

# SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

## CRYING OUT



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**Bloomington Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday August 14th, 2022**

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# God within us: Crying Out

## *We Gather ... to Pray and to Praise*

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn of Gathering

VT #29

Come, Now is the Time

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 130*)

We gather in this place to seek God. Sometimes we seek God when we are happy and joyful and our hearts are light. Sometimes we seek God when we are sad and discouraged and our hearts are heavy.

**God knows and cares about all our thoughts and feelings.**

We can cry out to God, knowing that God will hear our voice.

**Thanks be to God.**

There are times when we feel we are waiting for God. We are waiting for answers to prayer, waiting for direction or guidance, waiting for something new.

**God is with us when we wait.**

We know that God has steadfast love for us. God is great and powerful and able to redeem us.

**Therefore, we have hope.**

Today our hearts may be light or heavy, and yet we can bring all that we are to God.

**We wait for God. We trust God. We seek God together.**

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

**Peace be with you.**

**And also with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns

VT #601

Lead Me, Guide Me  
God on the Mountain

**... to Hear God's Voice**

Readers Theatre      Book of Job  
Experiencing the Story & lighting of the Christ Candle  
Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance  
Scripture              Psalm 130:1-8  
Hymn of Preparation  
    VT #434              O God Our Refuge  
Sermon

**... to Live our Faith**

Hymn of Response  
    VT #679              Come, Bring your Burdens to God  
Congregational Prayers and Offering  
    Prayers of Intercession (**Lord, hear our prayer**)  
    Prayers of Thanksgiving (**Thanks be to God**)  
Prayer                  (~Pastoral Prayer written by Thom Shuman)

**... as We Go**

Announcements  
Hymn of Sending  
    VT #628              What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
Benediction (*please raise your arms for this benediction*)  
    Our time together has come to an end. We have seen God.  
    Wherever you go this week, look up and see God above you.  
    **We will look up and see God above us!**  
    Go and see God.  
Postlude

Ushers	Clare Cressman and Paul Fretz
Pianist	Beatrice Wideman
Worship Leaders	Sue and Ralph Weber
Chorister	Greg Cressman
Experiencing the story	Zac Klassen
Speaker	Laurel Fretz
Screen Sharing	Carol Fehrenbach
Sound Booth	Jason Moffatt

## **BMC NEWS**

### **Financial Report:**

We celebrate how we at BMC, serve in God's Kingdom at home, across the street and around the world, through our faith and finances;

Offerings to date - Aug 7, 2022	\$49,452
Required for Budget - Aug 7, 2022	\$56,685

As usual, you can forward your offerings by e-transfer, by mail or sign up to do Automated Fund Transfers on the 15th of each month. Contact Ron Stevanus (treasurer) by email at [treasurer@bmchurch.net](mailto:treasurer@bmchurch.net) or by phone at 519-886-6195 for more information. Thank you and stay safe as always.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, August 25** will be Rosette Day for morning snacks. If anyone would like to take home Rosettes ***please let Heather know ahead of time***. Please consider a donation for the Rosettes. The money will be used to buy school kit supplies for MCC. If anyone would like to make some kit bags here is the link. <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/bag>. The Rosettes will be packaged in quantities ordered.

**Saturday September 10** - Campfire and social time at the church starting at 6:00pm

**Sunday September 25** - Ride the Rail Trail starting at 2:00pm from Elmira to Wallenstein then back to Elmira for picnic in the park. The church will order pizza and you will need to supply your own drinks and dessert.

**Reminder:** Check out our website (<https://bloomingdalemennonite.com>) where you can find copies of the bulletin, recordings and pdfs of previous sermons.

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