

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Mega Menno Event
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Hosts: Wilf and Cheryl)
Thursday	10:30 pm	Boomers +
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service

### Thought of the Week

"The kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure that has been found because it brings joy. In the parable Jesus speaks of a man who, "...in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field" (13:44). The man that Jesus describes is so filled with joy that he risks it all to obtain more. In exchange for the *possibility* of finding more treasure, and thusly joy, he sells it all! As such, the kingdom of heaven is not simply joy; it is a joy that is worth all that you have."

~ Jennifer T. Kaalund, Working Preacher

### Office Hours

Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Mon & Wed	10 am – 2 pm
Gwen	Mon - Fri	8 am-12:00 pm

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### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Mark H  
 Song Leader: Verna O  
 Pianist: Monica D  
 PowerPoint: RaeLynn H  
 Video: Wes/ Dennis

## Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

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

Worship Service 9:30 am

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Prelude  
 Announcements  
 Silence

### Faith Goes to the Movies

### Gathering

Call to Worship  
 Gathering Prayer  
 Gathering Songs *In Thy Holy Place We Bow* VT #40  
 Psalm 119: 161-168 Tena S  
 Offering

### Listening

Story for all Ages Claire E F  
 We Sing *Seek Ye First* VT #417  
 Scripture **Matthew 13: 43-46**  
 Sermon **"God's hide and seek"** Claire E F  
 Hymn of Response *When We Walk with the Lord* VT #570

### Sharing

Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers

Sending Song *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* VT #831  
 Blessing

**Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.**  
**THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Willard and Kathy W, Anne E, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Agatha W, Hedio B, Maureen G*
- **Families of the week:** *Dennis and Judy H, Myrna S, Gloria W*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,301, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- If you would like to join the MRMC Golf group, please contact Ron or Heather W.
- We are currently working on updating the MRMC pictorial directory. Please send in a picture to Gwen at the church office, drop off a picture, or you can get your picture taken on Sundays after the service. Any questions please contact Melody.
- The Spiritual Care Ministry Team invites you to join an MRMC Care Group if you aren't already part of one and would like to be. A number of groups are already meeting regularly, and we are happy to form more. There is a signup sheet on the stand between Gwen's and Zach's office doors. Or if you prefer, you can contact Claire directly. We anticipate that the new group(s) will be meeting by the beginning of October.

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **Aug 22: "Under the Arbour"** has been postponed until further notice. Contact Randy Klassen, [randyklassen@mccsk.org](mailto:randyklassen@mccsk.org), for more details.
- b) **Tuesday Aug 24 10am - 3pm Gathering at Stoney Knoll**, NW of Laird. In the spirit of Reconciliation, descendants of the Stoney Knoll Band and the Mennonite and Lutheran communities are invited to participate in a day of story-telling by Elders, food, traditional games (demonstrations and Hand Games) and fellowship. The event will take place on the traditional land of the Stoney Knoll Nation. For the agenda and map go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/10672>
- c) **August 25, 7:00pm: Mega Menno Games Night, online via Gather**. Join us for one last night of summer fun and games online before the school year starts! All youth entering grades 6-12 are welcome, Gather link: <https://gather.town/j/FZRKmjWa>. For more

information, contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

- d) **Sept. 18. Shekinah Move-A-Thon**, Bike, hike, or paddle with your friends and family in support of the mission of Shekinah Retreat Centre. Exciting updates for this year's event – new cycling route to Rosthern, and special activities on-site for families, including a **Kid's Cycling Route!** Registration and full schedule coming soon, watch for more details at [www.shekinah.ca](http://www.shekinah.ca).
- e) **MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16**. Introducing our Songfest Conductor - **Duff Warkentin!** Duff brings a deep wealth of experience as a choral singer, conductor, clinician, and adjudicator. His love for music is his calling and way of giving back to the community. We are delighted to be singing with him once again! Visit [www.mcsask.ca/events](http://www.mcsask.ca/events) for more information.
- f) **MCC Connects:** The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 1,900 people and injured many more. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will provide emergency support. Donate today at [mcccanada.ca/haiti-earthquake](http://mcccanada.ca/haiti-earthquake).
- g) **Are you looking for a fun, fast-paced work environment?** Shekinah Retreat Centre might be the place for you! We are looking for a Casual Cook to work in our Timber Lodge kitchen up to 40 hours per week (mostly weekend work). Duties would include dealing with customers to help create nourishing menu plans, shopping for groceries and organizing kitchen help (servers, dishwashers) for each event. Computer literacy is required. Start date: September 2021. Send your resume to: [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)

## **In Thy Holy Place We Bow VT 40**

Text: S.F. Coffman (USA), 1901, *Church and Sunday School Hymnal, Supplement*, 1911, alt.

Music: J.D. Brunk (USA), *Church and Sunday School Hymnal, Supplement*, 1911

In thy holy place we bow,  
perfumes sweet to heaven rise,  
while our golden censers glow  
with the fire of sacrifice.  
Saints low bending, prayers ascending,  
holy lips and hands implore,  
faith believing and receiving  
grace from thee whom we adore.

Holy light doth fill this place;  
Spirit, light our way to guide,  
In the presence of thy face,  
sin's deceptions ne'er can hide.  
Heaven's gleaming, fullness streaming,  
life and truth for all are found;  
light pervading, never fading,  
lighting all the world around.

On thy holy bread we feed,  
hunger never more to know.  
Thou suppliest all our need;  
Saviour, whither shall we go?  
Ne'er forsaking, here partaking  
bread our souls to satisfy;  
here abiding and confiding,  
we shall never want nor die.

## **Seek ye first the kingdom of God VT 417**

Text: Based on Matthew 6:33 and 7:7; Karen Lafferty, 1972

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Descant

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door, shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Descant

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia allelu, alleluia!

## **When We Walk with the Lord VT 570**

Text: John H. Sammis (USA), *Hymns Old and New*, 1887, alt.

Music: Daniel B. Towner (USA), *Hymns Old and NEW*, 1887

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Ev'ry burden we bear; ev'ry sorrow we share,  
all our toil he doth richly repay.  
Even grief, pain, and loss as we carry a cross  
will be blessed as we trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love,  
until all on the altar we lay,  
for the favour he shows, and the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way.  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,  
never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds VT 831**

Text: John Fawcett (Entland), *Hymns Adapted to the Circumstances of Public  
Worship* . . . , 1782, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nægeli (Switzerland), *Christliches Gesangbuch*, 1828; arr. Lowell  
Mason (USA), *The Psaltery*, 1845

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free,  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.