

We will assess this program during formation on Nov. 12, 2023!

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