

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Wednesday	6-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

Thought for the week

O God, shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom.

Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for.

Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted.

Lenten prayer written by Ann Siddall

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:** *Jake and Betty B, Aaron B, Monica D*
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$1,301, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Garth E F
 Song Leader: Val R
 Pianist: Verna O
 Organ: Grace P
 Video: Len A

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Psalm 51: 1-12 Monica D
 Prayer of Confession and Assurance
 Offertory Prayer

Story for all ages Val R
 We Sing *I've got Peace like a River*
 Scripture **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**
John 12: 20-33

Sermon *'We wish to see Jesus'*
 Claire E F

Response ritual
 Hymn of Response *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers
 Sending song *Listen, God is Calling* VT 765

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. The survey was sent to you through email from mrmcpersonnelcommittee2021@gmail.com on Monday, March 8, 2021. If you did not see this survey please check your email spam or junk folder, or contact Shelley (shelleybueckert@gmail.com) for a copy. Reply to the email answering the multiple choice questions by placing an "X" beside your answer, and **send back no later than Monday March 22, 2021**. Thanks for participating!
- Have you visited our church's website lately? <https://mountroyalmennonite.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!
- **Note:** The delegates to the MC Sask ADS have combined their highlights of the conference and they are posted on the MTMC website. See them at [Blogs News & Events - Mount Royal Mennonite Church](#)
- 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 26th.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **March 27, 6-8 pm: Where is God in Pandemic Suffering?** Join Josh Wallace and 5 other panel members in an online discussion of faith and pandemic. Free registration is available at <https://www.islamevents.ca/register>. Call 306-715-1531 or go to www.islamevents.ca for more details.
- b) **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, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca.

- c) **MCC Connects:** Book your seat! [Theatre of the Beat](#)'s virtual tour is coming to Saskatchewan on March 26th, 27th and 28th. UNMUTE is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. Immerse yourself in this important and timely piece. Audiences will learn skills and resources for how they can make a difference. Seats are limited, secure yours as soon as possible: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/unmute-impact-pandemic-gender-based-violence>
- d) **Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions on March 13!** All 25 MC Sask congregations were represented, as well as our programs and partners here in Saskatchewan, across Canada and one from the States. Thank you to those who accepted their nominations to serve on Commissions and Councils. To watch the worship service that was prepared for the weekend, please go to <https://mcsask.ca/calledtohear3>
- e) **We're hiring! – Executive Assistant Mennonite Church Canada** invites applications for the position of executive assistant, beginning May, 2021. This position is full-time and located in Winnipeg, Man. Applicants from across Canada are invited to apply. For the full job description go to: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/11096-help-us-spread-the-word-were-hiring>
- f) **Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director**, starting May 2021. This is a full time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to www.campelim.ca. Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at minister@mcsask.ca

Call to worship

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears,

knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: “The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,

it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess our resistance to being planted
into your aching earth,
into the way of your covenant.

We confess our need for you to plant within us
the joy of your salvation,
a willing spirit.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep growth.

We come to you, God.

For the Beauty of the Earth VT 120

Text: Folliott S. (England), *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapted by William H Monk (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

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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 each perfect gift and sign
to this world so freely giv’n;
graces human and divine,
love uniting earth and heav’n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

I've Got Peace Like a River

Text: African-American traditional
Music: African-American traditional
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D
I've got peace like a river,
G D
I've got peace like a river,
A7
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
D
I've got peace like a river,
G D
I've got peace like a river,
A7 D
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

D
I've got joy like a fountain,
G D
I've got joy like a fountain,
A7
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
D
I've got joy like a fountain,
G D
I've got joy like a fountain,
A7 D
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

D
I've got love like an ocean,
G D
I've got love like an ocean,
A7
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
D
I've got love like an ocean,

G D
I've got love like an ocean,
A7 D
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

D
I've got Jesus as my Saviour,
G D
I've got Jesus as my Saviour,
A7
I've got Jesus as my Saviour in my soul.
D
I've got Jesus as my Saviour,
G D
I've got Jesus as my Saviour,
A7 D
I've got Jesus as my Saviour in my soul.

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside VT 514

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1. I saw a tree by a riverside
one day as I walked along,
straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky,
growing tall and strong
“How do you grow so tall and strong?”
I said to the riverside tree
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

Refrain

“I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sun-down,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be -
a strong young tree.”

Listen, God Is Calling VT 765

2. I saw a tree in the winter-time
when snow lay on the ground,
straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky;
and winter winds blew all around.
“How do you stay so tall and strong?”
I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

Refrain

“I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sun-down,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be -
a strong young tree.”

3. I saw a tree in the city streets
where buildings block the sun
Green and lovely I could see
It gave joy to everyone
“How do you grow in the city streets?”
I said to the downtown tree
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

Refrain

“I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sun-down,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be -
a strong young tree.”

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Refrain

Listen: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1. Jesus tells his people: share the good news
that he came to save us, and sets us free.

Refrain

Listen: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

2. Let none be forgotten through out the world. In the triune
name of God, go and baptize.

Refrain

Listen: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

3. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

Refrain

Listen: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.