

This Week at MRMC

Wednesday 6-8 pm AA Meeting in Basement
 Thursday 10:30 am Boomers via Zoom
 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Gathering via Zoom with Communion
 7:00 pm Adult Ed via Zoom

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

‘Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.’

[G.K. Chesterton]

‘We come to God by love and not by navigation.’

[Augustine]

Reminder!

Giving by Interac e-transfer is now available. See the church website "Get Involved / Giving" for more information.

<https://mountroyalmennonite.org/getinvolved/giving>

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Hedie B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S*
- **Families of the week:** *Darrell and Shelley B, Hedie B, Amber, Ken, Isabella and Abigail E*
- We are thankful for last week’s offering of \$4,335, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.

Today’s Service

Worship Leader: Len A
 Song Leader: Sarah O
 Pianist: Verna O
 Video: Gord S

Prelude
 Announcements
 Silence

JESUS IS WHERE HE FINDS YOU

Call to Worship
 Gathering Prayer
 Gathering Song

Come and See

VT #282

Psalm 50: 1-6
 Offertory Prayer

Sharon J P

Story for all ages
 We Sing
 Scripture
 Prayer
 Sermon

Every time I feel the Spirit

Mark 9: 2-10

A mountain-top moment’

Claire E F
 VT #681

Hymn of Response *I Sought the Lord*

Garth E F
 VT #161

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers

Sending song *The Lord lift you up*

VT #832

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Friends, our Meditation Room is now complete. We ask that only three people visit this space at one time. And don't forget to sign in so that we will better know how to schedule the use of this space into the future.
- Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. We confess our humanity. We are humans, not gods. That means we miss the mark. We hurt others. We break relationships. And being human means we are created by God, in the image of God. It means God sticks with us. Being human means we are an integral part of creation, created to live in community with God, ourselves, others and all of creation." (Lent at Home a worship guide 2021, Mennonite Church USA)
For this Ash Wednesday Ritual please gather the following for the service:
 - 1) a small amount of ashes-mix with a bit of olive oil to help them stick together
 - 2) Earth-a container with some soil and a towel to wipe off hands
 - 3) Fire- a "Christ candle" and a candle for every member of your household
 - 4) Air- a bottle of bubbles and bubble wandsWatch for a Zoom invite.
- **Feb 22:** The MRMC Budget Meeting will be held on Feb 22 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- **Feb 25:** Join in a series of conversations among neighbours. On Thursday, February 25 @ 7:00 p.m. **We Will Stand Up** join in a panel discussion with documentary director Tasha Hubbard, Doug Cuthand (journalist) and Amanda Dodge (MCCS program director). They will consider the tragic death of Colten Boushie in August 2016. This event opened deep wounds across Saskatchewan's communities. **We Will Stand Up** offers a powerful telling of this painful story. You can view the documentary online at your own convenience. **Thursday, March 4 @ 7:00 p.m.** join online sharing circles to respond and debrief. Free registration is required at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentr.../WeWillStandUp>

Conference and Community Events

- Feb 24 9am-12pm: Online Pastor's workshop: Leading During COVID: Supporting each other when we all feel the strain** The COVID-19 pandemic experience has a curious quality of reaching that level of crisis where you cannot ignore it but you must get on with life in an altered way. Some of us have suffered significant losses of people or employment. At the same time, *all* of us are facing a barrage of new small choices and altered ways of acting, many of which do not even enter our consciousness. And it continues... and continues... details and registration at www.mcsask.ca
- March 13: The virtual 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions.** We will ask the question: Where is God calling MC Sask? God

is speaking to us here--in our neighborhoods, our small towns, our snow-covered fields. Our family of congregations is beginning a season seeking to hear what our God is saying: What is God inviting us into? How is God speaking hope, to us and all our neighbors, here were we live?

Registration and report book will be available at www.mcsask.ca on Friday, Feb.12.

- March 27: MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat – Who's Right/Wrong? Fact, Friction, and Friendship.** In two interactive sessions, speaker Tracey Mitchell will help youth learn to navigate difficult conversations where answers aren't just black and white. Using the online platform *Gather*, the retreat will be a time of worship, conversation, games, and more. Cost: \$15/person. Additional information and registration available on Friday, Feb 12 at www.mcsask.ca, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca.
- Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is preparing three worship services based on the 2021 Annual Delegate Session theme *Called to Hear*.** The second service, led by Josh & Cindy, is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/mcsaskworshipservices>
- Call for RJC alumni & friends to join virtual choirs:** We invite anyone interested to join one or both of the virtual alumni & friends choirs that Richard Janzen is putting together for RJC's upcoming Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser event on March 14. There will be a mass choir (alumni, friends, greater community, & RJC students) and an alumni & friends choir. All are welcome. If you are interested in singing, email richard@rjc.sk.ca.
- Volunteer Opportunity**
We are presently looking for a person to take the responsibilities of a the **SMCSI representative** position on the Missions and Services Ministry Team.
What is SMCSI and what does the representative do?
SMCSI stands for Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. which operates and manages West Ridge Village as well as Bethany Manor. The day to day Operations and Management of these two organizations is handled by the Executive Director - Jerry Letkeman and a team of managers. Jerry reports to the Board at 4-5 Board meetings throughout the year.
In addition to Board meetings, there are events like the annual meet and greet where board members and the residents of Bethany Manor can mingle and visit as well as fundraisers and opportunity to serve at the Thanksgiving and Christmas Banquet.
This is a great opportunity to work with great people from various other Mennonite communities and back grounds and work for the important cause of affordable housing for seniors. For more information or if you feel that you can fill this position, contact Wilf Funk.

Call to worship

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around You today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen

Voices Together #854

Come and See

Text: Marilyn Houser Hamm (Canada), 1974, *Sing and Rejoice*, 1979, adapt. From Greek and Latin liturgies

Music: Marilyn Houser Hamm, 1974, *Sing and Rejoice*, 1979

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1 “Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth,” said he.
“Follow me, follow me,
come as a child, O come and see.”

2,3 Kyrie, Kyrie,
Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe,
Christe eleison.

Descant

Christe, Christe,
adoramus te.
Alleluia.
Christe eleison.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Text: African American spiritual (USA)

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones (USA); adapt. Melva Wilson Costen (USA), adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

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Refrain

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev’ry time I fell the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev’ry time I fell the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

2. Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain’t but one train that’s on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.

I Sought the Lord

Text: *Holy Songs, Carols and Sacred Ballads* (USA), 1880

Musci: J. Harold Moyer (USA), 1965, *The Mennonite Hymnal*, © 1969 Faith & Life Press/Mennonite Publishing House

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I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Saviour true,
no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold,
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.
‘Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul,

always thou lovedst me.

The Lord Lift You Up

Text: Patricia J. Shelly (USA)

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The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,
Secure in God's word, seeking God's face,
Abounding in love, abiding in grace.