

Monday 5:30 pm This Week at MRMC Governing Board Meeting
 Sunday 10:00 am Worship 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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Fathers Day

Thought for the week

PRAYER: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens; your faithfulness stretches to the sky. Lift us by the power of your Holy Spirit to participate in your goodness and bear witness to your loving kindness in every move we make today.
 [Common Prayer, 330]

Prelude		
Announcements		
Silence		
Gathering Words		
Gathering Prayer		
Gathering songs	<i>O sing to the Lord</i>	StJ #12
	<i>I will call upon the Lord</i>	StJ #19
Offering		
Story for all ages		Monica D
We Sing	<i>Come and fill our hearts</i>	StJ #59
Psalm	2 Samuel 22: 1-7, 26-31, 47-50	Dave W
Gospel	Matthew 16: 24-26	
Sermon	“The Story that shapes our lives”	Garth E F
Hymn of Response	<i>My life flows on</i>	HWB #580
Peace Lamp		
Sharing our stories		
Sharing our prayers		
Sending song	<i>Take thou my hand</i>	HWB #581
Sending words	Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord	
	THANKS BE TO GOD!	

Postlude

Today's Service
 Worship Leader: Mark H
 Song Leader: Grace P
 Pianist: Shelley B
 Video: Darrell B

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for: Maureen G, Henry and Ella F, Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Edwine L**
- **Families of the week: Marg W, Ida N, Megan, Avery, Owen and Nohl G**
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$4,040, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- Please pray for peace in Palestine and Israel in the coming days. Israel's government has announced it will begin annexing significant parts of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The Palestinian people, including Christian partners of Mennonite organizations, are concerned that this violation of international law will further deepen dire human rights abuses, land expropriation and economic injustice they have experience under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Pray for Palestinians, Israelis and advocates around the world who are promoting a durable and just peace, with equal rights and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, using what Palestinian Christians call "the logic of love."
- **Witness workers face stress and uncertainty.** Times of uncertainty bring stress and exhaustion to all of us. Please pray for our Witness workers as they deal with change and uncertainty in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. Pray for health, strength and joy as they make decisions and continue their work in uncertain times

MPMC Coming Events and Notes

- Friends, if you are concerned about the spread of the coronavirus in public places, you may want to get a mask to increase the level of safety. Heather W is prepared to make masks for those who are in need of one. Please contact Heather for further information.
- **MPMC Directory Correction:** The last digit in Val R. phone number is 6.
- Congratulations to Josh B who graduated grade 12 from Bethlehem Catholic High School and Faith G who also graduated grade 12 from Bethlehem Catholic High School. All the best in your future endeavours.

Conference and Community Events

- Calling all Kiddos! You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school starting Sunday, May 31, at 9:30 am.** This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca
- 14th Annual RJC Golf Classic-** As golf courses begin to reopen with distancing rules, RJC invited you to participate in an 18 hole round of scramble at any course in support of the school from **June 8- 30**. This

event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more info and rules.

- RJC Graduation Exercises- Sunday, June 21.** A virtual baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 am, followed by a virtual graduation ceremony at 2:00 pm. Decade grads are encouraged to connect with their classes virtually or in a way that adheres to provincial physical distancing rules. Visit rjc.sk.ca for links, info and updates.
- Even during pandemic, we still love our neighbours.** How has your congregation been seeking to care and support your community in the midst of COVID-19, Ministries Commission invites *any folks* (not just pastors) involved in MC Sask congregations to share their stories of the surprising and everyday ways we're walking with our neighbours in this season. You can access these stories at <http://tiny.cc/mcskpandemicneighbours> to share with your congregation. **To submit a story, fill out the brief Google form at <http://tiny.cc/neighboursform>.**
- June 28- Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser:** Under the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shekinah Retreat Centre needs extra help. On Sunday, June 28, we are holding a virtual fundraiser. There will be updates on our financial situation, what's currently happening, and our plans for the future. There will also be "meet your board members", interviews on how Shekinah has impacted people's lives, music and songs, and the annual State-Of-Shekinah address. If certain fundraising goals are met, someone may also lose their head ... or, at least, their hair. Please check out www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information.
- MCC Connects:** Although we were not able to gather together at the MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale this year, there are still opportunities for you to support the work of MCC. Thanks to the creativity of our Relief Sale Committee we were able to move our plant sale online! Available plants can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2URkpug> and pre-orders can be made by calling Phyllis Goertz at 306-242-8367. Plants will be ready for pick-up on June 27th at Wildwood Mennonite Church between 1-5pm.
- 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.

O Sing to the Lord

1. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord.
2. By his holy power the Lord has done wonders. (3x)
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord.
3. So dance for the Lord, and blow all the trumpets. (3x)
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord.
4. O shout to the Lord, who gave us the Spirit. (3x)
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord.
5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! (3x)
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord.

Text: Brazilian traditional, based on Psalm 98
Music: Brazilian traditional

I will call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord, *I will call upon the Lord,*
who is worthy to be praised. *who is worthy to be praised.*
So shall I be saved from my enemies. *So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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Come and fill our hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

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Music: Jacques Berthier
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How can I keep from singing

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I catch the the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Saviour liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1869
Music: Robert Lowry, 1869

Take thou my hand, O Father

1. Take thou my hand, O Father, and lead thou me,
until my journey endeth eternally.
Alone I will not waver one single day.
Be thou my true companion and with me stay.
2. O cover with thy mercy my poor, weak heart!
Let every thought rebellious from me depart.
Permit thy child to linger here at thy feet,
and fully trust thy goodness with faith complete.
3. Though naught of thy great power may move my soul,
with thee though night and darkness I reach the goal.
Take, then, my hand, O Father, and lead thou me,
until my journey endeth eternally.

Text: Julie K Hausmann, 1918
Music: Friedrich Silcher, 1842