

<u>This Week at MRMCM</u>		
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday	6-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Saturday	10 am	MC Sask ADS
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Gathering
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

### Thought for the week

"Jesus has started a kingdom rebellion in which his citizens love their enemies, redistribute their resources justly, forgive one another, treat the poor with dignity, live in solidarity with the vulnerable, and liberate the oppressed, all because they worship and praise the God of Jubilee who has been revealed [in Jesus]."  
- Drew Hart (Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism)

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U*
- **Families of the week:** *Maggie P, Jeff N, Jack, Linus and Clara, Kyle S, Matt E*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$5,901, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Zach D  
Song Leader: Rita H  
Pianist: Shelley B  
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

*Over my Head*

VT #594

Psalm 19  
Prayer of Confession and Assurance  
Offertory Prayer

Bernie W

Story for all ages  
We Sing  
Scripture

*When the Storms of Life are Raging*

**Exodus 20: 1-17**

**John 2: 13-21**

***Grace and Boundaries: The Gospel as Jazz***

Shelley B  
VT #595

Claire E F

Response ritual  
Hymn of Response *Wade in the Water*

VT #454

Peace Lamp  
Sharing our stories  
Sharing our prayers  
Sending song

*Somebody prayed for me*

VT #698

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.

### Conference and Community Events

- March 13:** Join us for the **2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions Called to Hear** on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00am via Zoom. It will be a time of worship, discussion, and discernment as we share in our life together as MC Sask. Early registration deadline is Sunday, March 7. Pre-registration is required. Registration and report book are available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca). Open to delegates and guests.
- 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).
- 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
- 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).

- Village Green Thrift Shop** is currently accepting applications until March 9<sup>th</sup> for a full-time Assistant Manager. Please visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/assistant-manager-village-green-thrift-shop> to view the full job description and apply. Contact Erica Baerwald at MCC Saskatchewan for further details (306) 665-2555 or [ericabaerwald@mccsk.ca](mailto:ericabaerwald@mccsk.ca)
- 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!
- 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>

## Call to worship

*Adapted from Psalm 19*

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech . . . yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**Many: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . . . Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.**

One: The law of the LORD is perfect . . . sure . . . clear . . . true and righteous.  
The fear of the LORD is pure.

**Many: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.**

*All: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD,  
our rock and redeemer.  
We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.*

## Words of Confession and Assurance

**Many: Deep calls to deep.**

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

One: We confess when we have settled into sameness,  
forgetting the rhythms of the heavens,  
ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up  
into the eyes of a neighbor,  
into your Word that still lives.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

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

**We come to you, God.**

## Over My Head

Text: African-American traditional

Music: African-American traditional, arranged by The Iona Community

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### Refrain

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

1. Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;  
oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;  
oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

### Refrain

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

2. And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;  
and when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;  
and when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

### Refrain

Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

3. Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;  
now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;  
now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

## When the Storms of Life Are Raging

Text: Charles A. Tindley (USA), ca. 1906

Music: Charles A. Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. William F. Smith (USA), *The United Methodist Hymnal*, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. Music Services)

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When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;  
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;  
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.  
When I've done the best I can and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution stand by me;  
in the midst of persecution, stand by me.  
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,  
thou who rescued Paul and Silas stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;  
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.  
When my life becomes a burden and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

## Wade in the Water

Text: African American spiritual (USA)

Music: African American spiritual

### Refrain

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
God's gonna trouble the water,  
The leader looks like the Israelite;  
God's gonna trouble the water.

### Refrain

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

2. See that band all dressed in red,  
God's gonna trouble the water,  
Looks like the band that Moses led.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

### Refrain

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

3. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
God's gonna trouble the water,  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

### Refrain

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

## Somebody Prayed for Me

Text: African American spiritual (USA)

Music: African American spiritual

Somebody prayed for me,  
had me on their mind,  
took the time to pray for me.  
I'm so glad they prayed,  
I'm so glad they prayed,  
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The people prayed for me,  
had me on their mind,  
took the time to pray for me.  
I'm so glad they prayed,  
I'm so glad they prayed,  
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

My Jesus prayed for me,  
had me on his mind,  
took the time to pray for me.  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed,  
I'm so glad he prayed for me.