## Home Street Mennonite Church July 21, 2019 Welcome to Worship

**Focus:** The invitation to "Come to Jesus" is timeless and is offered to all people regardless of age or stage, circumstance, or personal desire.

## **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship – Adapted from Matthew 11: 28 – 30

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I

will give you rest.

People: Lord, we come!

Leader: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle

and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

People: We gladly take it, for your yoke is easy, and your

burden is light.

**Gathering Songs** 

Jesus call us here to meet him STJ 3 Come, ye disconsolate HWB 497

## Confession\*

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love.

And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others.

We are selective about who we choose as neighbors...

only those who are clean,

who look like us,

who talk right,

who seem safe.

Loving God,

teach us to love you more fully.

For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations.

We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Words of Assurance

## Hearing

Scripture

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Colossians 3: 12-17

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Feature

Sermon

## Responding

Song: He comes to us as one unknown HWB 498

Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

## **Sending**

Song: Where charity and love prevail HWB 305

Benediction

Worship Committee note No.13. During the prayers of the people, individuals are invited to raise prayers for people and situations of thanksgiving or concern. We do so in a spirit of "sharing each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). We do so recognizing that such prayers knit together the body of Christ with threads of compassion and companionship.

<sup>\*</sup> Laura Jaquith Bartlett

### Worship Participants:

Speaker: Ken W. Song Leader: Pearl T.N. Worship Leader: Lindsay S. Accompanist: Ruth T.

Scripture Reader: Pearl T.N.
Children's Time: Shauna F.
Sound: Grant Klassen

**Greeters**: Kathy R. & Peter S. **Offertory:** Ruth T. and Pearl T.N.

#### This Week at Home Street

| July | 21 | 10:00 am        | Worship Service                      |
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|      | 21 | 2:00 pm         | Laotian Worship Service              |
|      | 22 | 7:00-9:00 pm    | CODA (downstairs)                    |
|      | 23 | 8:00-9:00 pm    | Recovery Chapters (downstairs)       |
|      | 25 | 8:00-9:30 pm    | 12 Step Group Meeting                |
|      | 26 | 7:15-8:15 am    | Men's Prayer Group Meeting           |
|      | 26 | 2:30 pm         | Funeral Service for Jake Wiebe       |
|      | 26 | 6:00-9:00 pm    | SDA (downstairs)                     |
|      | 27 | 9:00 am-4:00 pm | SDA worship (sanctuary & downstairs) |
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#### Inside Our Doors

- 1. Seasoned with Scripture. Over the summer months you are invited to think about a favourite Bible verse of yours. Write the reference boldly on a piece of 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper with your name and a few words describing why this verse is special to you. Bring this paper to church and put it in the labeled basket on the table at the back of the church (south side). The collected verses will be printed in larger type and displayed around the sanctuary throughout the summer. Contact Judith Rempel Smucker if you have questions. Thanks for participating, on behalf of the worship committee.
- 2. If you are able to help with set up or clean-up for the funeral for Jake Wiebe on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> please contact Jan Miller.
- 3. Office hours the week of July 21

The church office will be open 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Please note all bulletin items will need to be in by Thursday 9:00a.m.

Pastor Judith will be on vacation until July 26.

Pastor Melissa is away from the church July 20-25, returning to the office July 26

**July 28** will be Pastor Melissa's final Sunday at Home St. Her work ends July 31.

4. We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the fall. This is wonderful way to engage with the children and youth of our congregation. Sunday School is offered for children 3 years old to grade 12 and takes place on Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 10:45 am. We aim to have at least 2 teachers per class, in order to lighten the load. We use a thorough and comprehensive curriculum with many activities, games and lessons which makes for minimal preparation. Please

prayerfully consider this request and contact Lindsay Sawatsky if you are interested or have questions.

#### **Outside our Doors**

**Discovery:** A Comic Lament has been affirmed by those who have seen it, both settler and Indigenous people. Several Indigenous people have expressed a feeling of profound relief; it is, in one woman's words, an answer to a prayer that white settlers are sharing the burden of Doctrine of Discovery education from Indigenous shoulders. In Winnipeg, an elder from a settler community who read an excerpt from the play said that it had "opened up a space in his heart" to understand the Doctrine of Discovery.

