

This Week at MRMC

Tuesday 6:30 pm Governing Board and SPT Meeting
 Wednesday 7-8 pm AA Meeting in Basement
 Thursday 10:30 am Boomers
 6:30 pm Women Together via Zoom
 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Gathering 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

'I don't know Who – or what – put the question, I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer Yes to Someone – or Something – and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal.'
 [Dag Hammarskjöld]

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: Melody N
 Song Leader: Shelley B
 Pianist: Val R
 Video: Darrell B

Prelude
 Announcements
 Silence

JESUS IS WHERE HE FINDS YOU

Call to Worship
 Gathering Prayer
 Gathering Song *Here in this place* VT #10

Psalm 62: 5-12 Crowe Family
 Offering

Story for all ages Val R
 We Sing *Come and See* HWB #20, VT #282
 Scripture Mark 1: 14-20 Jack and Linus

Sermon ***'Calling, leaving, following'*** Garth E F
 Hymn of Response *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore* VT #283

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers

Sending song *When we walk with the Lord* VT #570
 Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B*
- **Families of the week:** *Dave and Carol W, Anne K, Ron and Heather W*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$902, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- We are called to join our brothers and sisters in MC USA in prayer following the events that unfolded in their country this week.

Dear God, Grant us your peace this day.

Help us to be effective instruments of your peace as we live out our call.

Help us to love our neighbor and trust in your transforming power.

Grant us wisdom in conversations. Let us appreciate each and every one of your creations.

Watch over us and protect us in this time of uncertainty.

In Jesus' name, Amen

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Thank you friends! Operation Potato Peeler has been a massive success. Friendship Inn sent a letter of thanks and appreciation this week for our donation of \$6,095.00. There will be another cheque that will be delivered for any of the outstanding donations we received. The staff and volunteers are looking forward to the inflow of new equipment.
- The **Creation Care blog** is now accessible by getting onto the **Mount Royal Mennonite Church** website, go to **Get Involved** and then to **Creation Care blog**. Thank you to all who have already submitted your creation care practices. If you would like to share yours, please send it to Claire, and she will make sure it gets onto the website. It makes for very good reading!
- Calling all Women of MRMC! **Women Together** is a group for women of all ages and stages of life who want to support each other while reading and discussing April Yamasaki's book *Sacred Pauses*. We plan to meet every second week via Zoom beginning Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be part of this group, please let Claire know.

- Confused about climate change? Unsure which news stories to believe? Wondering what all the fuss is about? **ADULT EDUCATION** Zoom classes from January 17 - February 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. will be facilitated by Mark Bigland-Pritchard. Mark currently works with MCCS as Migration and Resettlement Coordinator. He has also worked in Energy Consultancy and has taught energy studies courses at two British universities. This will be an opportunity to consider **Creation, Climate and You** together in our faith community.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Thank for your support of MC Sask in 2020!** To date, we have met 90% of our budget, and ask for your consideration to help us reach our committed support for programs like International Witness, partners like Rosthern Junior College, and ongoing pastoral resources for those who are in need of a well-deserved break. Visit, <http://mcsask.ca/donations>.
Thank you, and Happy New Year!
- b) **Give the gift of communication!** The Micah Mission is looking for donations of old, gently used, flip phones to give to individuals reentering the community after a period of incarceration. For more information, please call: 306.653.3099, or email: info@themicahmission.org.
- c) **Save the date!** The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually on **Saturday, March 13**.
- d) **Friday, January 22 - RJC Online Open House & Friday Night Live** - Prospective students (grades 5-11) and families are invited to our online open house at **7:00pm**. Learn more about our academic, dorm, athletics, and music programs. Following the open house will be our annual Friday Night Live student coffee house at **8:00pm**. Enjoy the evening from the comfort of your own home! Please register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.
- e) **RJC Early Application Incentive** - New students who apply for Fall 2021 by February 1 will receive **\$500 off their tuition!** Apply online at rjc.sk.ca/apply.
- f) **You are invited to spend A Very Shekinah Christmas with Shekinah Retreat Centre! Join us online for 12 Days of Christmas.** Enjoy stories, music, and singing. And maybe a little dummheit. To date, we have raised \$20,000 of our \$50,000 goal. See our website for more information and enjoy the videos: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/a-very-shekinah-christmas>

Call to worship:

Leader: Jesus calls us

to praise and prayer,

to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship

Leader: Jesus calls us

to hearing and healing,

to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us

to advocacy and action,

to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ!

All: We worship together with joy!

(from *Voices Together*: #13)

Here In This Place

Text: Marty Haugen (USA), 1981, *Gather*, 1988, alt.

Music: Marty Haugen, 1981, *Gather*, 1988

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Here in this place, the new light is streaming;
now are the shadows vanished away.

See in this place our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,

Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;

gather us in, the proud and the strong.

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;

Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine of compassion;
here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here we become the people you fashion:
children of God, to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine ever flowing,

give us to eat the bread that is you.

Nourish us well, and guide us in growing

lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, dim and confining;

not in some heaven, light years away:

here in this place, the new light is shining;

now is the dawning and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever;

gather us in and make us your own.

Gather us in, all peoples together,

fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Text: Spanish; Cesáreo Gabaráin (Spain); trans. Composite Gertrude C. Suppe (USA), George Lockwood IV (USA), Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon (USA), Willard F. Jabusch (USA), alt.

Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979, *Dios con nosotros*

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1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons,
but nets for fishing, my daily labour.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

3. You need my hands, full of caring;
use my labours to give others rest,
with love desiring to keep on loving.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;

by your side I will seek other seas.

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
call me "beloved," and seek my friendship.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

When We Walk with the Lord

Text: John H. Sammis (USA), *Hymns Old and New*, 1887, alt.

Music: Daniel B. Towner (USA), *Hymns Old and NEW*, 1887

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Ev'ry burden we bear; ev'ry sorrow we share,
all our toil he doth richly repay.
Even grief, pain, and loss as we carry a cross
will be blessed as we trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love,
until all on the altar we lay,
for the favour he shows, and the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way.
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Benediction :

Leader: From where we are

To where you need us:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know

To the wonder of what you will reveal:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world

Until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have been prepared

For those who love God:

All: Jesus, now lead on!

(Voices Together #418)