

<u><b>This Week at MRMC</b></u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	6-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Ray and Rita)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Saturday	7:30 pm	Missions and Service Meeting
	11-5 pm	Rental of Gym
Sunday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

### **Creation Care Prayers**

Creator God, Bless the tear we shed for the resources we have squandered.

Bless the sigh we breathe out for the atmosphere.

Bless the head we hang for the creatures lost and exploited.

Bless the hands we wring for the things we have broken and wasted.

Bless us as we lament. Cradle us as we regret.

Restore us as we start afresh. Amen

(John Polhill)

### **Today's Service**

Worship Leader: Zach D

Song Leader: Grace P

Pianist: Val R

Sound: Ryan S

PowerPoint: Kevin C

Video: Dennis H

## **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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**No. 7**

Prelude  
Land Acknowledgement  
Announcements  
Silence

### **NEW YEAR, SAME PROMISES**

#### **GATHERING**

Gathering words

Gathering prayer

Gathering songs *Praise, I will Praise you Lord* VT #131  
*Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord* VT #77

Psalm 119:1-8 Mark H

Choir

*Sing for Joy*

Offertory prayer

#### **HEARING**

Story for all Ages Trevor S

We Sing VT #405

*Listen to the Word*

Scripture

**Deuteronomy 30: 11-20**

Choir

*Oh Freedom*

Sermon

**God's promise of freedom**

Garth E F

#### **SHARING**

Hymn of response *The Word of God is Solid Ground* VT #399

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

#### **SENDING**

Sending song

*Come with Joy (v 1,4,5)* VT #478

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Amen**

Postlude

**Coffee and Fellowship after the service**

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Grace and Mel B, Betty U, Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Willard and Kathy W, Agnes and Elmer R, Anne K, Erwin and Tena S, Eric and Doris Q*
- **Families of the week:** *Henry and Ella F, Loren, Heidi, Leena, Ayden, Sophia and Calista R, Elsie S*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$6,295, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- We received word that Helen Kruger who served as interim pastor at MRMC together with her husband Bill, passed away on February 1, 2023. She had been living in Calgary at the time. It is with appreciation that we remember her life, and sadness at her death.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **Feb 28 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom:** The February Congregation meeting (formally called Budget meeting). Agenda includes 2023 MRMC budget, approval of MRMC bylaws, and an update from the Pastoral search committee.
- We're offering the blue hymnals and the sing the journey and story books to you for your personal use. Feel free to pick up copies for yourself. Remaining books will be offered to the Rosthern nursing home and other congregations.
- We have resumed having fellowship and coffee after the service. If you are willing to help with set up and clean up, there is a sign up sheet on the board beside Garth's office.
- **Charitable giving tax receipts** have been placed in the mailboxes. If you wish to have it mailed to you, please let Gwen know.
- For the **next two Sundays** your email with the link to the recorded worship service will be **sent on Monday morning** instead of Sunday as it has been in the past. Len usually sends them on Sunday afternoon, but he will be away for the next two weeks. You can still view them on Sunday by clicking on the MRMC YouTube link on the home page of the MRMC Website, and navigating to the Live section of our YouTube Channel.
- If you have signed the **MRMC commitment covenant** for this year, and you would like to receive a **print copy of what was shared during the Joys and Concerns** sharing time each week, contact the church office to be put on an email list.
- **Calling all crafty people!** There are left over pieces of stained glass from making the display frames in the foyer. Please contact Ray Poettcker if you can use them.
- **Too many travel mugs?** Prairie Harm Reduction will use them! If you have excess travel mugs, drop them off at church and Rita will get them to PHR! There is a box by Gwen's office for drop off.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **March 11: MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon** (and also available on Zoom). David Boshart, President of AMBS will be sharing with us on our theme "Rooted in Good Soil: Resourcing the Rural Church" This is a hybrid online and in person event, and registration is required to attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602> Please let Rita Hanoski know if you are available to represent and speak for our congregation.
- 2) **March 12 RJC Choirs & Cakes at 7:00pm** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.
- 3) **Save the Date. Mar 17: Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting on the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition".** This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>.
- 4) **Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for numerous full-time and part-time positions.** We need a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.
- 5) **MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at [mcccanada.ca/earthquake](http://mcccanada.ca/earthquake), by calling 888-622-6337 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to the MCCS office.