This play is being performed in **Winnipeg on July 25<sup>th</sup>**, **2019** in the Canadian Mennonite University Chapel as an event open to the public and in conjunction with the annual Bridgefolk conference. Tickets for the play can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/discovery-a-comic-lament-tickets-56829521629. More information about Bridgefolk and the conference can be found at http://www.bridgefolk.net/conferences/bridgefolk-2019/registration-information/

The Bethania Group calls for board members: The Bethania Group operates under the direction of a Board of Directors comprised of 12 volunteer women and men who have a special interest in the needs of the elderly and who ensure that high standards of care are maintained. The role of the board is to govern the organization and oversee its activities. This means that we focus on the strategic and overall activities of Bethania, not the day-to-day operations. There are seven Board meetings each year as well as committee meetings throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a Board member please email <a href="mailto:general.inquiries@bethania.ca">general.inquiries@bethania.ca</a> Or fill out a board application form online at www.bethania.ca under "About Us" then "Our Board."

Employment Opportunity: Lindenwood Retirement Living Maintenance Manager, Full Time – 40 hours/week For more information please contact Ashley – WMSCI Human Resources (204) 594-2296 or ahibbs@lindenwood.ca

**Circles of Support & Accountability** is looking for volunteers, please see the poster on the bulletin board.

#### Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes....

# You can help us reach our goal of 350 acres to feed hungry people around the world.

We're only 100 acres away from achieving our goal for this year's Grow Hope harvest. Will you help us? You can sponsor an acre for \$300 or split an acre with friends. Watch it grow to \$2,500 thanks to matching support from the Government of Canada.

#### Find out more at mccmb.ca/GrowHope.

Serve with MCC by working in Winnipeg at 134 Plaza Drive or 159 Henderson Hwy. Several great opportunities available! Visit mccmb.ca/Openings for the full job descriptions.

Volunteer with MCC in our Material Resources Centre here in Winnipeg! MCC Manitoba needs regular volunteers to bale comforters for distribution to families in need all around the world. Tasks require attention to detail, the ability to stand for long periods of time, lifting and lowering 60lb packages, and willingness to learn to operate a hydraulic baler.

Availability is Tuesdays or Wednesdays. If interested, please contact Sophia Bezoplenko at 204-261-6381 or <a href="mailto:sophiabezoplenko@mccmb.ca">sophiabezoplenko@mccmb.ca</a>.

Deadline approaching for interest in Buckets of Thanks!
Looking for a fun group activity for Thanksgiving? Pack a relief bucket for children and families in need around the world. MCC sends buckets filled with much-needed supplies like soap, toothbrushes and towels to communities that have been affected by disaster or conflict. Contact Simone Thiessen at 204-261-6381 by July 31 with your interest in packing a Bucket of Thanks!

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



#### Shake: Rattled by the Radical

Introducing our electrifying, ground-shaking theme for the all youth (gr. 6-12) gathering, July 28- August 1, 2019, at Shekinah Summer Camp, SK. Grounding ourselves in spiritual practices and the beauty of *Shekinah*, we will be invited to draw into deeper relationships with

our Creator, and each other. Planned by MCM and MC Saskatchewan. Contact Kathy Giesbrecht, kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca

Or visit: prairieyouth.ca

Gathering 2019 Resources: Visit MC Canada's website for stories, photos and videos from Gathering 2019. Firestarter stories, workshops, Elaine Heath and more. Updated as resources become available. Check back to see what is new.

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

**Maintenance volunteers needed!** Are you somewhat handy and willing to work with some great people? Our camps could use you! Come out for a day or two or come for a whole week and dive in to our camp community!

At Assiniboia: July 21-26, August 5-10

At Koinonia: July 28-August 2, August 5-10, August 11-16

Thank you to all of the people who stepped up to volunteer this summer at camp. We could not do it without you!

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Ever wonder about **the role of the church in the former East Germany**? Come to hear Bernhard Thiessen from Berlin on July 24 @ 7:30 PM at Mennonite Heritage Archives (610 Shaftesbury Blvd.) to learn about Mennonites in the German Democratic Republic and their Canadian Connections.

Interested in ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Mennonites? Interested in Indigenous-Settler reconciliation? Then the Bridgefolk 2019 conference hosted at CMU might be for you! Newcomers are always welcome. Includes Ted & Co. performing "Discovery: A Comic Lament" Check it out at www.bridgefolk.net.



Please consider becoming an MDS volunteer at one of our project locations, especially Puerto Rico and Saipan. For more information or to serve please call:

– Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email <a href="mailto:kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net">kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net</a>

**Please note:** Home St. Church is a scent-free facility. Due to health difficulties, we ask that individuals refrain from wearing strong scents or from using such products within the building. This can include perfume, after-shave lotion, and hand cream, for example. Thank you for your participation in reducing the problems caused by strong scents.

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