

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

Thought for the week

We are transformed by God as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar places, as we lose ourselves, we are found.

[LEADER]

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q*
- **Families of the week:** *Marg W, Ida N*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,695, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Elsie S** is waiting, at the time of this writing, for a Palliative Care bed in one of our hospitals. She will receive help with her pain management and emotional stability. Let's pray for wisdom and compassion for the hospital staff and God's touch on Elsie as comfort and hope return.
- **Eric and Doris Q** are also needing our prayers. For the past 20 years Eric has been dealing with a blood clotting disorder and a few weeks ago, he experienced another stroke. Eric is currently in the Transition Ward at City Hospital. Next steps are yet to be determined. Let's pray for healing in his body and strength and courage for both Eric and Doris as they navigate this difficult time.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Gord and Marianne S
 Song Leader: Grace P
 Pianist: Val R

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 *Will you come and Follow me* VT 540

Psalm 22: 23-31

Gwen L

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offertory Prayer

Story for all ages

Jo-Anne N

We Sing

Be Still, My Soul

VT 664

Scripture

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-17

Mark 8: 31-38

Sermon

God- The World's Future

Garth E F

Response ritual

Hymn of Response *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending song *O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True* VT 583

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.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **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
- b) **March 14 at 7:00pm (SK CST) RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser:** Join us online on for our annual fundraising concert and dessert auction. Enjoy an evening of good music and entertainment by the students, staff, alumni, and friends of RJC. Watch the event and participate in the auction at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.
- c) **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.
- d) **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, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless.

You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

Many: With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

Many: With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.

Many: With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

All: We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever.

We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

Words 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 on the edges.

Not listening to each other.

Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way.

Silencing suffering.

Forfeiting life.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep commitment.

We come to you, God.

Will You Come and Follow Me

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Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Be Still My Soul

Text: Catharina A. D. von Schlegel (present-day Germany), 1752, *Stille, mein Wille*;
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick (Scotland), 1855, alt.
Music: Jean Sibelius (Finland); arr. *The Hymnal*, © 1933, 1961 Presbyterian Board
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Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul! for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Text: French; les Petites Soeurs de Jesus (France) and L'Arche Community (France),
1961; stanzas 1-3. Stephen Somerville (Canada) stanzas 1-3 trans. © 1970 Estate of
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Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell ev'ry body about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you
saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

Lord Jesus, stay with me wherever I journey.
I listen at night as the sound of your steps leads the way.
Till your new day shall dawn on the people you saved,
Lord Jesus, we'll sing your return on our journey.

O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True

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Music: H. Percy Smith (England), *Church Hymns with tunes*, 1874
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O Christ, impart your teaching true
and gather in your faithful few.
Now grant that each with patient care
their cross of love should daily bear.

O Christ, like gold our hearts refine,
and fill our lives with joy divine
to follow you for evermore:
your Word, your will, your truth adore.

O Christ, your people truly keep,
who follow daily as your sheep;
and if through bitter death we pass,
your grace will keep us to the last.