

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Tuesday	10am-12pm	Walking the Path
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Mezzanine
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion in the Gym
	10:30am	BB+
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

Thought for the week

‘Treasure in earthen vessels’ is a powerful double metaphor that recognizes the awesome trust God bestows upon each of us and at the same time honours our fragility as bearers of God’s grace and might.

[J. Paul Sampley]

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: Joel S

Song Leader: Rita H

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

We Gather

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering songs

We gather together

HWB #17

Great is the Lord

HWB #87

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Offering

We Listen

Story for all ages

Shelley B

Music

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring

Verna O, Grace P and Shelley B

Scripture

Jeremiah 18: 3-4

2 Corinthians 4: 5-7

Sermon

‘Unadorned clay pots’

Garth E F

Commissioning

Ryan S

Words of Encouragement and Blessing

Rita H

Hymn of Response *Will you let me be your servant*

HWB #307

We Respond

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

Claire E F

Sending song

We will walk with God

StJ #78

Sending words

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Kelly and Pam J, Nettie and Roy W, Marg W, Edwine L, Maureen G*
- **Families of the week:** *Ray and Grace P, Anthony and Lisa W, Anne T, Merv and MaryLou D, Sarah O, Evelyn S*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$5,406, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Prayer of thanks:** RJC High School is grateful for the continued prayerful support of its church constituents. We are happy to report a 25% increase in enrolment for the 2020-21 school year, with students from across Saskatchewan, Alberta, other parts of Canada, and the world.
- This week please pray for Zoar Mennonite Church and their pastor Andrea Enns-Gooding as they serve their community of Waldheim and prepare to celebrate 110 years of God's faithfulness on October 18, 2020.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **October 4, 2020** we will celebrate World Communion Day and Thanksgiving here at Mount Royal. This year's guest speakers George and Tobia Veith will be coming to us via video from Harbin, China. Come and hear what God is up to in China during this time of pandemic.
- On **September 20**, Garth and Claire are beginning a sermon series on the book of Romans- backwards! If you are interested in mid-week conversations about the text and sermon ideas, please let Claire or Garth know. Mid-week Zoom meetings will replace Sunday morning Adult Education.

Conference and Community Events

- a) The Annual General Meeting of Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan will take place on Sep 26, 2020, 1:30-4:00pm. This reporting and accountability session will be held via Zoom. Church delegates and guests can register by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or emailing saskoffice@mccsk.ca. The Zoom meeting information, along with an electronic copy of the MCCS Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, will be sent to the email addresses of all who register.
- b) **Hello from the Shekinah Move-A-Thon Committee!** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as Bike-A-Thon) fundraiser on September 19th. It will be a virtual event this year and all instructions and a pledge form are on the Shekinah website. Please visit <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to **REGISTER** and

take time to view the "inspirational" videos which highlight examples of how you can MOVE!

A special challenge has been issued by Hamilton Fast. For every \$150.00 pledged by the early bird date of September 12th, he will ride one kilometer on his tiny bike as shown in the "Race Day" video on the Shekinah website. So let the office know by the 12th the amount of your pledge. Hamilton is willing to ride up to 75 kilometres (the distance from Saskatoon to Shekinah) for Shekinah!

- c) **Canada at a Crossroads – join our online book club this fall!** What are the things that separate and unite Indigenous and settler peoples? What can we do to challenge structural racism and repair the broken relationship? Join Indigenous-Settler Relations director Steve Heinrichs for an online book club this fall, exploring the new book, *Canada at a Crossroads* by sociologist Jeff Denis. Beginning October 7, 2020, we'll gather by Zoom each Thursday @ 7 PM (for 8 weeks) for a circle conversation, sharing with each other our questions and learnings, our hearts and hopes. Together, we'll seek to understand how we might nurture Treaty friendships. Please email Steve if you'd like to join: sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca. Find the book at <https://utorontopress.com/ca/canada-at-a-crossroads-4>.
- d) **October 24: REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs?** <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/10618-meet-our-table-talk-guest-speakers-gerald-gerbrandt>. President Emeritus of Canadian Mennonite University Gerald Gerbrandt lives in Winnipeg and will be a guest speaker at Mennonite Church Canada's study conference Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" on October 24. He will present on worship in the Old Testament. Register for Mennonite Church Canada study conference at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020
- e) **RJC Employment Opportunities:** RJC High School is currently hiring for a number of full and part-time positions: Teaching Staff, Kitchen & Dining Hall Staff, and Custodial & Maintenance Staff. Please contact Ryan Wood, Principal (ryan@rjc.sk.ca) for more information about these positions or call (306) 232-4222.

We gather together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant,
and pray that you still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation.
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Great is the Lord

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.

1. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice;
Great is the Lord!

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.

2. Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice;
Great are you, Lord!

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Will you let me be your servant

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 nighttime of 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.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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.

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Sizohamba naye

(We will walk with God)

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

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