

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	MHSS Board Meeting
	7-9 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	FIM
	1-3 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Mezzanine
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion in the Gym
	10:30am	BB+
Friday	6:30 pm	Youth
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

### Thought for the week

God of the harvest, from seed and sun you have blessed us with a harvest to feed ourselves and the world. For this we give you our thanks. You have blessed us with a community of faith and service. For this we give you our thanks. You have blessed us with the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. For this we give you our highest thanks. Amen.

### Office Hours

**Garth:** Monday 8:30-3

**Claire:** Tuesday 8:30 -3

**Garth and Claire:** Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-3

**Garth and Claire:** Friday 8:30- 12:30

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Garth E F

Song Leader: Darrell B

Pianist: Shelley B

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  
Peace Lamp  
Silence

### *Thanksgiving & World Communion Sunday*

#### We Gather

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Gathering song *For the beauty of the earth*

HWB #89

Psalm 65

Dave W

Music

Olfert Family

Offering

#### We Listen

Story for all ages

Jeanette H

We Sing

*We plow the fields and scatter*

HWB #96

Music

Olfert Family

Scripture

Colossians 4: 2-6

Stories from China

George and Tobia V

Hymn of Response *Now go forward*

HWB #399

#### We Respond

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

Sharing the Lord's Supper

#### We are Sent

Sending song

*You are salt for the earth*

HWB #226

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, Edwine L, Maureen G, Kelly and Pam J*
- **Families of the week:** *Tim, Coral, Joshua, Anthony, Zachary and Kalina B, Jeff and Jen F, Melody N*
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$4,040, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- Please pray for Tiefengrund Mennonite Church and their interim pastors, Wilmer and Barb Froese, as the congregation begins meeting for worship every second and fourth Sunday. Also please pray for their newly formed small groups as they meet to learn, listen, and encourage one another in their spiritual growth.
- **The Shekinah Move-A-Thon committee** would like to thank you for your support of our first ever virtual moveathon. To date, we have raised approximately \$8000 for Shekinah's operations, and we are expecting more money to come in. Thank you for your continued support of the mission of Shekinah."

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Our current website will be replaced with a new one either in the coming week or the following one. We will send out an email announcing the change when it is complete. The actual changeover will take 2-3 days so an MRMC Website may be unavailable for a few days while the change-over is being done by our new website host. Actual scheduling of the change will depend on our new hosting supplier.

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **SAVE THE DATE: International Witness Sunday, October 18, 2020** Resources for International Witness Sunday on October 18, 2020, are available now at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday!> Online resources including: recorded sermons, videos, worship ideas, children's stories, pictures and information about International Witness to inform and inspire will be made available to your congregation through our website. Ways to give. Ways to learn. Ways to get involved! Questions? Email [jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca).
- b) **Registration Open:** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020) Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on Saturday, Oct. 24, on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship.

- c) **RJC Employment Opportunity: Head Custodian - RJC High School** is inviting applications for a full-time Head Custodian position. Skills and experience in caretaking, cleaning, and maintenance would be an asset. Come and join our team! Applications close Tuesday, October 13. For more information visit our website at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca), or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca).
- d) **Shekinah is hosting a virtual art auction on October 24-25.** Place bids online for one-of-a-kind items created by local and western Canadian artists. See more information on our website at [shekinah.ca](http://shekinah.ca).
- e) **CMU Wednesday Webinars** – CMU invites prospective students and their parents to be part of a fall Webinar series to help equip high school students as they transition to post-secondary studies. Join in the first webinar titled '*The What and the Why of University*' and explore answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about university studies. **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM CDT.** More information at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).
- f) The MCC Blanket-making group at First Mennonite Church is looking for those who would like to participate in tying blankets with them. We welcome volunteers on Wednesdays, anytime between 9:00 am and 1:30. Use the west door (if it is locked, ring the buzzer). For inquiries, phone Melita at 306 652-8564.
- g) **MCC Conects:** In recognition of Orange Shirt Day we launched the second season of our podcast **Reconcile. Everyday Conversations.** Created by MCC Saskatchewan, the podcast aims to facilitate conversations around reconciliation. Listening to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous voices, we invite you into the reconciliation journey. Subscribe and listen wherever you get your podcasts. We are also looking for reconciliation ambassadors! For more information please contact Heather Peters at [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca).

## For the beauty of the earth

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864

Music: Conrad Kocher, *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapted by William H Monk, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

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1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony liking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## We plow the fields and scatter

Text: Matthias Claudius, *Wir pflügen und wir streuen, Fest*, 1782; tr. Jane M. Campbell, *Garland of Song*, 1861

Music: attributed to Johann A. P. Schulz, *Lieder für Volksschulen mit Musik*, 1800

1. We plan the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

### Refrain

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

### Refrain

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

3. We thank you, then, Creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer, for all your love imparts,  
and what you most would welcome, our humble, thankful hearts

### Refrain

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

## Now go forward

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Music: Traditional Chinese melody

Now go forward, press t'ward the goal.  
Plentiful harvest waits for you.  
Faithful servants, fear not death,  
Toil and labour for the Lord.  
Come, behold, your days pass away.  
Look ahead, the cross leads the way.  
While you have breath on this day,  
give yourself,  
Forward go!

## Sent forth by God's blessing

Text: Omer Westendorf, *People's Mass Book*, 1964, alt.

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Music: Welsh folk melody

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The fruit of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing the children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.