

This Week at MRMC

Wednesday 7-8 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 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

"Jesus did not say, 'You shall know the rules and by
 them you shall be bound,' but, 'you shall know the
 truth and the truth shall set you free.'"
 [John Baillie]

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: Claire E F
 Song Leader: Rita H
 Pianist: Val R
 Video: Darrell B

Prelude
 Announcements
 Silence

JESUS IS WHERE HE FINDS YOU

Call to Worship
 Gathering Prayer
 Gathering Song

Jesus, be the Centre

VT #584

Psalm 63: 1-8
 Offertory Prayer

Zach D

Story for all ages
 We Sing
 Scripture
 Sermon

If all you want, Lord

Mark 2: 21-28

Old boundaries, new possibilities"

Garth E F
 HWB #512

Hymn of Response *Will you come and follow me*

Garth E F
 VT #540

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers

Sending song *Just a closer walk with thee*
 Sending words

VT #734

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

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Betty U*
- **Families of the week:** *Joel and Alex S, Jake W, Hugo, Carmen, Luna, Ren and Cruz V*
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$1,809 given in support of our ministry here and around the world

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- 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. 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) **March 13: Save the date!** The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually.
- b) **Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is preparing three worship services based on the 2021 Annual Delegate Session theme *Called to Hear*.** These services can be downloaded and used as a "Sunday off" for pastors, worship leaders, tech people, etc. The first service, led by Ryan & Sandra, will be made available after January 17; the second service, led by Josh & Cindy, will be available after January 31; and the third service, led by Kirsten, Josh & Ryan, will be a part of the Annual Delegate Sessions on Saturday, March 13. This last service will include communion, and

be made available for Sunday, March 14. Links will be sent out when services are available.

- c) While COVID-19 has led to the suspension of an in-person ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry Conference, held each February, in its place CMU is excited to offer a **NEW resource** opportunity for pastors entitled "**ReNew: Resources for Preaching**". Session 1 is at 11:00 am on Jan 26. For info on the sessions, and to register, visit the ReNew webpage, www.cmu.ca/renew.
- d) **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 or contact any member of the search committee; Lorna Wiens (lornawiens@sasktel.net), Mark Wurtz (mark@yfbc.ca) or Ryan Siemens (minister@mcsask.ca). Please forward your cover letter and resume to campelim1@sasktel.net, attn: Lorna Wiens, Chairperson, Camp Elim Board of Directors, by February 15, 2021.
- 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) **MCC Connects:** Pray for the MCC Bangladesh program as it prepares for a new representative, Rob Enns, who will start in March by working remotely from Canada due to COVID-19. We are grateful that Ron Ratzlaff has been able to serve as interim representative for Bangladesh since May, managing the program remotely from Canada. The Bangladesh program has undergone many transitions in the past year.

Call to worship

Loving God, you are our God.

**We gather in our various homes, in front of our many screens.
To worship you – together and apart.**

We are confident that you know where we are
And will meet us in our places.

**Open our hearts and minds to your presence.
We desire to meet you here, and to hear your voice.**

We are confidence,
because we've met you here before;

We are grateful,

**because we've known your persistent love—
a love which is better than life itself.**

Benediction

From where we are
To where you need us:

Jesus now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know
To the wonder of what you will reveal

Jesus now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world
Until it resembles the shape of your kingdom

Jesus now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
For all God's children;

Jesus now lead on.

Jesus, be the centre

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1. Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light, Jesus.

2. Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Chorus

Be the fire in my heart.
Be the wind in these sails.
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

3. Jesus, be my vision.
be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Chorus

Be the fire in my heart.
Be the wind in these sails.
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

4. Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light, Jesus.
be my source, be my light, Jesus.

If All You Want, Lord

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Music: Carol Doran, *The Hymn*, 1987

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If all you want, Lord, is my heart,
my heart is yours alone –
Providing I may set apart my mind to be my own.

Will You Come and Follow Me

If all you want, Lord, is my mind,
 my mind belongs to you,
 But let my heart remain inclined to do what it would do.

I heart and mind would both suffice,
 while I kept strength and soul,
 At least I would not sacrifice completely my control.

But since, O God, you want them all
 to shape with your own hand,
 I pray for grace to heed your call to live your first command.

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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?

If All You Want, Lord, Is My Heart



1. If all you want, Lord, is my heart, My
 2. If all you want, Lord, is my mind, My
 3. If heart and mind would both suf - fice, While
 4. But since, O God, you want them all To



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 mind be - longs to you, But let my heart re -
 I kept strength and soul, At least I would not
 shape with your own hand, I pray for grace to



set a - part My mind to be my own.
 main in - clined To do what it would do.
 sac - ri - fice Com - plete - ly my con - trol.
 heed your call To live your first com - mand.

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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.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Text: African American traditional (USA), ca. 20th c.

Music: African American traditional, ca. 20th c. acc. David Berry (USA), 2019

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Through this world of toil and cares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.