

Elmira Mennonite Church

58 Church St. W., Elmira, ON N3B 1N2

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Worship Service: prelude begins at 9:20 am; **worship** begins at 9:30 am.

Note: Hearing devices are available – please ask an usher.

ALL AGES are welcome in our worship service! For little hands, activity bags are available in the foyer, and there are activities in the “AMEN Corner”.

Fellowship time follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



World Communion Sunday

“How very good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!”
(Psalm 133: 1)

Prelude	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth/God is so Good</i>	(VT 120)
	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	HWB 344)
	He Hideth My Soul	(VT 626)
	To God Be the Glory	(VT 84)
	My Hope Is Built	(VT 621)
	Fern Shantz, Pianist	

Gathering

Gathering Song	<i>All People that on Earth Do Dwell</i> (vs. 1,4)	VT 5
	Gord Davis, Song Leader	
Words of Welcome	Gloria Martin, Worship Leader	

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Musical Interlude More Than You Know VT 598

Call to Worship*

Leader: In a world that remains divided and in conflict,
God is inviting us, to make us one.

People: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

Leader: What do we find at today’s table?

People: God’s love, which endures all things and connects all things.

Leader: What is not at today’s table?

People: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Leader: Let us repent, and give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to all who believe.

People: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

All: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

Opening Prayer

Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Hymn *Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* (vs. 1,3) VT 555

Scripture *1 Corinthians 12: 12-27*

Confessing Sin/Receiving Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* (vs. 1) VT 170

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Kara

Special Music *We Are Travellers* (Phil Campbell-Enns)
Rob Grosz

Offering Prayer

Coin Offering – Elmira WRDSB elementary *Nutrition for Learning* programs

Song *There’s Enough for All* (2x) VT 757

Moments for the Young and Young at Heart Gloria

Proclaiming & Hearing God’s Word

Hymn *What is This Place* (vs. 1) VT 22

Scripture *John 17: 21-22*

Message *How Good it is When God’s People Live in Unity*
Pastor Kara

Hymn of Response *Help Us to Help Each Other* VT 722

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Service of the Bread

Hymns *Spirit of God, Descend* (vs. 1,4,5) VT 557

In Thy Holy Place We Bow (vs. 1,3) VT 40

Service of the Cup

Hymns *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* VT 560

Teach Me Thy Truth VT 776

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Service of Foot washing/Hand washing

Hymns *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?* VT 778

I Bind My Heart This Tide VT 556

Words of invitation, instruction, and prayer

Blessing/Sending

Benediction

Pastor Kara

Sending Song *Go, My Children* (vs. 3) VT 830

*(Written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan))

Adult Faith Formation for the fall

Oct 19 - Karis Disability Services

MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) is one topic EMC indicated we want to learn about. The goal of this "End-of Life" series is to provide information, not to convince anyone about MAiD. To facilitate our learning, we have the privilege of hearing from a variety of guest speakers:

Oct 26 - *Theological and Pastoral Responses to MAiD* with Dan Epp Tiessen, a retired Canadian Mennonite University professor on ZOOM.

Nov 2 - Dr. Martha Taylor, a local MAiD Practitioner will speak to issues such as who qualifies for MAiD and how the process unfolds. **Dr. Taylor will shape her presentation around our questions so please forward your questions about MAiD to Pastor Kara (kara@elmiramennonite.ca) by September 30.**

Nov 9 - *God and suffering* with Gord Alton, a hospice spiritual care provider who will preach and lead a faith formation discussion focused on what we can learn from the dying.

Nov 16 – *Ethics and Issues: Who is Concerned about MAiD, and Why*, a faith formation presentation and discussion by Peter W.

Some resources for reading in advance of this series:

"Biblical companions on my cancer journey" by Dan Epp Tiessen

<https://canadianmennonite.org/biblical-companions-my-cancer-journey/>

Book: *With the End in Mind: Dying, Death, and Wisdom in an age of denial*, by Kathryn Mannix. (Available for purchase or to be borrowed through CommonWord.ca).

Book: *Listen: A powerful new book about life, death, relationships, mental health and how to talk about what matters*, by Kathryn Mannix

EMC Happenings

Sun., Oct. 5	Worship Service, in-person & live-streamed (9:30 am)
	Faith Formation classes for children & Jr. youth (11 am)
	Sr. Youth and Adult Faith Formation – Fall Hymn sing, led by Gord (11 am; BFH)
	Private booking (12 pm; BFH, K)
Mon., Oct. 6	Private booking (3:30 pm; 1C)
Tues., Oct. 7	Mid-week hymn sing (10 am; AgeCare Elmira)
	EMC leads chapel @ AgeCare Elmira & Barnswallow Place (2:15 & 3:15 respectively)
	Children's choir (6:30 pm; MPR)
	Clothes sorting (5:30 pm; WCS)
Wed., Oct. 8	Men's coffee (10:30 am; Golf Course restaurant)
	Women's coffee (10:30 am; Diane's home)
Thurs., Oct. 9	Private booking (1:45 pm; 1C)
	Small Group (7:30 pm)

4-Church Youth Events

Sat., Oct. 18	Fall Harvest Party & Lunch (12-3 pm; Elmira MC)
Nov. 14-15	Fall Overnight Retreat (Floradale MC)
Sat., Dec. 6	Mystery Christmas Dinner (12-3 pm; St. Jacobs MC)

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