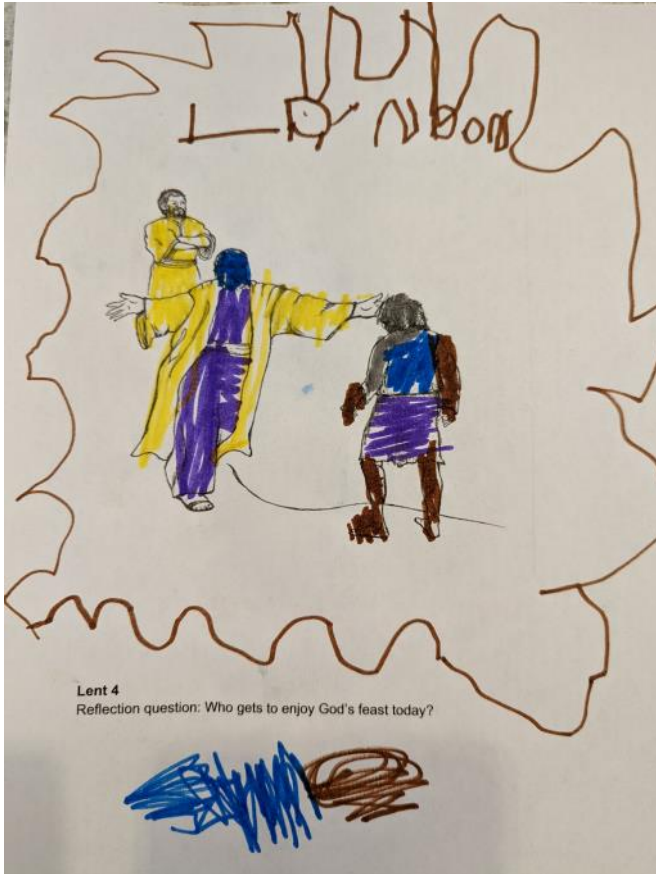


SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

EXCEPTIONALISM TO INCLUSION



LENT 4

Bloomington Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 27, 2022

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Seeking God's Ways From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

Focus Statement: As we seek God's way, consider God's welcome that reaches out to include those who are alienated, as well as those who make judgements about who may be included in the new creation inaugurated by Jesus Christ.

We Gather...to Pray and to Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp
Hymn of Gathering

VT #309 Fill Us with Your Feast

Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,
So God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.
Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #87 O Praise the Gracious Power

... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Hymn of Preparation

VT # 718 Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us
Sermon

...to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

VT #299 God Lights a Lamp

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

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

VT #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Benediction

Postlude

Ushers

Lois and Stu Weber

Pianist

Melodie Klassen

Worship Leader

Lorna Aberdein

Chorister

Laura Fehrenbach

Experiencing the Story

Heather Clayton

Sermon

Zac Klassen

Home Tech

Carol Fehrenbach

Sound Tech

Jon Fretz

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;

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| Offerings to date - Mar 20, 2022 | \$144,675 |
| Required for Budget - Mar 20, 2022 | \$151,825 |
| Required to meet Budget - Mar 20/22 | (\$7,150)* |

*Our budget year ends March 31, 2022 and our budget target for the year is \$154,802. The work of MCEC, Mennonite Church Canada and our church (BMC) is always important. If you are able to contribute beyond your planned giving before March 31st, we would get closer to our goal.

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.

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. "Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/ukraine.

BEYOND OURSELVES

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve
- **The Peace and Conflict Studies Department at Conrad Grebel University College is seeking to fill the position of PACS Administrative Officer and Graduate Studies Coordinator.** The incumbent will be responsible for the administrative processes of the PACS office and the Master of PACS program. This position requires a good understanding of the practices and procedures of Grebel and the University of Waterloo. The successful candidate will have completed an undergraduate degree and have experience coordinating multiple activities in a busy office. Applications will be reviewed starting March 31st, 2022. More information at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/contact-us/positions-available
- **Volunteers needed:** Monday, April 25, 1-3 pm, Bingemans Conference Centre. The NHMRS team is looking for 10 volunteers to help with setup for the promotion dinner (no heavy lifting involved) on April 25 from 1 to 3 pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. Please contact John Reimer at johnreimer@nhmrs.com or 519-498-3620 if you can spare a couple of hours to help.
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner April 25 at 6:30 pm,** Bingemans Conference Centre More than just a delicious meal, the NHMRS Promo Dinner is a chance to connect with community and support MCC! Enjoy a delicious buffet-style dinner, view a display of historic feature quilts and get an update from MCC staff. Tickets are \$25 each (children 10 and under are free) and must be purchased in advance by ordering online at nhmrs.square.site or by calling the MCC office at 519-745-8458 (press 3).
- **MCEC Annual Church Gathering April 29 & 30, 2022. Courageous Imagination: Living into the Journey based on Luke 13:18-21** - Join the MCEC family of faith for an in person/hybrid Annual Church Gathering as we celebrate at Redeemer University in Ancaster, ON. Register at: <https://mcec.ca/cell/event/register/id/10492>

• **Ndoozigbidoon Nibi - I am connecting to the water;** **Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm, Online** Join water walker Mary Anne Caibaosai and water walker volunteer Shirley Lynn Martin as they talk about their connections with the water and one another. This webinar is part of a series of educational opportunities that MCC and our partners will be hosting to discuss the spiritual and cultural importance of water and the necessity of access to clean, safe water. To register, go to mcco.ca/events.

• **Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place, Conrad Grebel University College, May 12-15, 2022.** The program schedule is now available, and pre-registration is open for this gathering offering stories and analyses of encounters and relationships between Indigenous peoples and Mennonite settlers from point of contact through to the present. Visit the conference website for more information and to pre-register: uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters

• The March edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the partnership between Fraser Valley Church and MDS Canada in response to last years devastating flood, read about MDS volunteers making a difference for hurricane survivors in Louisiana, and there is a need for volunteers in Princeton, B.C. More at: <https://conta.cc/3JdGFps>

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