

# Holyrood Mennonite Church

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**Speaker:** Pastor Suzanne Gross

**Worship Leader:** Thomas Bumbeh

**Children's Program:** Tarnisha and Helena

**Music:** Holyrood Intercultural Group  
of Amie, Esther, Evanna, Gizzie,  
Grace, Josh, Lisa, Zinnah

## Our Vision:

*Training Apprentices of Jesus to share God's abundant hospitality with  
people of all ages and cultures through the power of the spirit.*

**Welcome to Worship Service at 10:30 am  
Sunday, March 17, 2024**

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Opening song: Open My Eyes, Lord #65 STS

Call To Worship

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

- I Will Bless the Lord at All Times
- Let's Sing onto the Lord # 55 HWB
- Jesus, Be the Center # 31 STS

Offering:

Can be made by e-transfer to [holyroodmchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holyroodmchurch@gmail.com)

Offertory: Eun Jin

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Pastor Suzanne

Scriptures: Luke 9:28-37, read by Zipporah

**Reflections:** *Called to be Stewards of our Histories,  
Uniting around God's Vision for Humanity in Jesus*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: Lift Every Voice and Sing #579 HWB

Sharing and Praying  
Announcements

Children's Sharing

Benediction

Sending Song: We Will Walk with God #78 STJ

## Announcements

### From Holyrood

- **Sunday, March 17:** Taizé Service at St. Luke's Anglican Church, at 7 pm
- **Tuesday, March 19:** Elders Meeting at 7 pm
- **Palm Sunday, March 24:** Children participate with palm leaves
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28:** Service at First, at 7 pm
- **Good Friday, March 29:** Service at Lendrum, at 10:30
- **Easter Sunday, March 31:** Children's egg hunt after Worship

### Our Community Prayer this Week

- Christ, you have come among us, feed and nurture us into the people you would have us be.

### Our Prayers for the World

- Praise God for the ministry of regional churches and pray for guidance as they discern God's leading. Pray in gratitude for those who have put many hours working for the MCA Annual Delegate Sessions, both staff and dedicated volunteers. Pray for those taking on new roles and those who are continuing on MCA committees.
- **Mennonite Church Canada** is urgently appealing for relief funds for **Meserete Kristos Church (MKC)** in Ethiopia. MKC leaders and adherents have lost their lives in the crossfire of a violent tribal conflict that began in the western region of Ethiopia in 2018. Civil war, drought and continuing violence have led to severe hardship for MKC congregations and leaders in the area. Please consider donating to help them: <https://mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/MKC-relief>
- Join with others from your MCA family on Zoom to invite God into your moments and days. We read Scripture and prayers from *Take our moments and our days*, the free Anabaptist Prayer app. Weekly Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7:30-8:00 a.m. Contact: [mcadailyprayer@gmail.com](mailto:mcadailyprayer@gmail.com)

## Mennonite Church Alberta 2024 Prayer Request for March Please pray with and for Lethbridge Mennonite Church:

- **Thanksgiving.** We are grateful to God for the people he has brought together into this community. We give thanks for the energy of young adults and children, for the wisdom of those farther along the journey, for the gifts of worship and fellowship, for good conversations, for opportunities to learn and grow together in the way of Jesus. We are particularly thankful for a good winter retreat where Prof. Andrew Dyck from CMU helped us explore what it means to live attentively and to listen for the voice of God in a busy world. **Unity.** Like most churches, we are a people with diverse perspectives on many things. Pray that we will be defined by our unity in Christ above all else, that we will continue to listen to and learn from one another with open hearts and minds. **Energy.** Like many churches, LMC has a limited number of volunteers who do a large percentage of the work. Please pray for energy, creativity, and resourcefulness for all who serve on leadership bodies of our church. Pray for wisdom as we discern what we ought to be giving our time and attention to in our church body, in our city, and in the broader church family of which we are a part. **Joy.** Pray that our imaginations would not be constrained by some of the dominant narratives out there about the church in our culture, narratives of scarcity, fear, and decline. Pray that we would be people of joy. Pray that faith, love, and expectant hope would guide all that we do.

### Mennonite Life and Church Activities this Month

- **MCA Annual Delegate Sessions from Friday, March 15 to Saturday, March 16.** Pastor Joon speaks on the theme "Breaking Down, Gathering Up: Embarking on a New Journey to become an Intercultural Church".
- **Friday to Saturday, March 22-23:** Youth Leadership Team World Waterpark Weekend
- **Friday, March 22:** Islamic Family is inviting us to a community Iftar during Ramadan. Join Pastor Suzanne/Bridge Building and register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hope-home-ramadan-gatherings-2024-tickets-856425691297?aff=oddttdtcreator>