



Home Street Mennonite Church
Lent 5, March 18, 2018
Welcome to Worship

Between Me & You

Focus statement: In the new covenant, we no longer need a go-between mediator. The covenant is written on our hearts, drawing all people to a relationship between Me (God) and You (the people). Like Mary and the other disciples, we may through our actions point people to Christ.

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Because you claim us as your people
and call us into covenant

We gather in commitment to you.

Because you draw us into your goodness
and write your laws upon our hearts,

We pour out our praise to you.

Because you embrace us in mercy
and lavish your grace upon us

We anoint you with our love and adoration.

May the fragrance of our worship fill this place.

Prayer

Hymn *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

HWB 76

Praying

Confession

O God, we confess that sometimes
our senses are closed to you,
and we struggle to feel your presence in our lives.

Sometimes our self-doubt and insecurity
stifle the sweet perfume of your love
and we can no longer remember its lovely aroma.

Heal us, O God, we pray.

Sometimes grief and despair
dampen the sound of your voice

and we can no longer hear your compassionate words.

Heal us, O God, we pray.

Sometimes in our loneliness and lostness
we are blind to your presence
and we can no longer see the beauty of your face.

Heal us, O God, we pray.

Sometimes worry and anxiety
close the shutters and doors so tightly
that we miss your gentle breeze of your hope.

Heal us, O God, we pray.

(Silence)

God covenants to be with us always,
healing us and ever drawing us toward
love, compassion, beauty and hope.

Hymn *O God, who gives us life and breath*

HWB 483

Offering

Prayers of the people & prayers for the world

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Hearing

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:1-11

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's feature

Song *Between Me & You*

Between me and you,

the days are coming when here's what I'll do:

I'm going to plant my words within you.

I choose to be there with you.

Sermon

A Covenant of the Heart

Responding

Anointing

Take, O Take Me as I Am

STJ 81

Come to Me, Come to Us

STS 60

God, Fill Me Now

STS 63

Sending

Benediction

Hymn *Go now in peace*

HWB 429

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.
Song Leader: David B.
Scripture reader: Michelle M.
Children's Feature: Angela K.
Pianist: Lilli W.
Ushers: Nettie V., Bryan V.
Greeters: Kathy R.

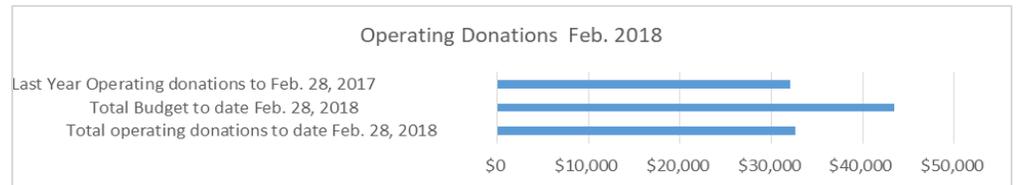
Speaker: Melissa M.
Offertory: Emma S.
Sound Technician: Grant K.
Visuals: Viola K.
Organist: Maureen E.

(Inside our doors continued)

6. Finance Update:

Total operating donations to date Feb. 28, 2018	\$32,669.00
Total Budget to date Feb. 28, 2018	\$43,450.00
Last Year Operating donations to Feb. 28, 2017	\$32,025.00

~Thank you for your generous giving.



Prayer Concerns:

Remember the Senior Youth who are at Camp Assiniboia this weekend for the Mennonite Church Manitoba Winter Retreat. Pray that it will be a rich weekend of community, worship, learning, and fun.

Inside Our Doors

- Junior Youth:** This Sunday, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Movie and Discussion at Caleb's house. If you like, you can bring a lunch to church and get a ride with Judith.
- Tonight! Christian Peace Maker Teams Ceilidh,** Sunday, March 18, 7 pm, at Home St. Mennonite Church, downstairs. Come out for a time of story, song, punch & fundraising. Featured musical guest will be Prairie Celtic band - Plain Salt. Hosted by a gang of Home Streeters.
- Young Adults: Next Sunday, March 25,** stay for a taco salad lunch after church! No need to bring anything; because March is a busy and stressful time for many of you, the food is being prepared for you. Come eat, rest, and share in the good company and conversation.
- March 30 is Good Friday and Home St.** will be hosting the joint worship service with Hope, Fort Garry Fellowship and Charleswood Mennonite Churches. Serving Groups A & D will be helping with the set-up, serving and clean up for the fellowship coffee and paska bread following the service.
- Please check your mailboxes** for your updated Phone Directories for 2018. If you don't have a mailbox and would like a copy please talk to Cindy or call the office.

This Week at Home Street

March	18	9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth & adults
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		2:00 pm	Laotian Worship Service
	18	7:00 pm	MCManitoba & CPT Ceilidh (downstairs)
	19	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
	19	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	21	7:00 pm	Sound Healing Meditation (sanctuary)
	22	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (upstairs)
	23	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
	23	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	24	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
	24	3:00 – 5:00pm	Meeting (downstairs)



March 25, Palm Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

March 29, Maundy Thursday: Communion at 7:00 pm

March 30, Good Friday: Joint Worship at 10:00 am with Charleswood Mennonite Church, Ft. Garry Mennonite Fellowship, and Hope Mennonite Church. Coffee and Paska following the service.

April 1, Easter Sunday: 11:00 am Worship (no Sunday School)

Beyond Our Doors

First Mennonite church choir, with orchestra under direction of Yuri Klaz present **Mendelssohn's Lobgesang on Good Friday, March 30th** at 7pm at the church [922 Notre Dame Ave.](#) Admission is free; an offering will be taken.

