

Sunday 10:00 am This Week at MPMC  
Worship Service

**Thought for the week**

“The person who finds the treasure joyfully “sells all” to buy the field (13:44). The merchant “sells all” to buy the pearl. The discoveries disrupt normal daily life and priorities; they require risk and sacrifice. In these actions, the power of that which has been found is seen to be at work. The treasure and pearl possess the finders and shape their lives. So it is to participate in and be possessed by the Kingdom of heaven; it is worth everything.”  
[Warren Carter]

**Today’s Service**

Worship Leader: Zach D  
Song Leader: Darrell B  
Pianist: Shelley B  
Video: Darrell B

**Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church**

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,  
our neighbours and each other

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Prelude  
Announcements  
Silence

**Parables: The Arrows of God**

Gathering words  
Gathering prayer  
Gathering songs *Come let us all unite to sing* HWB #12  
*For the beauty of the earth* HWB #89  
Psalm 105: 1-11, 43-45 Jo-Anne N

Offertory prayer  
Story for all ages Kelly J  
We Sing *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* HWB #324

Scripture Matthew 13: 44-46  
Sermon *‘The buy of a lifetime’* Garth E F  
Hymn of Response *God, whose giving* HWB #383

Peace Lamp  
Sharing our stories  
Sharing our prayers  
Sending song *You are salt for the earth* HWB #226

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

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for: Maureen G, Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Edwine L**
- **Families of the week: Bryan W and Carol R-W, Trevor S, Ashley and Daniel M**
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,211, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us and our community.
- **COVID-19 awareness project reaches many churches in Congo** Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo asks us to thank the Lord for the success of COVID-19 education workshops, which reached many of the local churches. Mennonite World Conference and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission provided funds for the project. Thank you for your support for these projects.
- **Witness workers in China finish school year from home** Praise God for another year of teaching in China for Tobia Veith. She finished her classes and exams online from home. Pray for George and Tobia as they travel in China to visit Anabaptist study groups to encourage and collaborate on resource development.

### 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.

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the work we do together as MC Sask.** As of June 30, 2020 we have fulfilled all of our financial commitments to our partner ministries. We are slightly behind in our year to date giving. Please consider making an extra contribution over the summer months. *Mennonite Church Saskatchewan*
- b) **Attention Students! This is your last week to apply!** 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.**

- c) **Shekinah Retreat Centre** is looking for campground and maintenance workers: They have 2 summer job positions open for individuals aged 17-30 (this is a Canada Summer Jobs requirement). Individuals that are interested in working at Shekinah can send their resumes to [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org).
- d) **Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund!** 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.**
- e) **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>.
- f) **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>.

### **Come let us all unite to sing**

1. Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.  
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love,  
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,  
let every heart sweet music make,  
and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.

#### Refrain

God is love! God is love!  
Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

2. O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love.  
In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.  
His blood has washed our sins away,  
His Spirit turned our night to day,  
and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.

#### Refrain

God is love! God is love!  
Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

3. How happy is our portion here, God is love,  
His promises our spirits cheer, God is love.  
He is our sun and shield by day,  
our help, our hope, our strength and stay;  
He will be with us all the way, our God is Love.

#### Refrain

God is love! God is love!  
Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

Text: anonymous; attributed to Howard Kingsbury, *Complete Compendium of Revival Music*, 1876

Music: Edmund S. Lorenz, *Notes of Triumph; for the Sunday School*, 1886

### **For the beauty of the earth**

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.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony liking sense to sound and sight:  
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.

5. For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

### **Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door, shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia allelu, alleluia!

Text: Based on Matthew 6:33 and 7:7; Karen Lafferty, 1972

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

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## God, whose giving

God, whose giving knows no ending; from your rich and endless store -  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door -  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise.  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ your  
Son;  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred -  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by serving all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, *Ten New Stewardship Hymns*, 1961  
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Music: rowland H. Prichard, ca 1830 *Cyfaill y Cantorion*, 1844; arranged by Ralph Vaughan  
Williams, (English Hymnal 1906), adpt. 1951, *BBC Hymn Book*  
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## You are salt for the earth

1. You are salt for the earth, O people,  
salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:

shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

3. You are a seed of the word, O people,  
bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

4. We are the bless'd and a pilgrim people,  
bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

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