

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

March 29, 2026

Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: John Braun

Readers' Theatre: Jonathan Neufeld, Anita Epp

Children's Story: Jonathan Neufeld

Ushers: Anita & David Epp

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Song Leader: Bob Wiebe

Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Technician: Mike Smith

Dwelling in Dissonance *Palm Sunday - Then and Now*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

One: Welcome Lent.

All this mystery . . .

All: Joy and sadness, fear, and grief.

One: We struggle – wanting resolution.

All: Doubts wrestle with belief.

One: Meet us in this sacred searching.

All: Meet us in the loss and pain.

One: In the tension of this dissonance,

All: we yearn for the peace of your reign.

Song: VT 314 *Holy Lord*

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Story

Readers' Theatre

Song: VT 432 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Sermon: "Pink Bowl with Grapes"

Confession Poem

A Moment for Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Song: VT 320 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Offering of Ourselves

Sharing (live stream paused) and prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 579 *With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder*

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.

Charleswood Mennonite Church Affirmation Statement (June 9, 2019)

Charleswood Mennonite Church is rooted in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition as a community of faith committed to becoming the body of Christ.

We welcome all persons to worship and participate with us. We acknowledge the image of God in every person including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation. We invite all to participate in our congregation's practices such as baptism, church membership, church leadership, and marriage. We lament the prejudice and discrimination found in society and in the church, and we commit to holding each other accountable to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate and affirm all persons worshiping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.