

<u><b>This Week at MPMC</b></u>		
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	8:00 am	Seniors Breakfast at Grainfields
	6:30 pm	Missions and Service Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting via Zoom
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Host: Melody)
	7-9 pm	Youth at Nutana (Field Games)
Thursday	10:30 am	BB+
Friday	10:00 am	Bethany Manor Coffee Time
Saturday	7:00 - 9:00 am	JRAM in gym
	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Church Cleaning Bee
	11 am - 4pm	Gym Rental
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service followed by Potluck
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

### **Creation Care Prayers**

Living God, from ice melting to polar bears dying, we are damaging  
your creation.

Forgive us and free us from fear and denial.

May your Spirit so envision us, that governments gladly choose  
policies for healing and gentle change. Bless us, so that our lives  
honour your gift of life.

Amen.

(Chris Polhill, from A Heart For Creation)

### **Today's Service**

Worship Leader: Dennis H

Song Leader: Darrell B

Pianist: Val R

PowerPoint: Shelley B

Sound: Aaron 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

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Silence

### **GATHERING**

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Songs

*What is This Place*

VT #22

*Jesus Calls Us*

VT #30

Psalm 89: 14-18

Judy H

Offertory Prayer

### **HEARING**

Story for all Ages

Monica D

We Sing

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

VT #774

Scripture

**Luke 23: 23-42**

Sermon

***Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves***

Kerry R

### **SHARING**

Hymn of Response *Longing for Light*

VT #715

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

### **SENDING**

Sending song

*Go, My Friends, in Grace*

VT #810

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Erwin and Tena S, Elsie K. E, Eric and Doris Q, Alex and Joel S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Daniel, Ashley and Anwen M, Hedio B, Bill and Sandra S*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,310 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- Northeast Asia is an area of the world where the potential for armed conflict is growing. Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in South Korea, see signs of this in their country and their community. Join with them in prayers for peace as they work for peaceful resolution of conflict in homes, schools, communities and churches.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **September 9: Church Cleaning day.** Join us as we give the church a thorough wipe down, tidy-up, and storage room organizing. We'll begin at 9am but join whenever it suits you. Please bring a bucket and cleaning cloths if you have them. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. If you're not able to join us on that day but would like to clean on a different day, please contact Jodi, who can provide cleaning suggestions.
- Evan B is available on Wednesdays if there are any Joys and Concerns you would like to discuss or want placed in the bulletin. You can call the church ext 4 to reach him Wednesdays or through email [ev.bueckert@gmail.com](mailto:ev.bueckert@gmail.com). The spiritual care team (Melody N, Dory I, Jodi E) is also available and can be contacted if there are joys and concerns you wish to discuss.
- The [MRMC Website](#) has been reorganized. Check out the News & Activities, Blogs, and Working Together menu tabs, and their sub pages.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **September 3, today, Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Mark Bigland-Pritchard leads us in outdoor worship as we move into the fall season. All are welcome.
- 2) **Sept 12, 7:00 pm: The MC Sask Walking the Path** group invites you to the inaugural episode of **The PBA Cultural Café at the Nutrien Wonderhub, 950 Spadina Cres E in Saskatoon.** This Episode will cast a spotlight on Indigenous cultures and feature esteemed guests, including Dr Sharon Acoose, Lyndon Linklater and Lararr Okesikewiyin, who will share insights into their traditions, history and unique identities. Details and free registration can be found at <https://www.saskculture.ca/events/2036>

- 3) **Oct 19 & 20: Called to Be a Worship Leader workshop, October 19 & 20** When you are asked to worship lead, what are you called to do? How do we decide who plans worship, and how do we do that? What are the joys of this role, and why is it so essential to Christian formation? This interactive seminar will explore these questions and leave you with practical tips and resources. Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11422>
- 4) **Theatre of the Beat will be in Saskatchewan with their new production in October.** *I Love You and it Hurts* is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. If your congregation is interested in hosting a show, go to <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/> for details and watch for a performance near you in October.
- 5) **In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager.** Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca) or submit resume to [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)
- 6) **Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies.** School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. **Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for the School Kit Challenge!** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>
- 7) **MCC Connects:** Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26 from 6:30-9:00pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca).
- 8) **MCC Connects:** Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, the Kairos Blanket Exercise will be facilitated on Tuesday, September 19 from 6:30-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome and snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please contact Erika or Heather at 306-665-2555.