

| <u>This Week at MRMC</u> | | |
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| Monday | 7-9 pm | Pickleball |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Worship Meetings |
| | 7-8 pm | AA Meeting in Mezzanine |
| Thursday | 10:30am | Baby Boomers + |
| Friday | 6:30 pm | Youth at Mount Royal |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Worship Service- Advent 1 |

Thought for the week

“The Christian faith makes it possible for us nobly to accept that which cannot be changed, to meet disappointments and sorrow with an inner poise, and to absorb the most intense pain without abandoning our sense of hope, for we know, as Paul testified, in life or in death. . .’that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.”
 – Martin Luther King Jr., “Shattered Dreams,” *Strength to Love*

Announcing!

Giving by Interac e-transfer is now available. See the church website "Get Involved / Giving" for more information.

<https://mountroyalmennonite.org/getinvolved/giving>

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Claire E F

Song Leader: Sarah O

Pianist: Verna O

Video: Darrell B

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

Eternity Sunday

We Gather

Call to Worship
 Gathering Prayer
 Gathering song
 Psalm 57
 Offering

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB #37
 Jo-Anne N

We Listen

Story for all ages
 We Sing
 Scripture
 Sermon

I will stand in the congregation Sarah O
 StS #113

Romans 8: 31-39
 “*What is there left to say?*”

Garth and Claire E F

Hymn of Response *Ask ye what great thing I know* HWB #337
 Service of Memories Spiritual Care Ministry Team

We Respond

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our joys and concerns
 Prayers of the people

We are Sent

Sending song *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* HWB #352
 Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Kelly and Pam J, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Maureen G, Betty U*
- **Families of the week:** *Jake B, Elmer and Elvina K, Anne E*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$5,120, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- Pray for our healthcare workers as we face a surge in infections. Pray for safety and wisdom for them as they work to help those who are requiring medical care.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **Dec 5, 9:00 am:** MRMC Annual Meeting held via Zoom.
- Our second ZOOM Sunday School, November 15, had a few glitches, but we still had 5 students able to participate. The topic was: "God Creates the World", Geneses 1:1 - 2:3. Jack read the story from our book "Shine on: A Story Bible" (MennoMedia, 2014), and Linus showed us where the story could be found in the Old Testament. The theme for Sunday School on November 22 will be "God tends a garden in Eden", "Genesis 2:4-19. We will begin to focus on Advent, starting on November 29. (Sharon JP)
- Choir will be postponed until further notice.
- Forever in Motion will be postponed until further notice.
- **Operation Potato Peeler.** One of the outcomes of the COVID 19 pandemic is a reduction in the number of volunteers who serve between 300-500 meals a day out of Friendship Inn. An automated potato peeler would be a great asset. We are inviting you to make above budget donations through MRMC to Friendship Inn to cover off the estimated \$7,500.00 price tag of a new peeler. Mennonite Disaster Service has forwarded \$2,000.00 and other churches are also invited to help make this a reality. Thank you to those of you who have already made a donation. If you would like further information please go to the MRMC website <https://mountroyalmennonite.org/missions-and-service/#mission-service>, click Ministries and then Missions and Service. Learn more about Operation Potato Peeler, and don't forget the **Donate** button

Conference and Community Events

- a) **MC Sask Sunday School:** Looking for a way to help your kids engage this holiday season? Join together with other families across MC Sask every Sunday at 9:30 am (via Zoom) for a time of learning, fellowship and fun! Contact Josh and Cindy Wallace (jandcwallace@gmail.com) for links and additional information.
- b) **Voices Together Hymnal update:** They are in the process of preparing our shipment, but it has not been sent yet and therefore we cannot expect it to arrive in time for 1st Advent - I will keep you updated on the progress.
- c) **Book and music sale at Zoar Mennonite in Waldheim** on November 20 (1-4 pm) and 21 (9:30 am - 4:00 pm) Our proceeds will be going to support the Good Neighbors Food Center. We look forward to seeing many people drop in and find some awesome resources for deepening their Christian walk.
- d) **The YFBC Food Market is back!!** The Corn Maze is finished, the snow came, and we decided to bring back ordering through the camp! We will once again have groceries, fresh Cinnamon Buns, Hot Meal of the Week, and many more options. We have developed a new website for the food market that allows your to order more than one of each quantity. Check out our products at <https://yfbcfoodmarket.square.site> Order by MONDAY for pickup on WEDNESDAY!
- e) **Friends for Dinner** is a fun and unique opportunity for USask students who cannot be with their families during the December holidays to connect with households from local congregations. This year we'll be sharing a meal *virtually* due to COVID-19. If you're interested in learning more, contact Josh at churchengagement@mcsask.ca. Friends For Dinner is organized by the University of Saskatchewan's International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC), Student Wellness Centre (Peer Health) and Faith Leaders Council.
- f) **For the Love of Creation** is hosting a Fall Forum every Monday evening this November on zoom. Join us to learn more about our collective work for climate justice, engage with guest speakers, and take action for climate justice together online. To register go to <http://bit.ly/flcforum2020>
- g) ****Please remember that Ryan Siemens will not send you an email asking for a response with no explanation. His emails only come from minister@mcsask.ca, and will be signed by him and have Executive Minister underneath****

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, A und Ω Glaub- und Leibesübung*, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
as with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the "amen" sound from God's people again;
gladly forever adore him.

I will stand in the congregation

Text: Bill Batstone

Music: Bill Batstone

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I will stand in the congregation and I will exalt you;
I will stand in the congregation and I will exalt you.
Let the children of your salvation lift their praises too!
Hallelujah!

I will stand in the congregation and I will praise your name;

I will stand in the congregation and I will praise your name.
With your people of every nation I will shout this praise!
Hallelujah!

We will join as a congregation and we will exalt you;
we will join as a congregation and we will exalt you.
We will sing as all creation lifts the song anew!
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Let the children of your salvation lift their praises too!
Hallelujah!

Ask ye what great thing I know

Text: Johann C. Schwedler, *Hirschberger Gesangbuch*, 1741; tr. Benjamin H
Kennedy *Hymnologia Christiana*, 1863

Music: Henri A.C. Malan, 1827; adapted by Lowell Mason, *Carmina Sacra*, 1841

Ask ye what great thing I know
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:

faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave,
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Text: Gloria Gaither, ca. 1974

Music: William Gaither, ca 1974

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Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to
who can help us face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.