

***Sunday, April 9, 2017***

**Palm Sunday**

**Restore us, O God:**

**We Hope**



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*Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.*

*Sunday, April 9, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Cassels  
Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels  
Scripture Readers: Rita Reimer, Joshua Enns

Speaker: Erin Wildsmith  
Organ: Karen Enns Choir: Laura Enns  
Children's Time: Erika Tubb

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*Children are welcome in the worship service or parents may supervise young children in the Nursery along the Administration Hallway.*

**Worship Focus:** *Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"*

*The Christ Candle will remain lit throughout Palm Sunday. It will be extinguished and processed out of the sanctuary during the Good Friday service.*

## Gathering

Gathering Hymn: "All glory, laud, and honor"

HWB # 237

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

## Call to Worship

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?

**All: Hosanna!**  
***Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

**All: Hosanna!**  
***Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!***

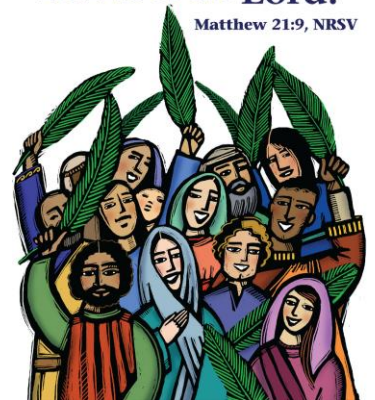
Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless children?

**All: Hosanna!**  
***Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Leader: Hosanna!  
Come join in the celebration of hope!

**Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



## Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *“All hail the power of Jesus’ name”*

HWB # 106

## Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus, our Lord,  
you come to us humbly – riding on a  
donkey.  
In peace, you showed us the way of  
your kingdom.  
We confess that our vision of the  
kingdom is not pure.  
It is stained with our own selfish  
desires.



**People: We shout hosannas to praise you,  
— only out of our need to survive.  
We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you  
— only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord,  
when our mouths that seek to praise you  
often deny and defy you.

**People: Renew in us an obedient spirit,  
that we may fully accept and follow your will.**

*(Pause for silent confession)*

Leader: God, our true Hope,

**All: restore us.**

Leader: Our times are in your hands, O God.

Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will,  
and save us in your unfailing love.

## Hearing God’s Word

Scripture I: Romans 5: 1-5

(New Testament)

page 118

Hymn: *“Hosanna, loud hosanna”*  
*(Children come forward on the last verse)*

HWB # 238

Time with the Children

Song of Blessing: *“The Lord lift you up”*

STJ # 73

## Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



### Offering

Anthem: *Majesty* J.Hayford, arr. J. Schrader

Scripture II: Matthew 21: 1-11 (New Testament) page 17

Sermon: **"We Hope"**

### Responding to the Story

Hymn of Response: *"Jesus is coming"* Vs. 1,2,3, repeat 1 **STS # 73**

Lenten Ritual: Palms

Theme Song: *"You are all we have"* **STJ # 29**

### Benediction

***Welcome to our visitors!*** We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer.  
God bless you and we hope to see you again!

**A very special welcome** to our guest, Erin Wildsmith. Erin grew up in New Hamburg, Ontario, and from there went on to study English Literature at Trent University in Peterborough, and then Theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton. Erin serves as Associate Pastor at Highview Community Church in Kitchener. She is married to Dave and they live with their two little boys Eli (3) and Micah (1) in New Hamburg.



*Thank you for your message today!*

## TODAY AT W-K

- 9:30 a.m.   Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m.   Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:30 a.m.   Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.   Adult Sunday School: Pastor Ben will wrap up the Spirituality Wheel Series.



### Next Sunday – April 16, 2017

#### **Easter Worship with Communion**

- 9:30 a.m.   *Worship Service*                      *Pastor Ben Cassels*
- Lectionary   *Jeremiah 31: 1-6*                      *Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*
- Readings:   *Colossians 3: 1-4*                      *Matthew 28: 1-10*
- 10:00 a.m.   *Sunday School for Children and Youth*
- 10:45 a.m.   *Fellowship and Paska in the gym*



*Please bring your Paska to the kitchen when you come to church and join us to enjoy it after worship.*

### **CHURCH FAMILY NOTES**

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**



#### Church Office Hours

- Tuesday                                      9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday to Friday                      9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday of this week. Any announcements for the bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.***

#### Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

***Waterloo Mennonite Homes – Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.***

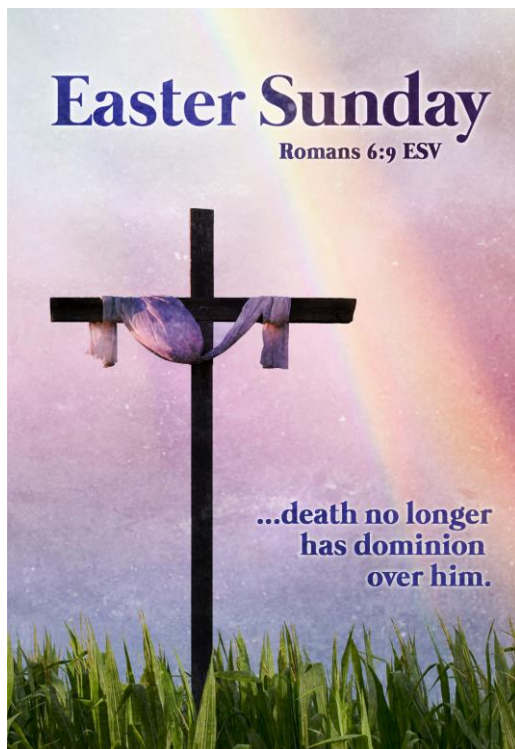
***Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church – 11:00 a.m. - Noon***

**Financial Report:** Thank you for your offering of April 2, 2017

#### **This Week at W-K**

Tuesday, April 11	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Lounge
	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting Group - Basement

	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Youth Rm
Wednesday, April 12	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Belonging Place
	12:30 p.m.	Nordic Pole Walking - gym
	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, April 13	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym
Friday, April 14	10:00 p.m.	Worship Service with Communion



### Looking ahead to Holy Week

The Good Friday service will be a contemplative service of scripture and music featuring a combined choir from Erb Street, Waterloo-North, and W-KUM Churches. The service will be held here at W-K beginning at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

On Easter morning we gather to joyfully proclaim the Risen Lord with prayer, praise and Communion. Following the service we will gather in the gym for fellowship and a feast of paska.



**Everyone is invited to bring your favourite Paska bread** to enjoy following worship on Easter Sunday. Please bring your bread to the kitchen when you arrive at church so it can be set out in preparation for the fellowship and coffee hour.

**Men's Lenten Bible Study** continues to meet in the lounge on Tuesday mornings through to April 11<sup>th</sup> from **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Ben Stobbe will lead the study this coming week.



**Women's Lenten Bible Study** continues to meet in the lounge on Wednesday afternoons through to April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. The study is entitled "*Faith Travels*" by Marlene Kropf. All women of the congregation are invited to participate. Please contact Gloria Dirks for more information.

**Women of MCEC** invite women of all ages to St. Jacob's Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 22, 2017 for Spring Enrichment Day. The theme is Women Talk – Body and Soul with guest speaker, Carol Penner. Cost for the day is \$30 including lunch. A poster and registration forms are posted on Bulletin Board # 4. Deadline for registration is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Gloria Dirks for more information.



**Women's Fellowship**

**The Quilting Group** will meet in the Basement on April 11<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are welcome to come and join in.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART

**Inter-Church Youth Event:** Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last formal youth get together between W-K, Waterloo North and Erb Street until September. To honour such an occasion we will be having an epic Uptown Waterloo photo scavenger hunt. Please arrive at WK at noon or shortly thereafter. Bring your own picture taking device and weather appropriate clothing for this adventure. Plan for a 2:00 pm pick-up at W-K.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Our W-K Lenten Pilgrimage:



**Our W-K Lenten Pilgrimage** – This Sunday we begin **Week 6**, the last week of our pilgrimage. Restore us, O God...We Hope. This week we move from the triumph of Palm Sunday, through the sorrow and despair of Good Friday. Then, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate in remembrance of Christ's resurrection and the new life this brings.

Come let us shout praises to God!

