Elmira Mennonite Church

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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 in the foyer, and activities in the "AMEN Corner" behind the piano.
Fellowship time follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



Gathering Sunday

Prelude *VT 626, 47, 84, 435, 100 – Fanny Crosby* Fern, Pianist

Gathering

Song *Come Away from Rush and Worry* VT 9
Jamie, Song Leader

Words of Welcome and Announcements Sherri, Worship Leader

Extending the Peace of Christ
The Peace of Christ be with you. *Respond: And also with you*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Musical Reflection *Here, I am Lord* (VT 545)

Call to Worship

Leader: Here we are God! We've come today to this worship service for many reasons;
People: we've come because we need to meet you,
Leader: we've come out of habit, or because someone made us come,
People: we've come because we hope the music will lift our spirits,
Leader: we've come because we are hungry for your Word,
People: we've come because we want to see our friends,
Leader: we've come because we want to make friends,
People: we've come because you are the friend we need most of all.
All: Here we are — touch each person with your divine presence: shape us into the church that you want us to be. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Song *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* VT 88

Confessing Sin & Receiving Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance *The Love of God* VT 162

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer Pastor Kara

Offering Prayer

Coin Collection in support of Rett Syndrome Society

Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

Backpack blessing and Work/Volunteer bag blessing (Sherri)

Bible Presentation: Maggie Good, Kaitlyn Janzen, Jacob Koch, Marg Yakovenko (Pastor Kara)

Proclaiming God's Word

Song: *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20; Acts 1:8

Message: Gathered and Sent into Sacred Space Pastor Kara

Hymn: *Listen God is Calling* VT 765

Blessing/Sending

Benediction

Sending Song: *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

EMC Happenings

Mon., Sept. 14	Private Booking (4-8:30pm; 1C)
	Children Choir (6:30-7:30pm; MPR)
Tue., Sept. 15	Private Booking (6-8pm; MPR)
Wed., Sept. 16	Friendship Small Group (1:00pm)
	Small Group (7:30pm)
Thurs., Sept. 17	Private Booking (2:45-9pm; 1C)
	Praise Band Practice (7:00pm)
	Food Trucks @ EMC
	4 Church's Youth Event (5:30pm)
Mon., Sept 21	Private Booking (4-8:30pm; 1C)
	Community Children's Choir (6:30pm; MPR)

Youth Corner

Fri., Sept. 18	EMC is hosting the first 4-church youth event! Pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin). Hot dogs provided, group games, devotions, and more. Cost is $5. Grades 5-12 welcome. (5:30-8pm; EMC)
Sat., Oct. 3	Forming a Ride for Refuge - 4 Church Youth Group team for October 3, to raise money for Compass Refuge Centre. Saturday, October 3, 2026. Gather and check in at 3pm. Ride starts at 4pm. Meet at Doon Valley Golf Course (500 Doon Valley Dr. Kitchener). Each rider needs to sign up for the team on Ride for Refuge website. If you raise $75 (18 and under), you will receive a RIDE t-shirt. You can sign up to walk 2.5 or 5 kms, or to cycle 10 or 20kms. Light meal served at 5pm. More details: https://rideforrefuge.org/location/kitchener
Tue., Sept. 15	MCEC Young Adults Together: Mennonites under 30! Struggling to find people your age at church? Looking to connect with other young adults of faith? Join MCEC Young Adults Together on Zoom! from Sep-Dec, Tues 7-8pm every other week. Need to register once. Zoom link remains the same. More details contact: mpetersunrau@mcec.ca

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