

BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH
Lent 4 - Sunday March 26, 2017
Restore us, O God! We see.



Worship Leader
Chorister
Accompanist
Readers

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GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Here in this place we gather to worship. **Open our eyes and our hearts.**

Here in this place we gather to see you. **Open our eyes and our hearts.**

Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly,
and humbly worship you.

Prayer

Hymns

In memory of Murray W

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering: Children's School Project in Kenya

'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see #571 HWB

Praise, my soul #65 HWB

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story

Confession and Assurance

O God, you open our eyes to see what is true.

We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth. We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way.

Forgive us, O God, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

Remove what covers our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us.

Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.

SILENCE

God who brings all things into light,
restore us.

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Scripture

Sermon Believing is more than Seeing

Hymn

John 9:1-41

Jim Pankratz

Open my eyes, that I may see #517 HWB

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

We walk by faith #570 HWB

We welcome all to our church community.
Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee,
juice, and conversation.

Welcome to our guest preacher **Jim Pankratz**. Jim is the Interim President at Conrad Grebel University College. www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel