

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 tells [Julian of Norwich] again and again 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' She asks how it can be well, since some are damned. He replied that all that is true, but the secret grand deed will make even that 'very well'. 'With you this is impossible, but not with Me.'"

C.S.Lewis

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: Grace P

Pianist: Shelley B

Video:

Prelude

Announcements

Silence

JESUS IS WHERE HE FINDS YOU

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

StJ #17

Psalm 13

Tena S

Offertory Prayer

Story for all ages

Grace P

We Sing *Dear Lord and Father*

HWB #523

Scripture **Mark 5: 1-20**

Sermon **"One plus God is a majority"**

Claire E F

Hymn of Response *O Healing River*

HWB #372

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending song *Go now in peace*

HWB #429

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Eric and Verna O, Al R, Elsie E*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$1,750, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.

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
- March 13: Save the date!** The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually.
- 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.

- 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!
- MCC Connects:** Ten young people from across the Americas will be starting two-year Seed service terms in Guatemala-El Salvador and Colombia in February. Pray for their health, safety and energy as they start this new journey of service and learning together. Learn more about Seed at mcccanada.ca.
- 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.
- 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.
- Thank you to all who supported Shekinah's A Very Shekinah Christmas virtual fundraiser.** We didn't quite make our \$50,000 goal, but we did make it to \$47,000! Thank you all for your generous donations. To see the stretch-goal antics of the staff, and to get the latest info, please visit our website: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/a-very-shekinah-christmas>.

i) **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.

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Text: Caribbean traditional

Music: Caribbean traditional; arranged by John L. Bell

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Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, *The Atlantic Monthly*, 1872

Music: Frederick C. Maker, *Congregational Church Hymnal*, 1887

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev'ence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love;

drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm.
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

O healing river

Text: anonymous

Music: Traditional hymn melody

O healing river, send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,

and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.

Go now in peace

Text: Natalie Sleeth, *Sunday Songbook*

Music: Natalie Sleeth, *Sunday Songbook*

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Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
ev'rywhere, ev'rywhere you may go.