

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Neufeld, Don & Chris

...Health, healing, comfort: Esther (Betty A's sister), George Heide

...Resurrection Greetings from the staff of Mennonite Church Canada

to the sibling congregations of MCC! Over the next week in worship, our congregations will journey through palms and parades, to the cross, and gaze amazed upon the empty tomb. May our congregations experience the renewal of resurrection life, heeding Christ's call and example to radical and sacrificial love made manifest in all our relations. Praying with you all in this season, with the words of Joanna Harader (2012), from Voices Together #896.

God of the foolish cross, you are not the savior we expect. Your power does not look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the garden of Gethsemane to the foot of the cross. Forgive our false assumptions.

Clarify our clouded vision. Free us to relax into the foolishness

Of your love and grace.

Amen

Christ has Risen!

Christ has Risen indeed!

Whitewater Mennonite Church



WMC's Identity Statement:

‘With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity and to take amazing risks for God.

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are all guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

April 2nd, 2023

Worship Leader: Heather Goertzen

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Matthew 21:1-10 NRSV

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”^[a] **4** This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

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“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7** they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8** A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 12 – Agnes Epp’s funeral 1pm

Camp needs you! We are excited to be planning for spring and summer camps, and camper registrations are coming in strong! But we can’t do any of it without some help. We are in need of Health Officers, Kitchen Help, Maintenance Help, and Camp Pastors for each week to keep our community safe, well-fed and supported! Talk to your church small group or a couple of friends and help us fill up our support staff needs for a week at one of the camps. Or sign up on your own or with your spouse for a week away from home and a chance to meet some new friends. If a week is too much, come for a few days. You can find the spring and summer schedule, more information, and an online application at campswithmeaning.org/staff or contact the office at camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or 204-895-2267.

Could it be that God is singing? Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concerts.

Saturday, May 6, 7:00pm, First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Sunday, May 7, 3:00pm, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. A freewill offering will be taken for the ministry of the choirs.

Cycle for a cause – support MCC’s health projects around the world

through Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on Saturday, July 1 for a 34 km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park by coming for the day or camping for the weekend. Check out mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake for full event and registration information.

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