

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Youth (virtual)
	6-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Garth and Claire)
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Zoom Gathering

Thought for the week

“Our problems don’t define us. God defines us.”
Eugene Peterson in Practice Resurrection

Office Hours

Gwen	Tues-Fri	8 am-1:30 pm
Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Mon	10 am – 2pm
	Wed	10 am – 2 pm

Jovs & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Anne E, Myrna W, Elmer and Agnes R, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedie B*
- **Families of the week:** *Henry B, Elaine H, Chris, Pam, Reed and Jake P*
- We are thankful for last week’s offering of \$4,690 given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- MC Sask is currently about \$18,000 behind in donations to date. To donate to the work of MC Sask provincially, nationwide and internationally go to <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

Today’s Service

Worship Leader: Garth E F
Song Leader: Verna O
Pianist: Monica D
Powerpoint: Darrell B
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 *I sing the mighty power of God* VT #182

The Community in the Word

Psalm 104: 1-2, 24-35 Dave W
Offering
Story for all Ages Mark H
We Sing *I saw a tree by the riverside* VT #514
Drama Crowe Boys
Scripture **Ephesians 3: 14-21**
Sermon *You can’t have one without the other* Claire E F

The Community in Mission

Hymn of Response *The love of God* VT #162
Peace Lamp
Sharing our stories
Sharing our prayers

Sending Song *Will you let me be your servant* VT #778
Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- If you currently receive the Rejoice devotional and would like to continue please contact Gwen. Deadline is June 11, 2021. Price is \$44.84
- 2021 Community Click & PickNic Virtual Food Drive. This is a virtual food drive is taking place now and will run for the entire month of May. We invite you to participate in a month-long virtual campaign to help bring more food in the doors of the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. For more information go to <https://saskatoonfoodbank.org/community-click-and-pick-nic>
- Gwen will be away from the office on Tuesday. Zach will be away from the office on Monday.

MRMC Youth/ MR Yahm

- This past Wednesday, the youth met virtually to take part in the Mega Menno Online Games Night on *Gather*.
- **Mega Menno Online Games Night –June 16, on *Gather*.** In the spirit of creating more opportunities to get together, we're happy to offer two different evenings for youth to connect with one another online, chat and catch up, and play some games. Starting at 7pm each evening, there will be a brief opening, and then it's game time! No registration required. *Gather* link: <https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp (youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more information
- **MR YAHM:** We are currently reading through a traditional OT/Jewish prayer called the Shema, focussing in on a few key words to give us insight not only into this prayer but many other prayers that show up in our bibles.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **May 29, 2021: 15th Annual RJC Golf Classic:** Join us 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.
- b) **May 30: RJC Spring Showcase 7:00pm** Join us for our annual Spring event, showcasing RJC students in the music & arts program. Watch it on the RJC Youtube channel or visit rjc.sk.ca.
- c) **June 2 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. MCEC invites all Administrators across Mennonite Church Canada for a time on Zoom just for them with the theme *Spirituality and Self-Care*** Join Administrators across MCEC and Mennonite Church Canada as April Yamasaki and Randell Neudorf guide us in discussing why spirituality and self-care is important, especially in this time of pandemic stress and anxiety. For details go to <https://mcec.ca/event/10494> Fee \$10.
- d) **June 4-5: "Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity"** is a two-year program, beginning in mid-September, presented by Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre. This is a program designed for people 60+ who are interested in exploring a spirituality for their wisdom years.

A two-day "Come and See" event is taking place June 4 & 5 – an opportunity for those interested to learn more about this upcoming program. For more details go to <https://qh.retreatportal.com/events/>

- e) **June 6 - 2:30pm Experience the glory and presence of God in outdoor worship with forest church at Shekinah.** With creation as our sanctuary, we will worship God outside with music, scripture, community, and time to encounter the beauty of Shekinah. With enough interest, this may be the first in a monthly series. All are welcome. Check back for more information coming soon to the Shekinah website.
- f) **The MCC Relief Sale and Auction is back this year in a new format!** Events run from **May 29 to June 12** and include a plant sale, silent online auction, drive through lunch (Vereniki, farmers sausage, cream gravy and rollkuchen!) and a virtual *Saleabration* evening! Details are available at <http://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>
- g) **MCC Connects:** Summer classes are here! This class will provide peace skills with the goal of equipping participants for the courageous act of conflict transformation. This course is appropriate for anyone who would like to practice peace skills in order to make a difference in their families and communities.
Register at <https://mcccanada.ca/conflict-transformation>
- h) **The Tabernacle at the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be open for a few weekends starting on May Long Weekend.** The Tabernacle is a museum quality replica of the Old Testament tabernacle made straight from the details in Exodus, and it is the only one in Canada! It is a fun, family friendly way to learn more about the Old Testament and how it relates to the New Testament. Tickets need to be pre-purchased at www.yfbc.com. The petting zoo, jumping pillow, train ride and more will be open for attendees as well.
- i) **With the many uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, Shekinah Summer Camp will not run for the 2021 camp season.** Please continue to pray for and donate to our 2022 camp program. We encourage you to hike our trails and experience the presence and glory of God.
- j) **Looking for work? Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for maintenance workers and kitchen workers.** Please contact ron@shekinah.ca, call the office at 306-945-4929, or check out the news item on our website at shekinah.ca for more information. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. Jobs will run for 8 weeks, with maintenance work starting ASAP.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

Text: Isaac Watts (England), *Divine Songs for Children*, 1715, alt.

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzog*, Wüttenburg (present-day Germany), 1784;
harmonized by William H. Monk (England), *Appendix to Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1868

I sing the mighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full and God's command
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee
but God is present there.

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside VT 514

Text: Ken Medema (USA)

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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 sundown,
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.”

2. I saw a tree in the wintertime
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 sundown,
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 sundown,
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.”

The Love of God VT 162

Text: F.M. Lehman (USA), ca. 1917, stanza 3 adpat. From Rabbi Meir (present-day Germany), “Haddamut,” ca. 1050, and Qur'an 31:27, alt.
Musci: F.M. Lehman, ca. 1917, arr. Claudia Lehman Mays (USA), alt.

1. The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell.
The wand'ring child is reconciled
by God's beloved Son.
The aching soul again made whole,
and priceless pardon won.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure -
the saints' and angels' song.

2. When ancient time shall pass away,
and human thrones and kingdoms fall;
when those who here refuse to pray

on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
grace will resound the whole earth round –
the saint's and angels' song.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure -
the saints' and angels' song.

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure -
the saints' and angels' song.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant VT 778

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Will you let me be your servant –
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night time if your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant –
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.