

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	MR YAHM
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	7:00 pm	Youth Games Night at NPMC
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Bryan)
Thursday	All Day	Office will be closed due to civic holiday
	9:30 am	No Forever in Motion this week
	10:30 am	No Boomers + this week
Friday	5-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Saturday	6-8 am	JRAM in Sanctuary
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service

### Thought of the Week

If you ask of God a tree, God gives it in the form of a seed. Tending a seed is a long-term commitment and often the growth is too slow to observe. Peacebuilding is much the same. For example, it took 30 years of work for Justapaz to clear a full legal route for conscientious objectors in Colombia. We must fill ourselves with patience. [Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas, founder of MCC partners Justapaz and Sembrandopaz in Colombia]

### Office Hours

Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Mon & Wed	10 am – 2 pm
Gwen	Mon - Fri	8 am-12:00 pm

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Melody N  
 Song Leader: Val R  
 Pianist: Elsie E  
 PowerPoint: Darrell B  
 Video: Wes E

## 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

### PEACE SUNDAY

Call to Worship  
 Profession of Faith  
 Songs *God of the Bible* VT #420  
 Psalm 40 Mark H  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Story for all Ages Jo-Anne N  
 Songs *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT #719

### First Person Story from Colombia

Scripture **1 Peter 3: 15-16**  
 Story of a Spider  
 Song *Beauty for Brokenness* VT #712  
 Scripture **Matthew 5: 38-39**  
 Story of Dirk Willems  
 Song *For the Healing of the Nations* VT #705  
 Scripture **Romans 8: 38-39**

### Story from Ethiopia

Telling our own stories  
 Prayers of the People  
 A Prayer of St Francis of Assisi  
 Closing Song *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT #849  
 Blessing

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

**THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Jon and Roxanne K, Eric and Verna O, Agatha W, Hedio B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Roy W, Anne E, Marg W, Alex and Joel S*
- **Families of the week:** *Dan and Pam O, Erwin and Tena S, Bernie and Colleen W*
- a) Our offering last Sunday was \$4,996, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- b) **Thank you from RJC!** Thanks to all who supported our Choirs & Cakes fundraiser. We are well on our way to meeting our \$30,000 fundraising goal. If you would like to re-watch the event, visit [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes) for a recording of the live-stream.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- We are in need of some volunteers to help with the junior Sunday School class. If you are interested, please contact Sharon or Garth or Claire.
- **Mega Menno Games Night – Friday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm, Mount Royal Mennonite Church.** Join us for a night of fun and games, and connecting with other youth! Free event, open to youth in grades 6-12. Masks will be mandatory, contact Kirsten for more information, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca)
- **Eternity Sunday, November 21**, is a time for us to remember those who have passed on before us. If there is someone you wish to remember with a lit candle at the worship service, please call Claire (306 291-9555), call the church office (306 382-2677) or write the name and date of death in the memorial book A Life Remembered which will be available in the foyer on Nov 14.
- Interested in finding ways to become more involved in the life and purpose of Mount Royal Mennonite Church? Why not go to our website and find out what's happening! Look for new postings and get involved!
- The PCRC will be meeting on Nov. 24. Please share any joys or wishes that you may have regarding our pastoral team with one of the committee members. The committee members are Dave Wiebe, Trevor Siemens, Maggie Phillips or RaeLynn Hildebrandt.
- Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change? Do you think there is anything we can do about it? Would you like to discuss some ideas with other concerned friends? If you answered yes to these questions, please contact Claire who plans to set up a conversation time. This will not be a committee, but a working group to discern how best to move forward.

### Conference and Community Events

- c) **Nov 7:** 3pm Forest Church at Shekinah: an informal, outdoor time of worship and fellowship. Input will be provided by Jared Regier. All are welcome to join, and encouraged to come early or stay late to experience *Shekinah*..
- d) **November 14 at 3 pm. The Mennonite Community Orchestra** presents “Prairie Sunrise” at the Lutheran Church of the Cross (560 Arlington St., Winnipeg). Enjoy a variety of CMU and community musicians under the direction of Andrea Bell. For ticket, vaccination, and livestreaming information visit [mennonitecommunityorchestra.wordpress.com](http://mennonitecommunityorchestra.wordpress.com).
- e) **New resource for Mennonite Church Canada congregations: Wondering what to do about climate change and other environmental problems?** "God's Green Church: Becoming a Creation Care congregation" provides step-by-step ideas, resources and links for congregations to take creation care action across the activities of church life. Created by senior environmental studies students at The King's University in Edmonton, it is tailored to Canadian Mennonite congregations, providing both short-term and long-term options, and linking to other Mennonite, faith-based, and Canadian environmental initiatives and resources. Available through CommonWord at [www.commonword.ca/go/2610](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2610).
- f) **Host families needed for RJC International students.** Would you like to support RJC in a different way? RJC is looking for individuals, couples, or families who would be open to hosting an International student during closed dorm weekends or extended holidays. If you are interested please email [deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.
- g) **MCC Connects:** The annual MCC Saskatchewan Quilt Sale is back! To view this year's selection of quilts, visit [www.mccskquiltsale.com](http://www.mccskquiltsale.com). Quilts can be purchased online through that website or by calling the office at 306-665-2555. Alternatively, feel free to stop by the office to look at and purchase them as well. The money raised from these beautiful quilts will turn into hope and comfort for those experiencing devastating situations around the world.
- h) Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an **Interim Youth Worker** to fulfill a one-year parental leave beginning January 17, 2022. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will focus on coordinating Mega Menno events, including travel to the 2022 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Contact Ryan Siemens, [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca), for more information.

## God of the Bible VT 420

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Music: Tony F. Alonso (USA), © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc.

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1. God of the Bible, God in the gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

### Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding sustaining, from your own heart.

### Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

### Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day.

But by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

### Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes, facing the cross.

### Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

## Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace VT 719

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Music: Jerry Derstine, (JD Martin)

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### Refrain:

Jesus help us live in peace,  
from our blindness set us free.  
Fill us with your healing love.  
Help us live in unity.

1. Many times we don't agree  
on what's right or wrong to do.  
It's so hard to really see  
from the other's point of view.

2. How we long for pow'r and fame,  
seeking ev'ry earthly thing.  
We forget the one who came

as a servant, not a king.

Refrain:

Jesus help us live in peace,  
from our blindness set us free.  
Fill us with your healing love.  
Help us live in unity.

### **Beauty for Brokenness VT 712**

Text: Graham Kendrick (England), 1993, alt.

Music: Graham Kendrick, 1993

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1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair –  
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ill,  
work for the artisans, trade for their skills,  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold heart, let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold heart, let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation, and bring you their praise.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold heart, let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

### **For the Healing of the Nations VT 705**

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Music: Henry T. Smart (England), *Psalms and Hymns for divine Worship*, 1867

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For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice

may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind.  
For our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind  
that by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.

**We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT 849**  
**(Bon Berger, ton peuple t'adore)**

Text: Rebecca Mosley (USA) and Josephine Munyeli (Rwanda), © 2013 Rebecca  
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Music: Salvatore Ferretti (Italy), as sung in East Africa 20<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> c.; harm. Mennonite  
Worship and Song Committee, 2019

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We, your people, sing your praises

*Bon Berger, ton peuple t'adore*

as together we are sent

*ici en mission pour toi.*

to reveal your new creation

*À travers les lamentations*

in the shadows of lament.

*vient la nouvelle création.*

Give us courage for the journey;

*Guide-nous sur ce voyage,*

shepherd Jesus, be our guide;

*et nous aurons la passion,*

help us lead with hope and passion

*le courage, et l'espérance*

till all things are reconciled.

*pour la reconciliation.*