

		<u>This Week at MPMC</u>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Youth
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Wilf and Cheryl)
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

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

Worship Service 9:30 am

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Thought for the week

"God's freedom does not hand us over to our base desires; rather, it delivers us from the mangled ways that corrode our lives - from our false sense of autonomy, from our unsustainable practices and abuse of the earth and its resources and from our inclination to forget the presence of God through whom we exist and live,.
God's delivering presence ushers us toward the unfolding of shalom within creation."

~ Drew Hart in Who Will be a Witness

Office Hours

Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Mon	10 am – 2pm
	Wed	10 am – 2 pm
Gwen	Mon - Fri	8 am-12:00 pm

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Eric O
Song Leader: Val R
Pianist: Verna O
Powerpoint: Len A
Video:

Prelude

Announcements

Silence

Gathering

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Songs

*Let's Walk Together
Rain Down*

VT #6

VT #703

Monica D

Psalm 48

Offering

Listening

Story for all Ages

Sarah O

We Sing

Come and See

VT #282

Scripture

Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon

How Do You Want Me to Encounter You Now?

Claire E F

Hymn of Response *Christ Has No Body*

VT #568

Sharing

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending Song

Thuma Mina

VT #834

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

MRMC Youth/ MR Yahm

- This past Wednesday, the youth met in person to play some games in the park.
- **MR YAHM:** We are currently reading through a traditional OT/Jewish prayer called the Shema, focussing in on a few key words to give us insight not only into this prayer but many other prayers that show up in our bibles.

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Anne E, Myrna W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Willard and Kathy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Merv and MaryLou D, Eldon, Lois, Katelyn, Graham F, Nola S*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$4,605, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community
- George W, father to Lois F, passed away on June 25th. Lois and Eldon and their children Katelyn and Graham attended MRMC before moving to Borden. Lois's father was 93 years old and was living in the Rosthern Nursing Home together with his wife Erma. A graveside service, with Don U participating, was held in Glenbush on Wednesday. We extend our condolences to and prayers for Lois and her family.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- If you would like to join the MRMC Golf group, please contact Ron or Heather W.
- Friends, Garth and I will be on vacation during the month of July. If you have any concerns which could benefit from a pastoral conversation, please contact the church (Gwen at 306 382-2677) or Melody Neufeld directly (find her number in the directory or send a message through Gwen). Melody will take responsibility for discerning how best to move forward with your concern. We will continue to pray for you, and the church will care for you while we are away. ~ Claire
- **July 11** - Sunday Worship Services - According to the Government of Saskatchewan Re-Opening Roadmap, all public health measures related to COVID-19 will be lifted on Sunday, July 11. For worship services at MRMC, masking, seating guidelines and contact tracing information collection will no longer be required. However, if you feel that you are not yet ready for this step for any reason, you are encouraged to continue physical distancing and wearing a mask. Hand

sanitizer will still be available and we encourage thoughtful and careful interaction.

Since there will be no gathering limits for the church, we will discontinue our Zoom Sunday gatherings - at least for now. We will revisit this decision later in the summer and welcome your feedback. We will continue live streaming our services. To honour online privacy for the sharing of our Joys and Concerns, our current plan is to mute that portion of the service with the camera focused on the screen or communion table and resume the sound after the sharing is done. Again, we ask for your feedback and suggestions after we've given this a try.

We look forward to gradually worshipping together in a more natural and familiar way. - Worship Ministry

Conference and Community Events

- a) **July 4 Forest church at Shekinah 3:00pm.** The first Sunday of every month: outdoor worship with music, scripture, community, and the opportunity to encounter God in the beauty of creation. See under 'news' at shekinah.ca or find the forest church facebook group for more info. All are welcome
- b) **September 18: Save the Date: Shekinah Move-A-Thon.** Follow us on: **Facebook** @Shekinah Summer Camp, **Instagram** @Shekinah_Camps, and our website www.shekinah.ca for more fun and exciting information to come!
- c) **Oct. 15-16/2021: MC Sask Songfest of Thanks Rosthern Mennonite Church.** We continue to plan in hope and faith that we will be able to come together to give thanks and sing this fall, and are excited to announce **Duff Warkentin** as our Songfest Conductor and **Glenn Sawatzky** as Accompanist. All Covid-19 regulations will be followed. Stay tuned to www.mcsask.ca for registration and further information in the fall. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca, with any questions.
- d) MC Sask is pleased to be able to offer students enrolled in the eligible schools or service programs scholarships. Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry>
- e) **Shekinah is excited to announce that our Cabins-By-The-Pond have been renovated and are ready to be rented!** Enjoy a mixture of double beds, day beds, and bunk beds. Use our brand new countertop convection ovens, coffee makers, fridges, hotplates, etc. Get access to 287 acres of beauty. Relax on our Edison-light-lit decks to wind down for the night. Perhaps best of all, enjoy in-cabin composting toilets. No more late night jaunts to the outhouse! Call or email the office for availability and pricing.

