

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Youth
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement (Wilf and Cheryl)
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship- Celebration of Family
	11:00 am	Zoom Gathering
	8:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

Thought for the week

“What you do in the present – painting, singing, sewing, praying, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor – will last into God’s future... They are part of building for God’s kingdom.

Every act of love, gratitude and kindness; every work of art or music; every minute spent teaching a child; every act of care and nurture, for one’s fellow human beings or for that matter one’s fellow nonhuman creatures; every prayer, every deed that builds up the church, or embraces holiness – all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make.”

[N.T. Wright]

Staff Schedule

Gwen: Tues- Fri 8:00- 1:30

Garth and Claire: Tues- Thurs 8:30 – 3
Fri 8:30- 12:30

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Zach D
Song Leader: Sarah O
Pianist: Pam O
Powerpoint: RaeLynn H
Video: Len A

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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Prelude

Announcements

Silence

Practice Resurrection

The Community in Praise

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song *What is this place*

VT #22

The Community in the Word

Psalm 40: 1-10, 16-17

Erna W

Offering

Story for all Ages

Shelley B

We Sing

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues

VT #78

‘Artwork’

Marcus and Arthur

Scripture

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Garth E F

Sermon

‘God’s Artwork’

VT #170

Hymn of Response *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

The Community in Prayer

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

The Community Sent

Sending Song *Spirit of the Living God*

VT #740

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Ann E, Myrna W, Elmer and Agnes R
- **Families of the week:** Roy and Nettie W, Bill H, Michelle R
- We are asking for prayer for Elmer Re. He has not been feeling well for some time and has been to the hospital twice - but still no conclusive diagnosis and plan moving forward. Please pray for Elmer and Agnes as they navigate through this difficult time.
- Our offering last Sunday was \$5,600 received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- On Sunday, April 25, Jill OW formally joined Aberdeen MC where her husband Curtis is pastor. We released her with gratitude for her time among us.

The following is part of her note to us here at MRMC:

To the MRMC family: Though my time attending Mount Royal was relatively brief, it was an extremely formative part of my life and faith journey thus far. I don't think I expected, coming to the city from a country church like Superb, to find a community where I felt my contributions were significant and that I was known and valued like I was at MRMC. I have so many memories of this church that get me smiling: playing music with my friends, my baptism, getting to know some real characters teaching Sunday school, and special peanut free desserts at potluck made with me in mind. Thank you for being my community at such an important time. I'm so grateful.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Please participate in the pastor performance review (2021 Pastoral Review Survey) which was sent to your email. The deadline to complete this online survey is Monday, May 10, 2021.
- **Project: Trash for Cash**
As part of Earth day 2021, we're encouraging all to get involved, and keep our Church community a beautiful place to visit and to live. Please join us in picking up trash! For every filled trash bag, \$10 will be donated to the church budget.

Time frame: Now until the end of April

Record your bags: Email or call the church. Give your name and how many bags you've filled.

Church community area: About 10 blocks around MRMC.

What to do with the trash bag upon filling: Leave behind the church by the garbage can or, preferably, add to your own trash container.

Questions? Contact Ray Hanoski from Missions and Service Ministries

Bags Filled: 10

Conference and Community Events

- a) **May 1, 2021 @ 10am to 1pm (PDT):** come fellowship with sisters in Christ. This year we are going virtual featuring **Comedian Sara Weber** and **Chef Dez**. Sara will present "Mother's in a Dangerous Time" looking at the lighter side of the Covid pandemic. Chef Dez will walk us through a cooking show where we create our own Zuppa Toscana (Chef Dez' take on the Olive Garden soup) and Rosemary Parmesan Biscuits. Cost is \$10. Details and registration available at <https://mcbc.ca/womensday>. Register early to get shopping list for cooking segment.
- b) **May 17, 2021: RJC Virtual Info Night:** Prospective students and their families are invited to a virtual information evening at **7:00pm (SK CST)**, featuring a Q & A with staff and students. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.
- c) **15th Annual RJC Golf Classic:** Join us on **May 29, 2021** at Valley Regional Park Golf Course, Rosthern for our annual golf classic fundraiser! Registration deadline is **May 22, 2021**. More info and registration information can be found at rjc.sk.ca/golf.
- d) **One week Spring Intensive Course Options!** CMU is offering great intensive (one week!) course options through the spring including, *Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices*; *New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective*; *Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality*; *Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective* and *Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding*. All courses are available in hybrid format – both in person and online. Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information and to register.
- e) **MCC Connects:** We are accepting donations for various auction items such as artwork, artisan baked goods, pottery, mosaics, woodwork, photoshoots, dance classes, fitness classes, massages, manicures/pedicures etc. for the MCC Relief Sale. Contact MCC Saskatchewan at 306-665-2555 or saskoffice@mccsk.ca by May 3 to make a donation.
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What is This Place VT 22

Text: Huub Oosterhuis (Netherlands), *Zomaar een dak boven wat hoofden*, 1968;
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Music: *Nederlandische Gedenckclanck*, 1626; harm. Bernard Huijbers (Netherlands),
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What is this place where we are meeting?
Only a house, the earth its floor,
walls and a roof sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar stars that are falling,
sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming Word.

And we accept bread at his table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:
God's justice and God's peace.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues VT 78

Text: Charles Wesley (England), 1739, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740
Music: Thomas Jarman (England), *Sacred Music*, 1803

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my god and king,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name,
the honours of thy name,
the honours of thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and love
be ever ever giv'n,
be ever ever giv'n,
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n,
the church in earth and heav'n,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Wonderful Grace of Jesus VT 170

Text: Haldor Lillenas (USA), *Northfield Hymnal No. 3*, 1918
Music: Haldor Lillenas, *Northfield Hymnal No. 3*, 1918

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus,
greater than all my sin;
how shall my tongue describe it,
where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain
Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
all sufficient grace for even me, for even me;
broader than the scope of my transgressions,
greater far than all my sin and shame.

O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus,
reaching to all the lost,
by it I have been pardoned,
saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,

for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
all sufficient grace for even me, for even me;
broader than the scope of my transgressions,
greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!

3. Wonderful grace of Jesus,
reaching the most reviled,
by its transforming power
making me God's dear child,
purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity,
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
all sufficient grace for even me, for even me;
broader than the scope of my transgressions,
greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!

Spirit of the Living God VT 740

Text: Daniel Iverson (USA), *Revival Songs*, 1929

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.