Mennonite Church BC is looking for a person to support congregations in living out their missional imagination, to promote biblical stewardship, to establish congregational relationships and who will engage MCBC congregations in a commonly shared focus on discipleship and peacemaking. If this opportunity interests you, please contact Garry Janzen at garryjanzen@mcbc.ca to start a conversation. Resumes must be submitted to the MCBC office by midnight, March 29, 2018.

Are you a University student who is looking for a place to live in Winnipeg? Students living at Emmaus House support each other academically, spiritually, in lives of service, healthy living and in life-giving relationships. If you are interested in exploring what it means to live intentionally in a Christian community, check us out at: emmaushousewinnipeg.ca. We are currently taking applications for just the summer months and/or the 2018/19 academic year.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba News....Notes....

IVEP Night, Thursday, March 22, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg
Every year we welcome young adults from around the world through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Join us at Sam's Place as Winnipeg IVEP participants share a taste of their home countries: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Palestine, Swaziland and Zimbabwe!

From Our Family to Yours: Spring break kit packing - Looking for a meaningful way to spend time with your child or grandchild over the spring break? Come pack relief kits and learn about MCC's relief work around the world on March 28th, at 2 pm or 6:30 pm. Limited space, RVSP to Sophia Bezopenko at sophiabezopenko@mccmb.ca or 204-261-6381. For more details, visit mccmb.ca/spring-break-kits.

Film Screening: *Seven Points on Earth*

Thursday, March 29, 7 PM, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg
Join us at Sam's Place as MCC Low German Mennonite Services hosts a screening of Royden Loewen and Paul Plett's film *Seven Points on Earth*, a documentary about 7 Mennonite farmers around the world.

MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Accounting Clerk (13-month term) based in Winnipeg. Applications will be accepted until March 26, 2018. For more information and to apply, please visit mccmb.ca/accounting-clerk.

Canadian Mennonite University...News...Notes....

On **Thursday, Apr. 5, 7:00 PM**, plan to attend "**Spring at CMU**," an evening of celebration in support of CMU. Featured: CMU PAX Award to Steve Bell; music by Steve Bell and CMU Singers; short reflections from faculty and students. Contact Joyce Friesen at jfriesen@cmu.ca to reserve a seat or cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to **CMU Open House on Mar. 27**. Meet faculty, student council, athletics staff, student life staff, and current students. Attend a class or chapel, enjoy free gelato, and learn about the printing press with students from Spy Tower Press. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

Attend one of the upcoming **CMU musical events**. See cmu.ca/events for information.

- **Vespers Service** "Preparing for Easter" Mar. 18 at 7:00 PM in Laudamus Auditorium
- **Bach on the Bridge** Mar. 21 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:00 -1:30 PM Marpeck Commons Bridge
- **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached** Mar. 25 at 7:00 PM Laudamus Auditorium (Admission \$5)
- **Jazz at CMU and Concert Band** Apr. 4 at 7:00 PM CMU Chapel (Admission \$5)

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents an evening with Donald Stoesz, Thursday, Mar. 22, 7:00 PM at CMU's Marpeck Commons. Stoesz will be launching his new book **Canadian Prairie Mennonite Ministers' Use of Scripture: 1874-1977**. For more information go to commonword.ca/go/1475.

See the bulletin board or the website cmu.ca for many more events & opportunities.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

MDS has many urgent volunteer needs and several job opportunities. Please pray for those considering service with MDS. Go to

<https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/current-needs/> to see the list of opportunities to serve.

Mennonite Church Manitoba...News....Notes....

Mennonite Church Manitoba invites applications for the part time position of Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister. For more information please visit our website www.mennochurch.mb.ca. Please note that this is a different position than the recent ad for an Executive Assistant for Mennonite Church Canada.

Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concert: "Send Forth Thy Spirit" on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg and on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba.

Mennonite Women Manitoba invite you to Resilience Road: struggles, steps and strategies, a day for women. April 28, 9:30-3:00 at the Charleswood Mennonite Church. Resource person; Dr. Moira Somers Ph.D Clinical Neuropsychologist. To register email or call Kathy Giesbrecht kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616 ext; 268 by April 20th. Registration fee; \$50.00 (includes lunch) More information at www.mennochurch.mb.ca Event page.

17th Annual Birding Retreat at Turtle Mountain Bible Camp, May 24-27th (Koinonia is unavailable this spring). Key activities: birding around camp, a visit to Whitewater Lake, and worship times. Choose an early start Thursday evening and spend all-day Friday on a special trip to the Melita/Pierson area. Dennis Fast, well-known birder and photographer and Heidi den Haan, biologist and birder will be leading us in sessions on birding. Brochures and more info to come.

Mennonite Church Canada.....News....Notes.....

Mike & Cheryl Nimz (Witness partners – United Kingdom) are working at developing an online community platform where isolated folks throughout the UK who are interested in Anabaptist thought and spirituality can be brought together for mutual support and encouragement. Mike and Cheryl are coming in contact with people who feel alone in their pursuit of understanding an Anabaptist approach to Christianity. They will be putting together an online community that can meet through Zoom which is much like Skype and will allow for large numbers of people to meet altogether for extended periods of time. Join Mike and Cheryl in praying for the creation of this online community.

Home Street Mennonite Church
318 Home Street, Winnipeg MB R3G 1X4, Treaty 1 Territory
Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Intentional Interim Pastor: Melissa Miller, 204-698-1513
melissa.miller@hsmc.ca
Pastor of Faith Formation: Judith Friesen Epp,
judith.friesenepp@hsmc.ca, 204-783-1721
Office Administrator: Cindy Paetkau
administrator@hsmc.ca, 204-783-1721
Website: www.hsmc.ca