

**Thought for the week**

But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure then peace-loving, gentle, approachable, full of merciful thoughts and kindly actions, straightforward, with no hint of hypocrisy. And the peacemakers go on quietly sowing for a harvest of righteousness  
[James 3: 17-18]

**Today's Service**

Worship Leader: Len A  
Song Leader: Grace P  
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

**Parables: The Arrows of God**

Gathering Words  
Gathering Prayer  
Gathering songs

*I owe the Lord a morning song*  
*When peace like a river*

HWB #651  
HWB #336  
Marianne S

Psalm 65  
Offertory prayer  
Story for all ages

Trevor S

We Sing  
Scripture  
Sermon

*The Kingdom of God*  
Matthew 13: 1-9

HWB #224

Hymn of Response

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Ryan S  
StJ #95

Peace Lamp  
Sharing our stories  
Sharing our prayers

Sending song

*Go my friends in grace*

StS #57

Sending words

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

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Edwine L, Maureen G, Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Jake and Betty B, Aaron B, Monica D*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$3,890, given freely as we learn live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Friends, if you are still wanting to get a mask Heather has some available but won't be making more. Please contact Heather for further information.
- Garth and Claire will be gone on holidays. If you have any questions, please call Rita (306-230-6833), Zach (306-880-6834) or Gwen (306-382-2677).

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **Attention Students!** Planning to attend Rosthern Junior College High School (RJC), Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), Columbia Bible College (CBC), Conrad Grebel University College (CGUC), or Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in fall? Go to <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> and click on the link for an application. Deadline is July 31. Send to MC Sask attention Ryan Siemens.
- b) This spring [Mennonite Church Canada donated \\$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to *match this donation* so that we collectively raise \$100,000. *Donations will go through regional churches.* Click [here](#) for more info.
- c) **SAVE THE DATE: International Witness Sunday on October 18, 2020** Mennonite Church Canada International Witness invites congregations across our nationwide community of faith to celebrate International Witness Sunday on October 18, 2020. Come prepared to give, learn and get involved with International Witness ministries. To help church leadership prepare for this day, promotional material and worship resources, such as readings, prayers and music, will be made available in August. For more information contact the IW Communications committee

via [jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca) or go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness>.

- d) **SAVE THE DATE: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs? Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference, October 24, 2020** Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. For more information, visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020>.
- e) **MCC Connects: Celebrate MCC's 100th birthday by participating in the Go!100 challenge!** One hundred years ago MCC was formed in response to the needs of people fleeing what is now known as Ukraine. Today, we are again coming together to respond to the needs of people around the world - especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. To celebrate our birthday and raise money for MCC's work, we are challenging you to do 100 of something. Read 100 poems, walk 100 kms or donate 100 items to MCC Thrift. The possibilities are endless! Learn more at [mccsk.ca/go-100](http://mccsk.ca/go-100)!
- f) **MCC Connects: Join us in Growing Hope! Sponsor your acre before July 15<sup>th</sup> and you will receive a package of flax seed to grow at home.** By sponsoring an acre for \$300 you are helping to extend the table. Through Grow Hope we are building a bigger table that reaches from Saskatchewan to Syria and Lebanon, to Bangladesh and Nepal, to Ethiopia and Congo and South Sudan. We are demonstrating care and compassion for people we will probably never meet, and we want to let them know that they are not alone – they are welcome at our table. Learn more at [www.growhopesk.ca](http://www.growhopesk.ca)!

## I owe the Lord a morning song

I owe the Lord a morning song, of gratitude and praise,  
for the kind mercy he has shown in length'ning out my days.

He kept me safe another night; I see another day.  
Now may his Spirit, as the light, direct me in his way.

Keep me from danger and from sin, help me thy will to do,  
So that my heart be pure within, and I thy goodness know.

Keep me till thou wilt call me hence, where never night can be,  
And save me, Lord, for Jesus sake; he shed his blood for me.

Text: Amos Herr, *Hymns and Tunes*, 1890

Music: Amos Herr, *Hymns and Tunes*, 1890

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## When peace like a river

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

### Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this bless'd assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

### Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

3. Redeemed! Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
my sin – not in part, but the whole –  
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

### Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

### Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, *Gospel Hymns, No. 2* 1876, alt.

Music: Philip P. Bliss, *Gospel Hymns, No. 2* 1876,

## The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed.  
When it is sown in the earth it is the smallest seed.  
It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

For when it is sown, it grows into the largest plant,  
Greater than all of the herbs and grows into a tree.  
It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

It grows so birds can rest inside its crown of leaves,  
Deep in its shadows away from evil things that prey.  
It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

And so we can liken it to seeds which make a tree  
Larger than all of the trees from just the smallest seed.  
It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

Text: Gracia Grindal, *Singing the Story*, 1983

Music: Austin Lovelace, 1987, *Hymnal Supplement II*, 1987

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## I want to walk as a child of the light

1 . I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life- of Jesus.

### Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father,

### Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

### Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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Music: Kathleen Thomerson

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## Go, my friends, in grace

Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.  
Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.

Walk, my friends in peace, within this fallen world.  
Where you walk, God is there, within this fallen world.

Serve, my friends, in love, your neighbours and your foes.  
Where you serve, God is there, in neighbours and your foes.

Come again, my friends, to worship and to pray.  
When we meet, God is here, Benedictus Deus.

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