

**This Week at MRMC**

Wednesday 5:30 pm Education Meeting via Zoom  
 7-8 pm AA Meeting in Basement  
 Thursday 10:30 am Boomers via Zoom  
 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Gathering via Zoom  
 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**

Christ has no body but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks...  
 Compassion on this world.  
 Christ now has no body on earth but yours.

[Teresa of Avila]

### **Reminder!**

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

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

### **Office Hours**

Gwen: Tuesday to Friday 8:00-1:30

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: Helmut and Dory I

Song Leader: Val R

Pianist: Monica D

Video: Gord S

Prelude

Announcements

Silence

***JESUS IS WHERE HE FINDS YOU***

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song *All people that on earth do dwell*

Psalm

Dave W

Offertory Prayer

Story for all ages

Trevor S

We Sing *There's enough for all*

Scripture Mark 6: 30-44

Sermon ***"Small Gifts... Big Miracles"***

Don U

Hymn of Response *Longing for light*

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending song *God loves all his many people*

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

***THANKS BE TO GOD!***

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Stephane N and Leonie L, Bev and Neil G, Ben and Dianne J*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,911, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Friends, our Meditation Room is now complete – except of course for you. Please come and spend some quiet time with God in the comfort of soft chairs, fireplace, and candlelight softness. The artwork on the walls, the comforting objects placed within close reach and beautiful simplicity of this room are waiting for you. 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.

### 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](http://www.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>
- March 13: Save the date!** The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually.
- March 27: MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat** – We are PUMPED to be planning a one-day, online gathering for youth! With games, cool hang-out spaces, a speaker, coffeehouse, and a one-of-a-kind virtual layout of Shekinah, we are excited to be bringing youth

together again. Mark your calendars, and watch for more information coming soon!

- Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director**, starting May 2021. This is a full time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to [www.campelim.ca](http://www.campelim.ca) or contact any member of the search committee; Lorna Wiens ([lornawiens@sasktel.net](mailto:lornawiens@sasktel.net)), Mark Wurtz ([mark@yfbc.ca](mailto:mark@yfbc.ca)) or Ryan Siemens ([minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)). Please forward your cover letter and resume to [campelim1@sasktel.net](mailto:campelim1@sasktel.net), attn: Lorna Wiens, Chairperson, Camp Elim Board of Directors, by February 15, 2021.
- 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](mailto: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.

h) Hello supporters of inmates and Parkland Restorative Justice! I know its a little late but Happy New Year!! We are still hoping and praying that 2021 is a year of renewal and healing for our world. The release of the vaccine gives hope for an end to the pandemic and our collective isolation. I want to direct your hearts to the men in Sask Pen that we support. They have experienced very extreme isolation and the fears that go along with the pandemic spread. Unfortunately, the doors are still closed to visitation by volunteers and organizations like ours. I know that there are many of you already writing letters to the men inside and I thank you for the love you send. Today, I want to encourage you to write again or possibly for the first time. Please see the insert that provides brief suggestions on the best way to reach out to the men. Please email letters to myself, [director@parklandrj.com](mailto:director@parklandrj.com) and I will address the letter and mail it to one of the inmates in our program who has voluntarily signed up for our prison visitation program.

Instructions for writing letters of encouragement to inmates at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary.

Please email letters to myself, [director@parklandrj.com](mailto:director@parklandrj.com) and I will address the letter and mail it to one of the inmates in our program who has voluntarily signed up for our prison visitation program.

Some tips for what to include: (These are just suggestions, no pressure to include these things)

- Include a hopeful quote or scripture and explain why you find it to be encouraging or how it provides you with hope.
- Write about something in nature or in your community that you are seeing right now that gives you hope for new beginnings.
- Write about a favourite character in a book, movie, or show, and how they overcame a struggle and found a new path forward.
- 1-2 questions about their mental health
- - What is your greatest fear during this time?
- - What is bringing you comfort at this time?
- - Do you have anyone to talk to about any anxieties or fear you are feeling?
- The following list with your thoughts on...
- 5 things you are grateful for during this time,
- 4 things that you miss/or dislike during this time,

- 3 places where you are finding hope, and
- 2 things you look forward to when this is over,
- 1 thing you are struggling with and a positive way you are coping with that struggle. (ask them to answer the same questions)

You may write your first name at the end of the letter/email, but do not include any other personal info, such as contact information, where you work what school you go to, or your age. For safety reasons we will keep all personal information confidential. If the inmate does wish to reply, it will be through our office, with your privacy being maintained. This will be a onetime letter/email sent for the purpose of encouraging the inmate to find hope and provide them with a connection to the community. The men inside who are not writing back – may have low writing skills or may not have access to a stamp.

Our program throughout the years has repeatedly received feedback from inmates on how important it is to hear from community members and about what life on the outside is like. They comment on how this contact makes them feel more human and less isolated.

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Text: based on Psalm 100; William Kethe (present-day Switzerland, *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*, 1561; adapt. Thomas N. Troeger (USA) 1992

Music: Louis Bourgeois (present-day France) *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade

Enter the sacred gates with praise  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

## There's Enough for All

Text: Bryan Moyer Suderman (Canada)

Music: Bryan Moyer Suderman; acc. Charlene Nafziger (Canada), 2008

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There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,  
there's enough for all if we would learn to see.  
There's enough for all.  
Let's bring our loaves and fishes,  
and offer them to Jesus.  
There's more than enough for you and me.

## Longing for Light

Text: Bernadette Farrell

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

### **God loves all his many people**

Text: Lubunday Mukungu (present-day Democratic Republic of the Congo): trans.  
Rev. by Anna Juhnke, *International Songbook*, Mennonite World Conference  
Songbook, 1978, alt.

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Music: Tshiluba melody (present-day Democratic Republic of the Congo),  
*International*

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1. God loves all his many people with surpassing love,  
blesses all as his own children, cares for ev'ry one.

Refrain

Come to him, friend, come to him, friend, come, receive his joy.  
Earthly things don't last forever, come, receive his joy.

2. God wants you to come to him now, wants you as his child.  
Come, my friend, his arms are open; he is Lord of all.

Refrain

Come to him, friend, come to him, friend, come, receive his joy.  
Earthly things don't last forever, come, receive his joy.

3. In the Lord is our salvation, in the Lord is love,  
Come, my friend, his arms are open; come, receive his joy.

Refrain

Come to him, friend, come to him, friend, come, receive his joy.  
Earthly things don't last forever, come, receive his joy.