



October 29, 2023 Kingdom Divided

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to become aware of God's presence ...

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

MANY: I will praise the Lord as long as I live

and will sing praises to my God all my whole life long.

One: Do not put your trust in mortals, the powers of this world,
for they are no help,
when their breath departs,
they return to the earth like everyone else
and on that very day their plans perish.

MANY: Happy are those whose help and hope is in the Lord
our God, who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them.

One: For it is the Lord our God who executes justice for the oppressed and gives
food to the hungry.

MANY: The Lord sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down
and loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked the Lord will bring to ruin.

MANY: The Lord will reign forever
and our God for all generations.
I will indeed praise the Lord with my whole life.

HYMN *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* VT 5
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* VT 75
Children's Time

Scripture Reading *1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29; Mark 10:42-45*
HYMN *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (v1-4) VT 391

Sermon
Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Heart With Loving Heart United* VT 813
Benediction
Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo on front of bulletin [GR Stocks](#) on [Unsplash](#)

***Call to Worship** written by Pastor Dan Bullerud on Pastor Dan's Grace Notes <http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens
Nursery: Fred & Mary Wade
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Children's Time: Jean Gaeddert
Scripture Reader: Heidi Unruh
Sermon, Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, minds and lives, and our prayers for peace around the world.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Directly after worship, make your way to the basement fellowship hall for drinks and snacks. **Our Congregation Budget Meeting will begin at 10:55am.** Children will meet in the Common Grounds room for a combined Sunday School gathering, including snacks.

WNAF - Focus on Humanity: Voices of Local Impact

Our fall Wednesday Nights at First (WNAF) sessions continue on **November 1 and 8. 5:30-6:20 Dinner // 6:30-7:30 Adult Program (+ children's activities).** **Nov 1** our theme is foster care with Care Portal and Youth Thrive. **Nov 8** is Interfaith Housing and LightHouse. **We rely on your donations to cover the cost of meals and providing honorariums to our speakers**

Nov 4: Church Work Day (8am-1pm ... come when you can!)

The Faithful Stewardship Coordination Team is planning for a workday! Work will include outdoor tasks (weather permitting) and indoor tasks. A list of tasks can be found in "This Week @ FMC" on our website. Please bring work gloves, tools, cleaning cloths, brooms, etc. We'll put on the coffee and iced tea and have some food for break.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **October 30-31** – MCC Meat Canner – N. Newton MCC Center
- **October 31** – Donuts on the Lawn (volunteer to Jonathan today)
- **November 4** – All Church Work Day (8am-1pm)
- **November 12** – Mission Festival – Heidi Unruh, preacher (potluck)
- **November 15** – We'll Leave Our Lights On (community food drive)
- **December 3** – FMC'S Annual Meeting, with Silent Auction & Lunch

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN invitation to Love Feast:

Sunday, November 5 at 5:00pm -- *celebration of our Lord's Supper with a light meal, communion, and foot washing (optional).* RSVP to the FMC church office TODAY!



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