

MILLWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 1, 2024



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Prelude

Welcome & Purpose

MWCC strives to grow as a multi-generational, inclusive Christian faith community with Christlike love by developing close, healthy relationships and partnering with community groups such as WINGS and WeCan.

I Love to Tell the Story

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I love to tell the story, of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory,
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. **(Refrain)**

Special Music - *Jonah & the Whale* - Bev & Brenda

Scripture Jonah 3:10-4:11 & **Sermon**

God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

But Jonah thought this was utterly wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD, "Come on, LORD! Wasn't this precisely my point when I was back in my own land? This is why I fled to Tarshish earlier! I know that you are a merciful and compassionate God, very patient, full of faithful love, and willing not to destroy. At this point, LORD, you may as well take my life from me, because it would be better for me to die than to live."

The LORD responded, “Is your anger a good thing?” But Jonah went out from the city and sat down east of the city. There he made himself a hut and sat under it, in the shade, to see what would happen to the city.

Then the LORD God provided a shrub, and it grew up over Jonah, providing shade for his head and saving him from his misery. Jonah was very happy about the shrub. But God provided a worm the next day at dawn, and it attacked the shrub so that it died. Then as the sun rose God provided a dry east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he became faint. He begged that he might die, saying, “It’s better for me to die than to live.”

God said to Jonah, “Is your anger about the shrub a good thing?”

Jonah said, “Yes, my anger is good—even to the point of death!”

But the LORD said, “You ‘pitied’ the shrub, for which you didn’t work and which you didn’t raise; it grew in a night and perished in a night. Yet for my part, can’t I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who can’t tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

I am Jesus’ Little Lamb

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I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me,
knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same,
even call me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go
where the quiet waters flow.

Who is happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
by his angel host attended,
he shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.

Blessings & Concerns

In the Bulb There is a Flower

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Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Ministry Opportunities

***Benediction**

Postlude

MWCC BBQ

Hey! We're having a MWCC BBQ on September 22, 2024 after worship service to celebrate the continued ministry of Good News Moravain by hanging their banners in our sanctuary! We need your help with:

1. Shopping for food - Costco is the best place
2. BBQ set up and take down
3. Cooking
4. Cleaning
5. Eating and Socializing!

Please consider helping us out with this important Event. Talk to Aaron and Melanie if you can help.

CANDLE Fund

We have a family in the church who are unable to work at the moment because their work permits have expired and they are waiting for their Permanent Resident paperwork. They have a job ready and waiting when their residency comes in, but they need help covering their rent until then. Aaron has consulted with Tony as an Elder and they agree this is something the church can and should help with. At this time we're committing to helping with 2 month's rent and we'll re-evaluate in October.

The challenge is that covering rent for 2 months will nearly deplete what's in the CANDLE Fund, so the Elders and Pastor Aaron are encouraging all of our members to consider making a contribution to the CANDLE Fund. We know it's not possible for everyone, but collectively even small contributions add up. For example, if all of our active members contribute \$20 that will cover one month's rent.

We are trying to maintain confidentiality in order to respect how awkward and difficult it is to need and ask for this kind of assistance. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Aaron or Tony. To support this assistance, just put CANDLE Fund in the message of your e-transfer (office@mcchurch.ca) or on the memo of your cheque.

WeCan Food Basket

To place an order please go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](#) to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick-up time). If you want to help with Wednesdays, speak with Sonja, Ron, Ken & Sandy G, or Pastor Aaron.

Congregational Conversation Followup

Join us after service on September 8, and November 17 to review and follow up on how our congregational conversation ideas are working out. Lunch will be provided.

Today's Service
Sound: Sonja
Media:
Greeter/Usher: Sharon
Reader: Sonja
Coffee: Charlene
Birthday Cake:
Music: Bev, Brenda, Dave

September 8, 2024
Sound:
Media: Amy
Greeter/Usher:
Reader:
Coffee:
Birthday Cake:
Music: Lorraine

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