

**This Week at MRMC**  
 Wednesday 6-8 pm AA Meeting in Basement  
 Thursday 10:30 am Boomers via Zoom  
 Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Worship in person  
 7:00 pm Adult Ed via Zoom

**Thought for the week**

*‘We could never have made up this story by ourselves, this ‘salvation of God’ (Acts 28.28). We thought we knew what salvation was until we were face to face with the Christ, God’s definition of salvation... Salvation has a particular face, a specific location. We might have liked to be saved in Switzerland, which is a beautiful place. Instead, God reveals our salvation...in a Jew from Nazareth who was tortured to death. Salvation is learning to love the God who saves.’*

[William Willimon]

**Joys & Concerns**

- **Pray for:** *Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Eric and Doris Q, Zach D, Eldon and Lois F*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$4,498, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.

**Today’s Service**

Worship Leader: Trevor S  
 Song Leader: Rita H  
 Pianist: Monica D  
 Video: Wes/Len

**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

***DEEP CALLS TO DEEP***

Call to Worship  
 Gathering Prayer  
 Gathering Song

*Beautiful Things*

VT #551

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22  
 Prayer of Confession and Assurance  
 Offertory Prayer

Jo-Anne N

Story for all ages  
 We Sing  
 Scripture

*Jesus Loves me*

**Numbers 21: 4-9**

**John 3: 14-21**

***“Salvation” Look up and live***

Sarah O  
 VT #516

Sermon

Garth E F

Response ritual  
 Hymn of Response *Just as I am*

StJ #92

Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers  
 Sending song

*You are all we have*

VT #701

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

***THANKS BE TO GOD!***

Postlude

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- The MRMC Governing Board has asked the Personnel Committee (Shelley B, Kevin C, and Bernie W) to conduct a performance review of Gwen L, MRMC's part-time Office Administrator since 2018. The goal of a review is to encourage personal and professional growth, a way to offer affirmation for tasks done well, and a way of communicating ideas and identifying areas for growth. A short survey will come to you through email from [mrmcpersonnelcommittee2021@gmail.com](mailto:mrmcpersonnelcommittee2021@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021. Reply to the email with your responses no later than Monday, March 22, 2021. If you have any questions, or would like a paper copy please contact Shelley, Kevin or Bernie.
- Friends, our Meditation Room is now complete. We ask that only three people visit this space at one time. And don't forget to sign in so that we will better know how to schedule the use of this space into the future.
- Have you visited our church's website lately? <https://moutroyalmennonite.org> If not, this is a good time to do so. Check out the prayer ideas on the *Spiritual Care Ministry* page, and get a good look at the Potato Peeler which you helped purchase for the Friendship Inn on the *Missions and Service Ministry* page. There are other interesting items for you to explore. Enjoy the adventure!
- It's time to update the directory. Please let Gwen know if there any changes that need to be made to your address or numbers. Deadline is March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **March 14 at 7:00pm (SK CST) RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser:** Join us online on for our annual fundraising concert and dessert auction. Enjoy an evening of good music and entertainment by the students, staff, alumni, and friends of RJC. Watch the event and participate in the auction at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).
- b) **Zoar Mennonite Church Library Book Sale March 16 - 20** 9am – 4pm. Sale includes music, song books, furniture, Christmas decorations, Christmas costumes & more!  
Covid-19 restrictions are in place. Drop-ins are welcome, but please confirm a time to shop by calling the church at 306-945-2271 and leaving a message or email [zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net](mailto:zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net) or calling or texting Liz Baewald at 306-945-2041 email [hansdiedtrich@gmail.com](mailto:hansdiedtrich@gmail.com) Proceeds will go to support the Good Neighbors Food Centre

- c) **March 27: MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat – Who's Right/Wrong? Fact, Friction, and Friendship.** In two interactive sessions, speaker Tracey Mitchell will help youth learn to navigate difficult conversations where answers aren't just black and white. Using the online platform *Gather*, the retreat will be a time of worship, conversation, games, and more. Cost: \$15/person. Additional information and registration available on Friday, Feb 12 at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca), or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).
- d) **What's happening at Shekinah Retreat Centre?** Check out our latest video on what's been going on. Spoiler alert: not too much! Check out the link at: <https://shekinah.ca/news/2021/february-update>. **On this page, you will also see that we are looking for donations of hand tools:** hammers, socket sets (yep, many sets would be great!), large adjustable wrenches, wrench sets of all kinds, chainsaws, cordless hand tools, hip waders for the upcoming annual flood, and a skid steer (just seeing if you're paying attention with the skid steer! Although we do need one, so contact us if you've got one collecting dust). For tool donations, please contact us at [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca). Thank you!
- e) **Bill C-15: Step Forward or Step Back? Tuesday March 16 2021, 6:00PM in AB/ SK.** Join us for diverse Indigenous perspectives on the federal bill to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Speakers: Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (Aki-kwe); Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum); Brenda Gunn; and moderator Maureen Johns (Goes with Eagle Woman). All welcome!  
Organized by KAIROS Prairies North. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Pjos2E>  
The Zoom link will be sent automatically, so please check your spam folder.  
Facebook event is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/176434217394112>
- f) **MCC Connects:** On our most recent episode of Relief, Development and Podcast, Dr. Christian Isichei of MCC partner Faith Alive in Nigeria shares about a 16-year-old girl named Emmanuela who recovered from COVID-19 and now helps others struggling with the virus. Host Scott Campbell also interviews Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator, about our COVID-19 response. Listen on your favourite podcast platform today.

## Call to worship

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path,

though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people became impatient, asking,**

**“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?”**

**God answered by bringing healing.**

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

**Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.**

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,**

**which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

*All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**Many: Deep calls to deep.**

**We call to you from the depths of our hearts**

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

*(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep healing.)*

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many: Calling us to deep healing.**

**We come to you, God.**

## Beautiful Things VT 551

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All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way;  
I wonder if my life could really change at all.

All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;  
could a garden come from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things,  
you make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things,  
you make beautiful things out of us.

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground.  
Out of chaos, life is being found in you.

You make beautiful things,  
you make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things,  
you make beautiful things out of us.

You make me new, you are making me new.  
You make me new, you are making me new.

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1 All this pain. I won-der if I'll ev-er find my way; I  
2 All this earth. Could all that is lost ev-er be found;  
3 All a-round hope is spring-ing up from this old ground.



won-der if my life could real-ly change at all. to verse 2  
could a gar-den come up from this ground at all? to refrain  
Out of cha-os, life is be-ing found in you. to refrain



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of the dust.



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of us. to verse 3  
to bridge



You make me new, you are mak-ing me new.



You make me new, you are mak-ing me new.

## Jesus Loves Me VT 516

Text: Anna B. Warner (USA), 1859

Music: William B. Bradbury (USA), *The Goden Shower*, 1862

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong,  
they are weak but he is strong,  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

## Just as I am, without one plea StJ 92

Text: Charlotte Elliot, 1834, *Invalid's Hymn Book*, 1836

Music: English traditional; harmonized by James E. Clemens, 2004

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Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
hath broken ev'ry barrier down.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **You Are All We Have VT 701**

Text: based on Psalm 16; Francis Patrick O'Brien (USA), alt.

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You are all we have. You give us what we need.

Our lives are in your hands, O God,

Our lives are in your hands.