In week 4, W-K pilgrims remain committed to our goal. **26 Pilgrims completed a total of 2,366 Kilometers!** This week we follow Jesus around the area of Jerusalem – Bethany, the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Weekly opportunities for physical activity:

- **WALC fitness class** – each Thursday in the church gym from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Pole Walking or regular walking in the gym – each Wednesday from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. You may join this walk with or without poles – just come out and enjoy. All are welcome.

### Community Health and Wellness Events:

- Heart Healthy Day – to be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cambridge at St. Benedict's Catholic Secondary School, 50 Saginaw Parkway from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Various topics on Heart Health and Diabetes with a cardiologist and diabetes specialist. No admission – please call 519-624-3511 to register if you plan to attend.
- Falls and Fracture Prevention – to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the University of Waterloo Applied Health Sciences Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Local medical experts in the field of osteoporosis, fracture prevention and bone health will be in attendance. This is a free event – please register by calling 519-743-5201 Ext. 233.



**Parenting with Passion:** There are several evening, one day and multiple week workshops sponsored by K-W Counselling. Please call 519-884-0000 for more information or to register.

- Parenting your 6-12 year old (5 week session beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday evenings
- Raising Connected Kids (5 weeks beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup> on Wednesday evenings
- Encouraging a Love of Learning – Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – evening
- Raising Responsible Children – Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – evening

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



### **Cambridge Male Chorus:**

Join the George St. Fellowship for an evening of great male chorus singing presented by the Cambridge Male Chorus. Also, sing along with our Sing-along Band, relax to the sounds of the Hot Air Quartet and enjoy a variety of individual and small vocal ensembles. To top it off, you'll be delighted with our refreshments and home-made desserts. A great evening of music, food and fun! The concert will be held on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 94 Elgin Street South in Cambridge. See John Reimer or Paul Enns for tickets. There are posters up around the church.



**From the Past will Come our Future** – the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IMCC Concert with the IMCC Alumni Choir and Alumni Directors will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street in Kitchener. Please see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

**Stories and Songs, an evening to celebrate Canadian Mennonite magazine.** All are welcome to attend Canadian Mennonite's annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church. Following dinner, there will be a program of music, biblical storytelling and stories from Canadian Mennonite's new Executive Editor Virginia Hostetler and special guests. RSVP by April 15 to [alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com) or call 343-262-1002. Freewill offering. Receipts will be issued for donations above \$30 per person.

**The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights** is a 600 km walk from Kitchener to Ottawa, promoting conversation around the UN Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous People. You are invited to join us on the first day of the Pilgrimage, **Sunday, April 23, 1:30 pm for the Opening Ceremony & Celebration, at Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener)** At 2:30, anyone who wishes is invited to join the walkers on the first leg of the journey, walking part or all of the way to Cambridge. (Please bring what you need for the walk and make any necessary arrangements for return transportation.) For more information on the April 23 event, please contact [josie@stirlingmennonite.ca](mailto:josie@stirlingmennonite.ca) For the Pilgrimage For Indigenous Rights, organized by Mennonite Church Canada and Christian Peacemaker Teams, please see [www.pfir.ca](http://www.pfir.ca) Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



**NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE PROMOTION DINNER** will



New Hamburg  
Mennonite  
Relief Sale

be held at Bingeman's on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now available. The guest speaker is Rachelle Friesen who will be speaking about "Palestine/Israel- Where do we go from here?" Ticket price is \$10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Please contact Henry Epp for tickets. Advance ticket sales only.

**The Amish Project** by Jessica Dickey is a fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community, and the path of forgiveness and compassion forged in its wake. The play will be presented at The Registry Theatre in Kitchener from April 13-16<sup>th</sup> and at the St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre from April 26-30<sup>th</sup>. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** will be hosting a Visual Arts Night along with an Information Night for future students on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7.



**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic** sponsored by Rockway is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Willow Valley Golf Course. For more information or to register please visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is offering a **Spring Seniors' Retreat** on May 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 (the same program will be offered both days). Our resource persons are Robert J. and Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society". Join us for a

day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information contact the camp at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602), [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or visit our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Space is limited, please register by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available on the Camp Bulletin Board.

Please see notices on Bulletin Board # 5 for information on an employment opportunity from Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and a volunteer opportunity with Mennonite Disaster Service.



Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.  
As a welcoming Mennonite community,  
we worship God, nurture each other  
and extend God's love and peace to all.