

This Week at MPMC
 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
 Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service

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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Thought for the week

"Jesus saves. He saves us for life, for giving ourselves over to its joys and sorrows, to predictable and unpredictable occurrences, its routines and surprises. He saves us from the awful habit we have of saving ourselves, of sparing our energies, of protecting our minds and souls and bodies from the life struggle. He saves us for the spendthriftiness of love."

(Douglas John Hall - *Professing the Faith*)

Office Hours

Garth: Monday 8:30-3

Claire: Tuesday 8:30 -3

Garth and Claire: Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-3

Garth and Claire: Friday 8:30- 12:30

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Mark H

Song Leader: Val R

Pianist: Monica D

Video: Darrell B

Prelude
 Announcements
 Silence

Parables: The Arrows of God

Call to Worship
 Opening Prayer
 We Sing

I will call upon the Lord StJ #19
Immortal, invisible, God only wise HWB #70

Psalm 123
 Story for all ages
 Drama

Erna W
 Val R

‘GOOD INVESTMENTS’
 Linus, Jack, Marcus, Sawyer and Zach

We Sing

This little light of mine

Gospel Reading
 Sermon
 Hymn of Response

Matthew 25: 14-30

The spendthriftiness of love

Garth E F

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB#229

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers
 Sending song

As you go out from here

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Maureen G, Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Edwine L*
- **Families of the week:** *Wes and Jodi E, Katie W, Paul E and Phyllis P*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,480, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **MC Sask congratulates the following students who received a scholarship from MC Sask this fall:** Colin Enns Funk (Conrad Grebel), Kristen Haines (RJC), Madison Harms (CMU), Chloe Harms (RJC), Jesse Neufeld (CMU), Rachel Neufeld (CMU), Alexa Nicolle (CMU), Andres Proanos (CMU).

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- September 13: Join us as we commission Claire in her new role as co-pastor at MRMC

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Save the Date: MC Sask Navigating Reopening Virtual Townhall, Sept 3, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** We welcome you to join us in a space of sharing our stories, excitement and concern, and discerning how God is working throughout our regional church in this new landscape. This townhall-style meeting will follow a similar pattern to June's "Dreaming Church beyond Pandemic" virtual gathering. It will have space for telling and hearing stories as well as listening for how God may be speaking through them. Please RSVP to churchengagement@mcsask.ca, and we'll send out a Zoom invitation closer to the date, or any questions or requests for more info.
- b) **Hello from the Shekinah Move-A-Thon Committee!** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as Bike-A-Thon) fundraiser on September 19th. It will be a virtual event this year and all instructions and a pledge form are on the Shekinah website. Please visit <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to **REGISTER** and take time to view the "inspirational" videos which highlight examples of how you can MOVE!
A special challenge has been issued by Hamilton Fast. For every \$150.00 pledged by the early bird date of September 12th, he will ride one kilometer on his tiny bike as shown in the "Race Day" video on the Shekinah website. So let the office know by the 12th the amount of your pledge. Hamilton is willing to ride up to 75 kilometres (the distance from Saskatoon to Shekinah) for Shekinah!

- c) **Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology - An Anabaptist Short Course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** Sept. 16 – Oct. 27 Join [Jamie Pitts](#), Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies, in this six-week online short course to survey the history and theology of the early Anabaptists, looking at various interpretations of "Anabaptism" and its meaning today. More details at <https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/exploring-anabaptist-history-theology-short-course>
- d) **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.
- e) **October 24: REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs?** 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.
- f) **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.**
- g) **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

I will call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord,
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Text: Walter C. Smith, *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, 1867, alt.
Music: Welsh melody, *Canaidu y Cyssegr*, 1839

This Little Light of Mine

G **G7**
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
C **G**
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
G **B** **Em**
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
G **D** **G**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

G **G7**
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
C **G**
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
G **B** **Em**
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine,
G **D** **G**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

G **G7**
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
C **G**
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
G **B** **Em**
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
G **D** **G**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

G **G7**
Gonna shine my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
C
G
Gonna shine my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine. **B**
G
Em
Gonna shine my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,
G **D** **G**
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore,
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
but nets and fishes my daily labour.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

3. You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

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