

AN INVITATION TO SABBATH REST IN TIMES OF TURMOIL

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.

Psalm 62:1



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We Gather... to Pray and to Praise

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Lamp

Passing the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Hymn of Gathering

VT #157 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gb2L2YIR1LQ&ab_channel=FirstCongregationalChurchofHouston)

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Call to Worship Isaiah 56.1-7 (excerpts)

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice and do what is right.

Do not let the foreigner say,

“The Lord will surely separate me from God’s people”.

And do not let the eunuch say,

“I am just a dry tree.”

For thus says the Lord:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
and hold fast my covenant,

**I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be removed.**

And to the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
All who keep the sabbath and hold fast my covenant –

I will bring you to my holy mountain,

And make you joyful in my house of prayer,

**For my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

VT #660 The Lord’s My Shepherd

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Msh0PAJfPU&ab_channel=MartijndeGroot)

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... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Scripture Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 16

Hymn of Confession

Lord of the Sabbath

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u4tRuxjXkY&ab_channel=GraceChild2012)

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Words of Assurance

Sermon

... to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

My Soul is at Rest in God Alone

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oIBreL5wa9bvrS3ZFPOA6r5JmXSZMNIj/](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oIBreL5wa9bvrS3ZFPOA6r5JmXSZMNIj/view?usp=sharing)

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Congregational Prayers and Offering

Prayers of Intercession (**Lord, hear our prayer**)

Prayers of Thanksgiving (**Thanks be to God**)

... as We Go

Announcements

Hymn of Sending

Keep the Sabbath Holy

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfqfVCstIw&ab_channel=DevotionTakesShape)

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Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Scripture Readers

Deb & Linda Worth

Debra Worth, Pauline Bauman

Gloria Martin, Beatrice Wideman

Dorothy Isaac, Greg Cressman,

Graham Day.

Experiencing the Story & Speaker Zac Klassen

Home Tech

Carol Fehrenbach

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 - Jan 30, 2022	\$121,718
Required for Budget - Jan 30, 2022	\$130,986.
Budget Deficit at Jan 31st	(9,268.)

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 or by phone at 519-886-6195 for more information. Thank you and stay safe as always.

To give to House of Friendship, you can visit <https://houseoffriendship.org/how-you-help/donate/> or mail your donation to 51 Charles St. E., Kitchener, ON, N2G 2P3. If you would like to explore volunteer opportunities, see <https://houseoffriendship.org/how-you-help/volunteer/> or call 519-742-8327, ext 136. Thank you for contributing as you're able! We celebrate the involvement of BMC folks with House of Friendship over many years!

BEYOND OURSELVES

- **Stitching and Stories Wednesday, February 9 and Wednesday, February 16 from 6-8pm, online.** Join our Indigenous Neighbours team for a time of storytelling and stitching as Niska artisan Debbie Proulx-Buffalo teaches us how to bead an Every Child Matters pin. Gather with us online as we learn and listen. The session takes place in two parts on Wed. Feb 9 and Wed. Feb. 16 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Cost is \$50. **Register by January 31 to receive your sewing kit in the mail.** To register, go to mcco.ca/events.
- **Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2022 virtual choir – Submissions due Feb. 13** Calling all singers! Join the Gathering 2022 virtual choir as we prepare to meet in Edmonton this summer by celebrating with music composed by Phil Campbell Enns. Join voices across the country in singing "Greater Things Than These." [Music and instructions on how to upload your recording \(scroll to bottom of webpage\).](#) **Please pay particular attention to the upload instructions re: orientation of camera, file name, etc.**

- **The journey of a comforter Tuesday, February 22 at 12pm**
Join us for an exclusive online live event as we follow the journey of how MCC comforters are sewn, shipped and shared with people in need around the world. We'll go behind the scenes to see where comforters are pieced together by volunteers. Alex Azar, MCC Program officer in Jordan, will share about the impact these comforters have on the lives of displaced people in Jordan. To register, go to mcco.ca/webinars
- **The Power of Partnership Thursday, February 24 at 6 pm** (425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener). Join us and best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell as we discuss the Power of Partnership and how a legacy of partnership with local, on-the-ground organizations can bring peace, dignity and hope to those who need it most with the unintended consequence of creating more peaceful communities. This event will also be livestreamed. For more information, go to powerofpartnership.ca. Bingemans Conference Centre and MCC are working closely to provide a safe and healthy experience for all participants and will follow all local and provincial COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.
- **Peace & Justice Student Seminar February 22-24, 2022.** Every year, MCC Canada's Peace & Justice Office holds a seminar for students who are passionate about issues of justice, peace and advocacy. This year's seminar, Is our climate polarized? Building bridges for our shared future, will be a hybrid event. Local MCC offices across the country will host students for a mix of shared online content and local in-person speakers. Students will engage with parliamentarians, policy experts and others to learn about addressing the impacts of climate change in their communities and around the globe. [Learn more about the Peace & Justice Seminar here.](#)

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