BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH Lent 5 Sunday April 6, 2025



Christ Collides with Our Blinders

I have called you by your name, you are mine...
I will not abandon you all my promises are true
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
I Have Called You By Your Name More Voices #161

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

As we worship, Christ collides with our blinders.

We long to know you and follow you, O Christ.

Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of God's way.

So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying or doing.

Jesus, show us mercy.

Seek us and save us. Jesus, show us mercy.

Gathering Prayer

Hymns

The Lord Is My Light #437 VT Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord #131 VT

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Giving Our First Fruit Offerings Children's Offering Project – Marillac Place

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's StoryPastor EleanorHymnOpen My Eyes #732 VTScriptureLuke 18:31-19:10ReflectionJoy WHymnI Have Called You By Your Name

WE RESPOND

Talking About Service – Breslau Community Garden

Mark Epp

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Confession and Assurance

Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly. We repent before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us walk with open eyes and hearts so we may better share your peace in your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

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 each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Praying Together

Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See #738 VT

Benediction Postlude

VT - Voices Together

Welcome! Following the worship service All are invited for coffee, tea, church juice and conversation.

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