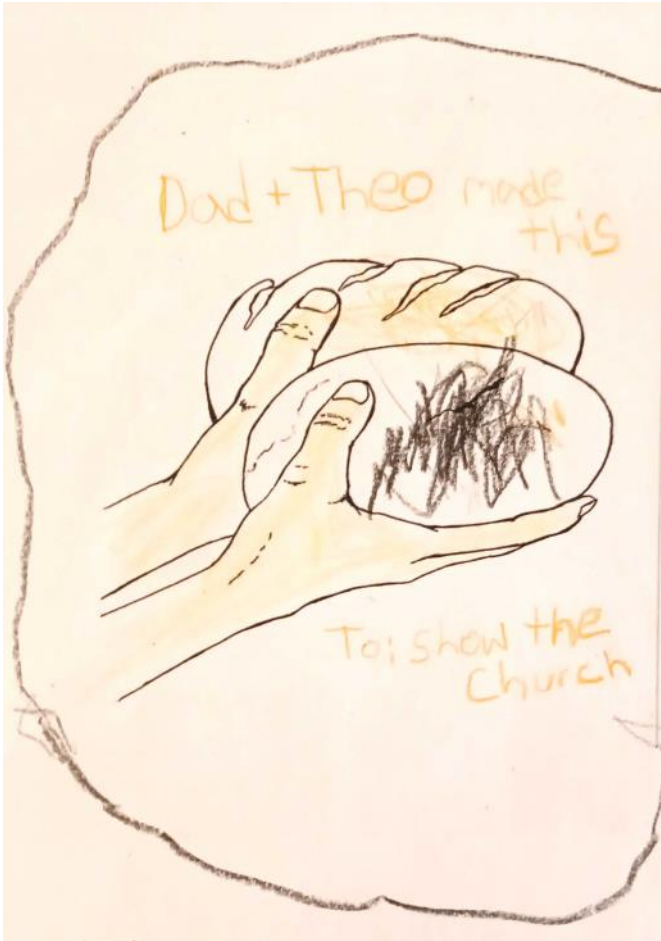


# SEEKING GOD'S WAY FROM SECURITY TO GENEROSITY



## LENT 1

**Bloomington Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

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## Seeking God's Way From Security to Generosity

Focus Statement: As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbour.

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

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Lamp

Candle lighting Litany.

Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways

**Your thoughts, O God, are higher than our thoughts.**

As we seek your ways

**move us from our ways of clinging to security  
to your ways of generous living.**

Hymn of Gathering

VT #309                      Fill us With Your Feast

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KaI66VCbHq&ab_channel=MennoniteChurchCanada)

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Call to Worship              (Images from Psalm 91)

Together we seek the way of God,

**through the wilderness of Lent,  
through the wilderness of life.**

We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**the cool comfort of the divine shadow,  
the security of the holy fortress.**

God offers the care of angels,

so that we will not dash our feet against a stone.

God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

**so come, let us seek God's way of generosity**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We Have a Generous God ~ by Bryan Moyer Suderman

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_NI2MktqCgQPOz20AKuDzz9AFiJe163v/view?  
usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_NI2MktqCgQPOz20AKuDzz9AFiJe163v/view?usp=sharing)

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

Experiencing the Story

Scripture Readings              Deut. 26:1-3, Luke 4.1-13

Hymn of Preparation

VT #307                      Jesus Tempted in the Dessert

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq-B66S3L-  
w&ab\\_channel=BellsCornersUnitedChurchMusic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq-B66S3L-w&ab_channel=BellsCornersUnitedChurchMusic)

Sermon

## **...to Live our Faith**

Hymn of Response

VT #750

God of the Fertile Fields

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C5MQzSJGLwn0xIEY\\_pWkleFhLYqJviV/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C5MQzSJGLwn0xIEY_pWkleFhLYqJviV/view?usp=sharing)

Prayer of Confession

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Congregational Prayers and Offering

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

with hands lifted in supplication)

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

with waving hands)

Offertory Prayer Video

<https://youtu.be/UhDdG4QrT7E>

O God, you are our God, and we seek you,  
our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Yet we have seen your glory, and your steadfast love  
has poured over our lives, our lips sing your praises.

We will bless you as long as we live.

Through the breath you have given, the words that we utter,

the work of our minds and hands,  
and the gifts of our inheritance, we give back to you

so that all may sit in the shadow  
of your wings and share the joy of your abundance.

## **...as We Go**

Announcements

Hymn of Sending

VT #566

Somlandela (We will follow)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pBM49TPb-g&ab\\_channel=Cyntia524](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pBM49TPb-g&ab_channel=Cyntia524)

Benediction

Worship Leaders

Experiencing the story

Scripture Readers

Speaker

Home Tech

Deb & Linda Worth

Pardys Family

Gloria Martin,

Zac, Micah & Jaren Klassen

Zac Klassen

Laura 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 - Feb 27, 2022	\$134,598
Required for Budget - Feb 27, 2022	\$142,894
Required to meet Budget - Feb 27/22	( \$8,296)

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.

**Rejoice has arrived and is available in your mailboxes. If you do not have access to the church, please let Claudia know and arrangements will be made to get your subscription to you.**

### **Responding to our brothers & sisters in Ethiopia --**

In response to the very difficult situation faced by Meserete Kristos Church congregations that are suffering as a result of the civil conflict in Ethiopia, Mennonite Church Canada has set up an Emergency Relief Fund to raise \$549,000 to support the pastors of these churches. If you would like more information, please contact Dorothy or Beatrice. Donations designated to this fund can be channeled through MCEC:

Online: <https://mcec.ca/giving>

E-transfer: [financeoffice@mcec.ca](mailto:financeoffice@mcec.ca)

Cheque: MCEC, 201-50 Kent Ave., Kitchener ON, N2G 3R1

Make sure you designate your gift to “**MKC Emergency Relief**”

**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](http://mcccanada.ca/ukraine).

## **BEYOND OURSELVES**

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to [mcco.ca/serve](https://mcco.ca/serve)

### **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Summer Update:**

- Spots available in most overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. Go to [www.slmc.ca](https://www.slmc.ca) to register!
- Volunteers needed at Silver Lake this summer! Go to [slmc.ca/camp/volunteers](https://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers) for more info and to apply.

- **SLMC Online Campfires:** Come and connect with friends and Silver Lake staff. Sing some camp songs, hear from staff and have a chance to ask questions! All welcome, whether you have already signed up or are thinking about registering. Visit our [homepage](#) for campfire link!

Mar 27 @ 7pm - Overnight camp focus

Apr 24 @ 7pm - Day camp focus

May 29 @ 7pm - Getting ready for summer camp!

- **The Mennonite Church Canada Sustainability Leadership Group is looking for a representative from MCEC.** The Sustainability Leadership Group was established to help MC Canada improve the environmental and social impacts of MC Canada's programs and ministries. Its mandate includes recommending policies and measures to MC Canada's leadership that will help the church live into its commitment to care for creation and to address social well-being. The SLG also seeks networking opportunities, and develops tools and frameworks to help congregations, regional churches, the nationwide church and partner agencies address the sustainability of their activities. The SLG meets 6-7 times per year by Zoom. If you are interested in being considered for a role with this group please contact [John Reimer, MCEC Operations Director](#).

- **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. Registration will open in March.

- **Listen again or listen for the first time - [Courageous Imagination Podcast Episode One: "Listening For God"](#)** with guest Margaret Nally. Join Margaret from Erb St. Mennonite Church for a conversation about creating hospitality, living a life of service and surrendering ourselves to God's grace and transformation. Courageous Imagination has been a journey of listening for God and reflecting on questions that will help to guide and shape the future direction of MCEC. At this year's Annual Church Gathering we will prayerfully receive and consider updated identity and purpose statements building on the feedback from the Courageous Imagination journey.
- **Leaders of Mennonite Church Canada issue a call to join in climate-emergency response** - Members and congregations of MCEC are urged to join eco-mission. "We must act, we must act together, and we must act urgently," write the executive ministers of Mennonite Church Canada. "For us as Christians, the good news always starts with this: 'God so loved the world' (John 3:16). God our Creator, the Creator of the earth and all that is in it, has crafted all things in love and deemed them "very good" (Genesis 1:31). They highlight six initiatives that reflect our working commitments as a nationwide church arising from consultation with working groups and regional church boards across Mennonite Church Canada, [Read the press release](#) and [visit the Mennonite Church Canada webpages](#).

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