

**This Week at MPMC**

Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Wilf and Cheryl)
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

**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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**Creation Care Prayers**

We confess, That we have considered the earth to be our own, Believing God gave us dominion and thus absolute control over it. We affirm, “..... that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: For, he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.” (Psalm 24. 1-2)

We repent, we know we need to change our understanding of creation, taking our share of responsibility for its care and protection. We believe that the spirit, God's recreating power is active in us: and in the world.

God creator of all, may humankind be freed from the greed which is destroying the earth: and may your churches be courageous in taking up causes against the forces that threaten life.  
Amen

**Today's Service**

Worship Leader: Evan B  
 Song Leader: Sarah P  
 Pianist: Pam O  
 Prelude: Verna O  
 PowerPoint: RaeLynn H  
 Sound: Wes E  
 Video: Daniel M

Prelude  
 Land Acknowledgement  
 Announcements  
 Silence

**GATHERING**

Gathering Words  
 Gathering Prayer  
 Gathering Songs

*Here in This Place*

VT #10

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT #170

Psalm 139: 1-18  
 Offertory Prayer

Trevor S

**HEARING**

Story for all Ages  
 We Sing  
 Scripture

*My Soul cries Out*

Shelley B

**Luke 14: 7-14**

VT #412

**Matthew 7: 34-40**

Sermon

**Come As You Are**

Kirsten H-E

**SHARING**

Hymn of Response *Jesus Christ is Waiting*  
 Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our joys and concerns  
 Sharing our prayers

VT #287

**SENDING**

Sending song  
 Blessing

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

VT #847

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Eric and Doris Q, Alex and Joel S, Erwin and Tena S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Marg W, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K*
- **Families of the week:** *Jordan F, Henry H, Ginni O, Ethan F*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,806 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- Maureen G sends greetings to all her friends at Mount Royal Mennonite.
- The last weeks in the Israeli-occupied West Bank have been marked by a rise in violence due to growing Israeli settlements and military control. Pray for the safety of Palestinians who live in fear of attacks and harassment. Pray too for the minority Christian communities of the land, that they may be strong and united in their witness to the hope, justice, and peace of the gospel (*MC Canada Palestine-Israel Network*)

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- We will be creating a telephone directory in the upcoming weeks. Pages can be found in the foyer. Please take a look at them and make any changes. If there are some family or friends that are in the directory and they don't regularly attend or may not see the announcements, please make changes or prompt them to contact the office. Deadline will be Aug 27.
- The quarterly statements have been placed in the mailboxes.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Singers! Come and join the Mennonite Choir for Under the Arbor at Muskeg Lake** on August 6. *There is one rehearsal on Friday, August 4 at 7pm @ Rosthern Mennonite Church.* The choir will be led by Jordan Wiens and Sharryl Reikman. For more info call Nancy Epp – 306-232-2018
- 2) **August 6 Forest Church gathers at Shekinah 3pm.** If you have been curious but never made it out, this would be a great opportunity to see what forest church is like. Zachary Stefaniuk leads us in outdoor worship. All are welcome!
- 3) **August 6 Singing in the Arbor at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation sponsored by Walking the Path, MC Sask and Muskeg Lake Cree Nation.** Come, have fun, meet your neighbors and share

food. Various choirs, singers and dancers from 3-5 pm. Supper at 5pm, Bannock and farmer's sausage provided, bring a dessert or salad.

- 4) **August 12 The Spruce River Folk Festival is back for 2023 at Spruce River Farm, Spruce Home.** Great entertainment, education and food. See <https://www.spruceriverfolkfestival.com/> for details. Volunteers still needed for set up Aug. 10, help with parking, gate, silent auction, children's activities, running a coffee and drinks stand and grounds management on Aug. 12 and clean up on Sunday Aug. 13. If you can help please contact Ray Funk at [rayfunk8@gmail.com](mailto:rayfunk8@gmail.com) or 306-961-7964
- 5) **The 2023 MC Sask Scholarship application forms are available at [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry).** Eligible schools and service opportunities include: **RJC High School, CMU, CBC, Conrad Grebel, AMBC, MCC (IVEP, SALT, YAMEN), or YFBC 3E Internship. Deadline for application is July 31, 2023**
- 6) **InCERT from MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) Check out MC Canada's Emissions Reduction Grant <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/mc-canada-emissions-reduction-grant>** available to churches to 1) improve our own buildings and 2) provide ways for us to donate to the fund. See how you can be involved in addressing climate change in this substantial way. You can also view the webinar, "Energy Efficient Faith Buildings." at CommonWord – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3514>.