

# CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

March 8, 2026

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

**Worship Leader:** Jonathan Neufeld

**Speaker:** Elsie Rempel

**Pianist:** Verna Wiebe

**Song Leader:** Alisa Wiebe

**Prayers of the People:** Lisa Enns

**Technician:** Mark Wiehler

**Ushers:** Luke & Vaughn Rempel Snider

Today we welcome **Juanita Giesbrecht** from St Mary Anglican as part of the Charleswood churches Lenten Reader Exchange. **Mike Neufeld** is reading scripture at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish this morning.

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## Dwelling in Dissonance

*Lent 3 - Standing Up and Standing Back*

### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Introductions

Call to Worship

One: Welcome Lent.

*All: Welcome mystery.*

One: Welcome failure?

*All: Welcome fear?!*

One: Welcome lessons of regret.

*All: Welcome grace—ever near.*

One: Welcome questions we're avoiding.

*All: Welcome notes of dissonance.*

One: Welcome truth. Welcome courage.

*All: Welcome Jesus' steadfastness.*

Song: VT 9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

### HEARING THE WORD

Time with Children

Scripture Monologue: "Peter's Story" based on John 18:12-27

Song: VT 344 *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing*

Sermon: "Peter's Fear and Jesus' Courage"

Confession Poem

A Moment for Silent Reflection

### RESPONDING TOGETHER

Song: VT 143 *Come Now, O God*

Offering of Ourselves

Sharing (*livestream paused*) & Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 596 *Don't Be Afraid*

Sending Blessing

*During Lent, we are invited to reflect on this journey using these 3 questions:*

- 1. What dissonance do we feel here?*
- 2. How might Jesus be calling us to dwell in it?*
- 3. What opportunities do we see?*

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**“Dwelling in Dissonance - A Lenten Journey.”** This Lent, we are using the worship resources in the *Leader* magazine, and they will take us on an unusual journey. After the first Sunday, our scriptures enter us into Holy Week (already!) where we will spend the remainder of Lent. In a world of instant gratification and binge consuming, our Lenten walk will intentionally slow us down to explore John's Holy Week narratives. We will look at the discord within the Lenten texts, anticipating the already-and-not-yet resolution of Easter. Can we receive the gift of the dissonance in these Jesus-passages and in our world? May we remain open and present to the hard places and the mysteries we face today.