

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	6-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Gathering
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

Thought for the week

The voice of God pierces the deep, calling us to deep relationship. With the floodwaters behind us and the waters of baptism holding us, our relationship with God establishes our identity with other people and the world we live in.

[LEADER]

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: Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B**
- **Families of the week: Len A, Ryan G, Henry B**
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$4,335, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- Hilde Krause, wife of the late Eldon Krause has passed away at the age of 97 in Abbotsford BC. May their family feel God's presence during this time.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Joel S
Song Leader: Sarah O
Pianist: Pam O

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

DEEP CALLS TO DEEP

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT #9

Psalm 25: 1-10

Marianne S

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offertory Prayer

Story for all ages

Monica D

We Sing *Here I am Lord*

VT #545

Scripture *Genesis 9: 8-17*

Sermon *God's Promise*

Response ritual

Claire E F

Hymn of Response *New Earth, Heavens New*

VT #377

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Lord's Supper

Sending song *Come, Gracious Spirit* VT #371

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.
- **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

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant:

the ark through the water,

the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,

avoiding you,

avoiding our neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads.

Needing you,

needing our neighbors.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep relationship.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep relationship.

We come to you, God.

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

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Come away from rush and hurry

to the stillness of God's peace;

from our vain ambition's worry,

come to Christ to find release.

Come away from noise and clamour,

life's demands and frenzied pace;

come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness

we lie down to rest our soul,

from the waters of God's mercy

we drink deeply, are made whole.

At the table of God's presence

all the saints are richly fed,

With the oil of God's anointing

into service we are led.

Here I am, Lord

Text: Daniel L. Schutte (USA), 1980, *Lord of Light*, 1981, alt.

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make the darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will call the poor by name.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

New Earth, Heavens New

Text: Harris J. Loewen (Canada), 1982, *Assembly Songs*, 1983, rev. 2019
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1. New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;
new seed, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new man, woman new, image of God moving.

Refrain
Sing a new song to the One who has said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

2. New love, mercies new, Spirit of God moving;
new strength, hopefulness new, Spirit of life moving;
New hearts, spirits new, image of God moving.

Refrain
Sing a new song to the One who has said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

3. New minds, wisdom new, Spirit of God moving;
new law, covenant new, Spirit of life moving;
new name, nature new, image of God moving.

Refrain
Sing a new song to the One who has said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

4. New earth, heavens new, spirit of God moving;
new birth, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new growth, people new, image of God moving.

Refrain
Sing a new song to the One who has said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

Come, Gracious Spirit

Text: Simon Browne (England), *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1720, alt.
Music: Willeam B. Bradbury (USA), *The Jubilee*, 1858

Come, gracious Spirit, heav’nly Dove.
with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
o’er ev’ry thought and step preside,
o’er ev’ry thought and step preside.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God,
that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heav’n, that we may share
fullness of joy forever there.
Lead us to our eternal rest,
to be with God forever bless’d,
to be with God forever bless’d.