

# CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

March 16, 2025

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

**Worship Leader:** Vanessa Wiehler  
**Scripture Reader:** Gary Cherlet,  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish*  
**Technician:** Mike Smith  
**Ushers:** Anita & David Epp

**Speaker:** Julia Thiessen  
**Children's Time:** Justin Neufeld  
**Song Leader:** Bob Wiebe  
**Pianist:** Verna Wiebe

**Rudy Friesen** is reading at Charleswood United Church this morning as part of the Charleswood churches Lenten Reader Exchange.

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## Lent 2: Lament over Jerusalem

*Christ Confronts our Condemnation*

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome & Introductions  
Song: VT 75 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!*  
Call to Worship

One: Christ confronts our tendency to condemn others;  
**Many: our tendency to put them in their place.**  
One: We compare whose "guilt" is more serious, and we judge.  
**Many: We are quick to justify our sense of condemnation.**  
**All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.**

Song: VT 154 *What Can I Leave Behind*

### HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time  
Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35  
Sermon

### RESPONDING

Confession and Words of Assurance  
**All: Loving and merciful God,**  
*we confess that we have sinned against you.*  
**Window side:** We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words,  
and actions.  
**Piano side:** We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and  
what we have chosen to neglect.  
**Window side:** We have not fully accepted your love for us.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
**Piano side:** We are quick to pass judgment and to take on your  
authority to condemn others.

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please  
open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our quickness  
to condemn so we may better share your peace in your world,  
rejoicing in your name. Amen.**

**Leader:** Now hear these Words of Assurance: God tells us that we are  
created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God  
and with each other. In this, we know that God will never break  
our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Song: VT 156 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Offering of Ourselves

Sharing (livestream muted) and Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements  
Song: VT 298 *What Is the World Like*  
Benediction

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