

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	Heritage Society Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Mezzanine
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion in the Gym
	10:30am	BB+
	1:30 pm	Youth
	5:30 pm	PCRC Meeting
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

### Thought for the week

*“...left to ourselves we lapse into... acquiescing in the general belief that things may be getting worse but that there's nothing much we can do about them. And we are wrong. Our task in the present...is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second.”*

[N.T. Wright]

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Garth E F  
 Song Leader: Darrell B  
 Pianist: Shelley B  
 Video: Darrell B

## 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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Prelude  
 Announcements  
 Silence

### **Parables: The Arrows of God**

Call to Worship  
 Opening Prayer  
 We Sing

*O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB #68

Psalm 78: 1-7  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Story for all ages  
 We Sing

Elsie S  
 Monica D  
*I want to walk as a child of the light* StJ #95

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 1-13  
 Ephesians 3: 14-21

Sermon **‘Waiting in the here and now’** Melody N  
 Hymn of Response *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* StS #121

Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers  
 Sending song

*Christ is alive* StS #89

Sending words

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

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Edwine L, Maureen G, Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Myrna S, Louise E, Travis W*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$3,695, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- There will be a PCRC Meeting on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. If there are any concerns or topics you think need discussion, please contact Travis W, RaeLynn H or Gwen L.
- Agatha W will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 26. We want to join her in giving thanks for a good, long life by eating ice cream and offering our congratulations after church next Sunday, August 30. Please join us out on the lawn, or in the gym if required by weather.
- September 13: Join us as we commission Claire in her new role as co-pastor at MRMC

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **August 23:** Zoar Mennonite Church is excited to announce the ordination service for our pastor Andrea Enns-Gooding at 3:30pm. You are invited to join us for the service and celebration. Seating will be limited to 120 persons. If you would like to join us, please contact Liz Baerwald at [hansdiedtrich@gmail.com](mailto:hansdiedtrich@gmail.com) or 306-945-2041 to register. COVID guidelines will be followed. Masks are mandatory to attend.
- b) **September 19, 2020:** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as Shekinah Bike-A-Thon). It will be a virtual event and all instructions are on our website. Please visit <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to register and take time to view the “inspirational” videos updated weekly which highlight examples of how you can MOVE!
- c) **MCC Connects: Sept 18 and 19: Call for artists!**  
*CREATED: A Fine Art and MCC Quilt Show and Sale* will take place Friday, September 18 to Saturday, September 19, 2020. If you are an artist, we want you to be a part of this new, exciting event! This will be a fundraiser for MCC as well as an opportunity to explore the many ways that we are created and we create in turn. Submit your work at the following link to

participate in this exciting event. All mediums accepted. <https://form.jotform.com/202065052086245>. More details on event specifics to follow.

- d) **October 24: REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs?** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)  
Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for “Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?”, a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship.
- e) **Help match Mennonite Church Canada’s donation to Mennonite World Conference’s COVID-19 relief fund!** This spring Mennonite Church Canada donated \$50,000 to MWC’s Global Church Sharing Fund to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to *match this donation* so that we collectively raise \$100,000. *Donations will go through regional churches.*
- f) **Latest interview from Mennonite Church Canada:**  
[“What would happen if my congregation was the natural world?”](#)  
An interview with pastor Wendy Janzen from Burning Bush Forest Church in Kitchener, Ont., on worshipping with nature and how outdoor church challenges our need for control available at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/10520-what-would-happen-if-my-congregation-was-the-natural-world](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/10520-what-would-happen-if-my-congregation-was-the-natural-world)
- g) **MCC Connects:** On Tuesday, August 4th an explosion impacted thousands of people living in Beirut, Lebanon. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and clean-up needs arising from this disaster. Donations made to MCC will be allocated to these relief efforts and will be matched by the Government of Canada up to a total of \$5 million. To donate please call our office at 306.665.2555 or visit [mcccanada.ca/beirut-response](http://mcccanada.ca/beirut-response).

## O come, loud anthems let us sing

1. O come, loud anthems let us sing,  
loud thanks to our almighty King,  
for we our voices high should raise,  
when our salvation's rock we praise.

### *Refrain*

Great is the Lord!  
What tongue can frame an equal honour to his name?

2. Into his presence let us haste,  
to thank him for his favours past,  
to him address, in joyful songs,  
the praise that to his name belongs.

### *Refrain*

Great is the Lord!  
What tongue can frame an equal honour to his name?

3. The depths of earth are in his hand,  
her secret wealth at his command,  
the strength of hills that reach the skies,  
subjected to his empire lies.

### *Refrain*

Great is the Lord!  
What tongue can frame an equal honour to his name?

4. Oh, let us to his courts repair,  
and bow with adoration there,  
down on our knees, devoutly all,  
before the Lord, our maker, fall.

### *Refrain*

Great is the Lord!  
What tongue can frame an equal honour to his name?

Text: based on Psalm 95, Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady, *New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1969,  
refrain by Isaac Watts  
Music: anonymous, "Hodyn" in *Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection*, 1822

## I want to walk as a child as a light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1;  
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## Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No feather too light, no hair too fine,  
no flower too brief in its glory  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,  
nothing is lost forever.  
God sees with love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding;  
no creature too humble, no child too small  
for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fullness;  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

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Music: Colin Gibson

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## Christ is alive

### *Refrain*

Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new  
our God is making all things new.

1. This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

### *Refrain*

Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new  
our God is making all things new.

2. For by the life and death of Jesus,  
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.

### *Refrain*

Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new  
our God is making all things new.

3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
step from the past, and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

### *Refrain*

Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new  
our God is making all things new.

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