

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Youth
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement (Host: Shelley)
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Zoom Gathering
	8:00 pm	Adult Ed via Zoom

### Thought for the week

"Life isn't something you leave home (family) to do. It's what you accomplish within the walls of your haven. That's what allows you to greet the world with an open heart and reach out and embrace living in all its richness, variety and staggering wonder."

Richard Wagamese in Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations

### **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: Len A

Song Leader: Rita H

Pianist: Val R

Powerpoint: Kevin C

Video: Wes E

## 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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**No. 19**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Silence

### **Family Sunday**

Call to Worship  
Gathering Prayer  
Gathering Song

*You are Holy, You are Whole*

VT #61

Psalm 16: 1-2, 5-11

Crowe Family

Offering

Story for all Ages

Sarah O

'FAMILY CIRCUS'

Jack, Sawyer, William

We Sing

*Together*

VT #389

Scripture

**1 Samuel 1: 1-20, 24-28**

Sermon

***Family as God's Playground***

Garth and Claire EF

Litany of Thanksgiving for all Kinds of Families

Hymn of Response *Children of the Heavenly Father*

VT #517

Peace Lamp

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Sending Song

*Draw the Circle*

VT #802

Blessing

**Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *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, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Louise E, Wilf and Cheryl F, Hugo, Carmen, Luna, Ren and Cruz V*
- Please keep Helmut and Dory's daughter Lois and her family in your prayers. Lois' husband Steve tested positive for COVID. Steve, Lois and daughter Alice (5) all have flulike symptoms. So far Noah (7) and Theo (3) appear fine. They live in Calgary.
- Please keep Margaret M in your thoughts and prayers.
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$6,461, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.

### 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.

### Conference and Community Events

- May 11 7:30 pm Join Peace Mennonite Church in a Zoom Bible study led by Fanosie Legesse** to discuss the Ethiopian church development from the days of the Biblical narrative to today's, in our journey with Jesus from Palm Sunday and beyond Pentecost. Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10280>
- 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](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca).
- May 19 and June 16: Mega Menno Games Night on Gather.** Join us for some online games and fun on Gather. No registration required. Just fun, friends, and fellowship! Gather link: <https://gather.town/j/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca)) for more information.
- 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](http://rjc.sk.ca/golf).
- 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.

- 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](http://www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses) for more information and to register.
- MCC Connects:** Within our communities and families we have seen how division and polarization can cause injustice, broken relationships and violence. This practical online class will provide peace skills to a cohort of amazing individuals 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 to make a difference in their families and communities. All sessions will be held via zoom. Register at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationPracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace> or email [heatherpeters@mcesk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mcesk.ca) with any questions.
- Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director**, starting ASAP. 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](http://www.campelim.ca). Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca).

## A Litany of Thanksgiving For All Kinds Of Families

Leader: Eternal God, God of Abraham and Sara, God of Hannah and Peninnah and Elkanah, God of Mary and Joseph, in your wisdom you have chosen to enter time and be a part of our everyday lives.

**People: We give you thanks for countless gifts of love, for tenderness and relationship, for concern that seeks the welfare of another.**

Leader: Above all we thank you for the household of God in which we are encouraged to goodness and disciplined by judgement and mercy.

**People: We thank you for the family of faith in which we discover the meaning of faith for our families.**

Leader: We praise you for the gift of brothers and sisters and parents in Christ who sustain us in trouble and lighten our way.

**People: We thank you, O God, for marriage and those who make and keep covenants.**

Leader: We thank you for those who choose to be single, or who are single apart from their choice to be so.

**People: They add their gifts of caring and service to the family of faith and teach us the finer meanings of freedom and friendship.**

Leader: We remember those who must endure separation and divorce.

**People: Help us to enter into their pain, and support them in their struggle to reshape their lives.**

Leader: We thank you for all who assume the burdens and joys of parenthood, for their resourcefulness in the face of obstacles, or oppression and their constancy in the face of temptations to abandon their responsibilities.

**People: We thank you for the courage of those who must lead families alone. Help us to surround them with our love and uphold them in their difficult vocation.**

Leader: We thank you for those who live life differently, and for those who reach out in imaginative ministry.

**People: We thank you for this new generation coming into being, and the generation whose work is nearing completion.**

Leader: Bless all in our families, O God.

**People: And finally, we thank you for our friend and brother, Jesus Christ, who walks with us and shares his life with us in word and sacrament.**

Leader: And for the Holy Spirit, the encourager, who cheers us on in every good work.

**All: AMEN**

## You Are Holy, You Are Whole VT 61

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You are holy, you are whole,  
you are always ever more  
than we ever understand,  
you are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,  
you are present, let the cosmos praise you, God!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen.

## Together VT 389

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I will sing with you my fam'ly,  
will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my fam'ly;  
will you sing with me?  
The notes won't always come out as I'd like,  
but I will learn to see the log in my own eye.  
God, I'll surrender.  
Bring us together, bring us together.

I will sing with you, my neighbour;  
will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my neighbour;  
will you sing with me?  
My words will be imperfect, but I'll try.  
Bringing my assumptions to the light, I'll pray,  
God, I'll surrender,  
Bring us together, bring us together.

I will sing with you, my rival;  
will you sing with me?  
I will sing with you, my rival;  
will you sing with me?  
Difference is a place where God is found.  
In seeking peace, we're walking onto holy ground.  
God, we surrender.  
Bring us together, bring us together.

We will sing our song together,  
sing in harmony.  
We will sing our song together,  
whether two or three.  
Jesus feels our pain' he sets us free.  
The Spirit's given us this song of hope to sing:  
God, we surrender.  
Bring us together, bring us together.  
Bring us together, bring us together.

## Children of the Heavenly Father VT 517

Text: Caroline V.S. Berg (Sweden), *Tryggare kan ingen vara Andeliga Daggdroppar*, 1855; trans. Ernst W. Olson (USA), *The Hymnal*, 1925, alt.  
Music: Swedish traditional, *Song Book for Sunday School*, 1871  
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Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever.  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he know

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them safe and holy.

## Draw the Circle VT 802

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

Repeat

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still  
Let this be our song; no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Repeat