- f) **RJC Employment Opportunity - Head Caretaker.** Full-time, permanent position. The Head Caretaker is responsible for providing a safe, clean environment in the school, dormitory and on campus; and for managing, ordering supplies and coordinating all aspects of school cleaning. View the full job description at rjc.sk.ca/about/employment-opportunities Send all resumes to the principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.
- g) **Looking for work? Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for maintenance workers and kitchen workers.** Please contact ron@shekinah.ca, call the office at 306-945-4929, or check out the news item on our website at shekinah.ca for more information. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. Jobs will run for 8 weeks, with maintenance work starting ASAP.
- h) **Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon invites applications for a half-time pastor!** The successful candidate will work closely with our current pastors and will focus their attention on the younger generations in our congregation -- young adults, youth and young families! Learn more about us at <https://wildwoodmennonite.org/engage/hiring> and check out the job description here! We are very excited for this position and if you are too, please apply by the end of July. Ideal start date is fall 2021. Please email applications to Denise Martens searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org or to Ryan Siemens, MCSask Executive Minister minister@mcsask.ca
- i) In 2022 the youth of MC Canada are invited to gather in Alberta in two ways: a National Youth Gathering at Camp Valaqua **July 31-August 4, 2022** (ages 12-18), and a guided Gathering Experience for young leaders (ages 16-20) in Edmonton coinciding with the MC Canada Gathering **July 28-31, 2022**. Watch for updates over the summer at www.mennonitechurch.ca/youth, and check out www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved if you or someone you know might be interested in providing leadership to our planning team over the year ahead. Contact youth@mennonitechurch.ca with any immediate questions or wonderings, we hope to see you in Alberta!
- j) **Camp Elim invites applications for the position of Executive Director (ED)**, starting as soon as possible (flexible start date). This position is a permanent, full-time position. Year-round living at Lac Pelletier is expected, and housing will be provided as part of the employment package. Get details at <https://www.campelim.ca/>

Let's Walk Together VT 6

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1. Let's walk together for a while,
and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow,
and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing,
and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let's talk together of a time
when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve
the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray,

Refrain

singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heav'n are one,
a city built of love and light,
the new Jerusalem,
where mourning turns to dancing,
ev'ry creature lifts its voice,

Refrain

singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Rain Down VT 703

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Refrain

Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love, God of life.

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

Refrain

Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love, God of life.

2. We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

Refrain

Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love, God of life.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

Refrain

Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love, God of life.

Come and See VT 282

Text: Marilyn Houser Hamm (Canada), 1974, *Sing and Rejoice*, 1979, adapt. From Greek and Latin liturgies

Music: Marilyn Houser Hamm, 1974, *Sing and Rejoice*, 1979

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1. “Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth,” said he.
“Follow me, follow me,
come as a child, O come and see.”

2,3. Kyrie, Kyrie,
Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe,
Christe eleison.

Descant

Christe, Christe,
adoramus te.
Alleluia.
Christe eleison.

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT 568

Text: based on a prayer attr. Teresa of Ávila (present-day Spain), 16th c; paraphr. Brian McLaren (USA)

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Christ has no body here but ours;
no hands, no feet here on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which he looks
on this world

with kindness.

Ours are the hands through which he works,
ours are the feet on which he moves,
ours are the voices through which he speaks
to this world
with kindness.

Through our touch, our smile
our list'ning ear, embodied in us,
Jesus is living here.
So let us go now,
filled with the Spirit, into this world
with kindness.

Thuma Mina VT 834

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Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Somandla.

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.