



# Sunday, October 1, 2023

## World Communion Sunday

### Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer  
Speaker — Chris Hutton

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.  
We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith  
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

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## Order of Worship

### Gathering to Worship

Prelude  
Announcements  
Worship prayer

### In Covenant and Witness

VT #419, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Children's time  
Offering & hymn VT #428, *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*  
Offertory prayer

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading — Mark 1:9-11  
Message — Who Am I?

### Sharing in the Communion Feast

Communion  
VT #716, *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### Living in Community

Sharing time & prayer  
VT #297, *You are Salt for the Earth*  
Sending blessing



**Today . . .** The early church combined the celebration of Communion with a program of offering food to the less fortunate. The Missions Team recommends that we follow a similar practice through the donation of grocery cards. Today, come celebrate Communion and drop off a grocery card for SECC. Donations can also be made at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate/>.

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.*

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## Church Life . . .

◆ **Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8.** Join us for worship at 10 am. We are again continuing the tradition of accepting gifts of baked goods, jam, crafts, flowers, fruits and vegetables on **Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8.** Please bring your items to the church foyer on Thanksgiving Sunday morning and the children will bring them to the front before the service. At the end of the service, participants are encouraged to choose one of the items on our table of Thanksgiving bounty! Cash donations at the table will be accepted. In addition to this tradition, we welcome donations of non-perishable food items that can be dropped off at the church during business hours or on Sunday morning. All cash and food donations will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Thank you for sharing your gifts, donations and love to benefit our community! Children will remain in the worship service. David Hrynyk will lead worship with Chris Hutton bringing the message.

### ◆ **Sunday School News**

► On Education Sunday the Sunday School/Missions Team launched **The Bridge Youth Resource Centre** as the new donation project for the year. The Bridge offers support services for youth in the Leamington and surrounding area like daily hot meals, laundry and shower facilities, a clothing closet, a nutrition program and much more. The mission is to provide youth with hope for their future. Kim Driedger, the Program Manager, will visit us on Sunday, October 15 to tell us more.

► **‘Change is Good!’** We want to encourage everyone in our church family to contribute to our ‘Change Drive’ for The Bridge. On Sundays, when you pick up the bulletin, feel free to add coins to the designated container. Little by little we can bring about change in the lives of others in our community.

**‘Change for the Bridge!’**

◆ **Socktober and Undie Sunday.** Yes it is that time of year again. If you would like to donate your new socks and undies, we have a laundry basket in the church lobby to receive them. These will be dropped off at The Bridge in the beginning of November or if you would like to make an online donation, you can visit their website... [Donate - The Bridge Youth](#) . . *The Missions Team*

◆ **Grief Support Class.** Are you grieving the death of a person you love, or know of someone who is? Then I invite you to join the Grief Support Class that I will be facilitating. We will share our stories with each other and discover meaning as we go on living our tomorrows without the physical presence of someone we have loved. The 10-week session will be held at NLUMC, Thursdays, from 6 – 7:30 pm, beginning **October 12.** Class size will be limited to eight participants. Cost is \$25 to cover books. Please call Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620 for more information or to register.

◆ **Community Building Team News.** Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, October 13** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Adult Education Class – Being Community Through Hardship, Sunday, November 5, 12, 19, 8:45 – 9:45 am** in the Youth Room. Inviting you to a discussion on how we walk with one another through difficult times. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620.

◆ **Church Address Book.** We have printed copies of a church address book available in the church foyer for \$2. Please limit your copies to one per household. Click here for the online version is available on the church website, [Protected: Church Directory \(northleamington.com\)](http://Protected: Church Directory (northleamington.com)) Please call the office, 519-326-7928, for the password.

### ◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

▶ Have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?  
▶ Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

▶ Donations are accepted by:

1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan

2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message

3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **The Leamington Mennonite Home** will be hosting our first in-person fundraising event since 2019 on **Saturday, October 14** at the Leamington Best Western Plus. It will be an evening of good food, great company, and many laughs! Tickets are \$200 per person and we have tables of six, eight, and ten available. Call the LMH front office at 519-326-6109 to buy your tickets and reserve your seat/table. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the vacant lot at the corner of Pickwick Drive and Heritage Lane.

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

**Fish Fry & Rocket Launch! Sunday, October 15, 11:30 – 2 pm.** Enjoy a family-friendly meal of fish, french fries, coleslaw and dessert starting at 11:30, then check out Robotics demonstrations 12:30-1 in the Robotics Zone! Stay for the Rocket Launch from last year's Grade 12 Physics class from 1 – 2. Fun for the whole family! Admission by donation.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

East week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Burning Bush Forest Church** in the Kitchener – Waterloo area.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Raymond Koop*, husband of Michele, who passed away Tuesday, September 26. The funeral service took place at Reid Funeral Home on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

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## Thought for the Day

**And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." . . . Mark 1:11**

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://nlumc.com), including YouTube videos of our past services.
  - Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
  - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
  - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
  - Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for information.
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## Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

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