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## International Witness Sunday

Prelude

**Gathering Song** SJ #15 Santo (Holy)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We are a cloth of diverse colours made from many gifts and graces.

People: We are the people flowing forth from God the Creator, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

We are the raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave.

Contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for, essential to the pattern,

skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

We commit ourselves to work together,

that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.

Let us worship the God who has called us together.

Prayer

**Songs of Praise** HWB #304 There are many gifts SS #93 Alleluia! Give the glory

**Blessing & Receiving of Offering** 

Song HWB #306 In Christ there is no East or West

Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing and Prayer Scripture Ephesians 4:11-16 Reimers

Sermon Knitted Together in Christ

Zach Stefaniuk

**Song of Response** HWB #322 For we are strangers no more **Benediction Sending Song** SJ #78 We will walk with God **Postlude** 

## Today is International Witness Sunday

We celebrate the worldwide mission of the Mennonite Church, with the theme "Knitted Together in Christ". As part of the service, we ask that you **bring patchwork quilts** to be put on display.

**Tuesday** at 1 pm **Worship Team** meeting **Friday** at 2 pm **ladies coffee** at Smitty's

## Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current Ministerial: Community Baptist Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Laird Mennonite Church, pastor Bruce Jantzen
- Ukraine / Russia
- continuing conflict in the Middle East, an end to the violence and a just peace for all

The family of **Jake Thiessen** wish to let you know that Jake passed away quietly the evening of Tuesday, Oct 10 at the age of 96 years.

<u>Thank you</u> for filling the "Be Thankful" crate in the foyer to overflowing with donations for Mental Health.

**MCC School Kits** - For the month of October, **coins** will be collected for School Kits. See the poster on the back wall as well as a <u>school bag</u> into which you can <u>place your coins</u>. Thank you for your gifts.

## Coming Events

November 5 Installation of Zach, speaker Gary Peters Communion, potluck lunch November 18 Annual Congregation Meeting at 9:30 am O God of life and love and peace,

We witness the violence and injustice in your Holy Land

And our hearts break.

Our hearts break for the people of Israel—

For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas

For those who live with fear and insecurity

For those who suffer from the inter-generational trauma of violence.

Our hearts break for Palestinians—

For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military

For those being denied water, electricity and medical care

For those who are refugees, long displaced from their

homes.

We especially pray—

That weapons of war be laid down

That walls of separation be dismantled

That prisoners be released

That demonizing of "the other" cease

That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel.

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,

May your justice dwell in the land

May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields

May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust

forever

May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.

Amen