

**This Week at MRMC**  
 Wednesday 7-8 pm AA Meeting in Basement  
 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Gathering via Zoom

**Thought for the week**

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."  
 [Isaiah 41.10]*

**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: Garth E F  
 Song Leader: Sarah O  
 Pianist: Monica D  
 Video: Darrell B

**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

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

Call to Worship  
 Gathering Prayer  
 Gathering Song *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37

Psalm 147:1-11 Erna W  
 Offering

Story for all ages Sarah O  
 We Sing *For the beauty of the earth vs 1,2,4* HWB #89  
 Scripture Mark 6.45-52

Sermon ***'Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid'*** Claire E F  
 Hymn of Response *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* HWB #352

Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers

Sending song *The peace of the earth be with you* StJ #77  
 Sending words

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

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Hedie B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S*
- **Families of the week:** *Willard and Kathy W, Bill and Sandra S, Agatha W*
- We are very thankful for the year end offering of \$13,790. This amount includes donations received in the office since Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, plus the Tithe.ly and e-transfer donations received for the month of December.  
*Thank-you for your faithful giving throughout the year.*

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Thank you friends! Operation Potato Peeler has been a massive success. Friendship Inn is now working with a total cost of \$9,195.23 to purchase the potato peeler and its base. \$6,095.00 was sent from MRMC the Friendship Inn to be mixed with funds from church folks and friends which have been donated directly. We set a goal for ourselves of \$7,500.00 and we more than reached it. We are extremely grateful for each donation. In conversation with staff at Friendship Inn, we were told that these monies will also make it possible to purchase a commercial food processor and coffee maker. Thank you!
- 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.
- Garth, Claire and Gwen will all be back to regular office hours beginning Monday January 4.

### 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](mailto:info@themicahmission.org).
- c) **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

**L:** Come, let us bow down in worship.

**P:** **Let us kneel before the Lord our Creator.**

**L:** For You are our God.

**P:** **And we are the people You shepherd  
the flock under Your care.**

(Psalm 95.6-7)

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, A und Ω Glaub- und Leibesübung, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, Chorale Book for England, 1863, alt.

Music: Erneueren Gesangbuch, 1665.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
as with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "amen" sound from God's people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

### For the beauty of the earth

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, Lyra Eucharistica, 1864

Music: Conrad Kocher, Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes, 1838; adapted by William H Monk, Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

### Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Text: Gloria Gaither, ca. 1974

Music: William Gaither, ca 1974

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Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
for we need you to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,  
for we need your strength from day to day.  
There's no other we can turn to  
who can help us face another day.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
for we need you to help us find our way.

### The peace of the earth be with you

Text: Guatemalan traditional; translated by Christine Carson

Music: Guatemalan folk melody

The peace of the earth be with you,  
the peace of the heavens too;  
the peace of the rivers be with you,  
the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you.  
God's peace growing in you.