

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Education Meeting via Zoom
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

Thought for the week

“But as we live in this time between the times of Christ's forgiveness through his cross and resurrection and the promised coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom, let us be ever watchful. Let us be watchful for the ways in which we can testify to the forgiving, transforming and reconciling power of Easter in a world which all-too-often seems bent on finding new ways to crucify.”

[L. Gregory Jones]

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Claire E F
 Song Leader: Rita H
 Pianist: Val R

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,
 our neighbours and each other

Worship Service 10:00 am

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Easter Sunday

Prelude		
Solo	<i>Were you there with they laid him in the grave</i>	Shelley B
Silence		
Sunrise video		Len A
Brass fanfare		Aaron B
Christ candle lit		Claire E F
Call to Worship		
Gathering Prayer		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Oh, how great is Christ the Lord</i>	VT #351
Scripture	John 20: 1-18	Claire E F
Story for All Ages		Trevor S
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24		Jodi Epp
We Sing	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Tiday</i>	VT #346
Offertory Prayer		
Virtual orchestra		
<i>Low in the grave He Lay/ Crown Him with Many Crowns medley</i>		
Sermon	<i>'Believing is Seeing'</i>	Garth E F
Affirmation of Faith		
Hymn of Response	<i>Christ is Arisen</i>	VT #341
Peace Lamp		
Prayers of the People		
Sending Song	<i>Lord I lift your name</i>	VT #365
Sending Words		
Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.		
THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen		
Postlude		

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Bryan W and Carol R W, Trevor S, Ashley and Daniel M*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,551, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- As we gather this morning to celebrate the Risen Christ, we also gather to pray with Hanley Mennonite Church as they worship together for the last time as a congregation. May the same peace of Christ that was present with the disciples on that first Resurrection Sunday be with Hanley Mennonite Church as they close and entrust God for their future.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Have you visited our church's website lately? <https://mountroyalmennonite.org> If not, this is a good time to do so. Check out the prayer ideas on the *Spiritual Care Ministry* page, and get a good look at the Potato Peeler which you helped purchase for the Friendship Inn on the *Missions and Service Ministry* page. There are other interesting items for you to explore. Enjoy the adventure!
- **Note:** The delegates to the MC Sask ADS have combined their highlights of the conference and they are posted on the MTMC website. See them at [Blogs News & Events - Mount Royal Mennonite Church](#)

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director**, starting May 2021. This is a full time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to www.campelim.ca. Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at minister@mcsask.ca
- b) **Thank you from RJC!** We are so fortunate to have such a wide community of support at RJC, particularly for our Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser that was held on March 14. Because of **you** we were able to exceed our \$30,000 fundraising goal! Thank you! In case you missed it, the virtual program is still available to watch at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.
- c) **What's happening at Shekinah Retreat Centre?** Check out our latest video on what's been going on. Spoiler alert: not too much! Check out the link at: <https://shekinah.ca/news/2021/february-update>. **On this page, you will also see that we are looking for donations of hand tools:** hammers, socket sets (yep, many sets would be great!), large adjustable wrenches, wrench sets of all kinds, chainsaws, cordless hand tools, hip waders for the upcoming annual flood, and a skid steer (just seeing if you're paying attention with the skid steer! Although we do need one, so contact us if you've got one collecting dust). For tool donations, please contact us at director@shekinah.ca. Thank you!
- d) Spring is coming, and Shekinah is looking for "weekend at the cabin / lake" items. In particular, we are looking for BBQs in good working order, outdoor Adirondack style chairs (wood or composite / resin), and counter depth fridges. We also wouldn't say no to composting toilets. Have other ideas about what we might need? Contact Ron at ron@shekinah.ca.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!

One: Once weeping, now proclaiming:
“I have seen the Lord!”

Many: Once famished, now feasting:

“This is the God for whom we have waited!”

One: Once divided, now convicted:
“Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

Many: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.

One: Deep calls to deep.
You call to us from the depth of your love, O God.
You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: We answer your call to deep living!

Oh, How Great Is Christ the Lord VT 351

Text: Spanish; Puerto Rican Traditional
Music: Puerto Rican traditional; arr. James E. Clemens (USA), © 2001 James E. Clemens

Oh, how great is Christ the Lord!
On the cross he died for me.
He has pardoned all my sin.
Glory be to Jesus.
Glory be to Jesus!
Glory be to Jesus!
In three days he rose again.
Glory be to Jesus!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today VT 346

Text: Charles Wesley (England), *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739,
Music: anon., *Lyra Davidica* (England), 1708;

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'n, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Christ, with Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! VT 341

Text: Swahili; Bernard Kyamanywa (Tanzania), © 1968 Makumira University College (admin. Augsburg Fortress) Trans. Howard S. Olson (USA), © 1977 (admin. Augsburg Fortress)
Music: Haya traditional (Tanzania)
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1. Christ has arisen, alleluia!
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia,
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy,
our sins forgiving, alleluia.
Christ has arisen, alleluia!

2. The angel said to them, “Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here,
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave-clothes are lying there.”

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy,
our sins forgiving, alleluia.
Christ has arisen, alleluia!

3. “Go spread the news; he’s not in the grave,
He has arisen, mortals to save”
Even the battle with sin is won.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy,
our sins forgiving, alleluia.
Christ has arisen, alleluia!

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High VT 365

Text: Rick Founds (USA); Spanish trans. anon.

Music: Rick Founds © 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc. (admin. Music Services)

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Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I’m so glad you’re in my life;
I’m so glad you came to save us.

Refrain

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift your name on high.