

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Ministries Commission
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Mezzanine
	7:00 pm	Worship Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion in the Gym
	10:30am	BB+
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

Thought for the week

'Biblical evangelism means inviting people into its stories as the defining story of our lives, and thereby authorizing people to give up, abandon, and renounce other stories that have shaped their lives in false or distorting ways.'

[Walter Brueggemann]

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: Eric O

Song Leader: Rita Sarah O

Pianist: Monica D

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

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

We Gather

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering songs

Come, thou Almighty King

HWB #41

Holy, Holy, Holy

HWB #75

Psalm 63: 1-8

Gwen L

Offering

We Listen

Story for all ages

Sarah O

We Sing

He came down

StJ #31

Scripture

Romans 15: 14-16.16

Sermon

'I have written to you rather boldly'

Garth and Claire E F

Hymn of Response *Sing a new Church*

We Respond

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

We are Sent

Sending song

Come and fill our hearts

StJ #59

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:** *Bernie and Colleen W, Kevin, Esther, Marcus, Arthur and Rowan C, Myrna 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.
- This week please pray for Zion Mennonite Church in Swift Current and their pastor Lois Bukar as they juggle the balance of on-line and in-person worship services, with their various needs and expectations
- **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 enrollment for the 2020-21 school year, with students from across Saskatchewan, Alberta, other parts of Canada, and the world.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- 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.
- **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.
- Refugee Co-Sponsor Update: The refugee family which we are co-sponsoring with the Langham Community is nearing the end of the period for which we are responsible. Exciting news: our family is expecting a new baby! Basic support and a number of additional costs have been covered by the Langham group throughout the past year. But now the family must find a new home and again requires some extra support. MRMC is happy to help out by using money from our Refugee Fund together with a designated donation.

Conference and Community Events

- a) The Annual General Meeting of MCC 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) **RJC Opening Program Sunday, September 27 @ 2:00pm.** Help RJC start off the school year by joining us virtually for our opening program. The event will feature music, reflections from RJC parents & students,

- and an invitation for your ongoing support for the school year. Information on how to watch the event can be found at rjc.sk.ca.
- 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) **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.
 - 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.
 - 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) THANK YOU to everyone who participated - or is thinking of still participating - in the Shekinah Move-A-Thon! THANK YOU to all who donated to the event in support of Shekinah to help keep it viable during these difficult times. If you'd like to still be involved, either moving or donating, please see more information on the Shekinah website: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon>.

Come thou Almighty King

Come thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Text: anonymous, tract in *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757
Music: Felice de Giardini, *Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1769

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
God, who, uncreated, God who always was,
endlessly exalted, reign forevermore.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
Mighty, wondrous, loving, circled 'round with awe;
holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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Music: Franz Schubert, *Gesänge zur Feier des heiligen Opfers der Messe*, 1826

He came down

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah for evermore.

Leader : Why did he come?

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah for evermore.

Leader : Why did he come?

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah for evermore.

Leader : Why did he come?

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Sing a New Church

1. Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity:

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water,
Robed in holiness and light,
Male and female in God's image,
Male and female, God's delight:

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

3. Trust the goodness of creation;
Trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
Sprung from seed of what has been.

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

4. Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation;
Bring the art of ev'ry race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
Let it sound through time and space.

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

5. Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free.

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

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Come and fill our hearts

come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come ad fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

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