



Home Street Mennonite Church

Sunday Worship May 24, 2020

Worship at Home, 9:30 - 10:45 am: Today -- Thursday -- is Ascension Day, and our Sunday service will focus on the Ascension of Christ, through the interweaving of scripture, poetry, music, and reflections. As usual, you will receive a Sunday morning email with worship materials. We encourage you to complete this worship time in your homes by 10:45 so you can join an 11:00 am Zoom gathering for congregational sharing and prayer.

Worship Services from Mennonite Church Canada Congregations are also recorded every week and can be viewed at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>. This week Mennonite Church British Columbia will be sharing the service from Chinatown Peace Church. This service includes communion, so you may want to have bread/crackers and juice/grapes ready.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, we will share communion together during our Zoom call at 11:00 am. We invite you to purchase juice and bread, and grapes and crackers if desired, on your next shopping trip. Then plan to join our communal celebration of the Lord's Supper on May 31 on Zoom. If you're able, wear a red, orange or yellow shirt for our Zoom call as we celebrate the flames of the Spirit on Pentecost day.

Children, please send us some Pentecost Art: You will find the story of Pentecost attached to this email. We invite you to read this story together with your parents, and then to create a drawing, painting, playdough sculpture, or whatever kind of artwork you like about the story. Snap a picture and send it to them to Judith by Tuesday, May 26. We'll use them in our Pentecost worship service on May 31.

The Climate Action Group is encouraging Home Street households to consider giving to the Climate Action Building Fund again this year. Many of us have or will receive a climate action incentive payment as part of our tax return, and we would like to suggest that folks consider donating this sum of money to the building fund. So far this fund has been used to pay for an energy audit of the church building, honorariums for guest speakers in our Adult Sunday School climate action series, and costs associated with Bob's art workshops on worship and creation care. We consider these kinds of projects to be critical to the mission and vision of our church.

We recognize that with COVID-19, some people are experiencing financial strain and loss of income. We also recognize that some people have already given to the fund in other creative ways (such as buying Gordon's honey or Brenda's face masks - thank you!!). In these challenging and uncertain times, we trust that people will continue to give as they are able.

With thanks,
David N., Allegra F.E., Sarah J., and Bob H.

Faith class - Baptism - Becoming a Member: As we become more accustomed to our adapted life as a faith community, it feels like this is a good time to start adding back some of the things we'd normally be doing. Asking questions, growing in faith, declaring our faith, and rooting ourselves in the community of faith are important parts of that. This week's new guidelines from the province also allow for distanced backyard gatherings, making it much easier to get excited about having faith discussions as a group. So if you

are considering baptism, or would like to be part of a faith discussion group, or want to become a member of Home Street, please get in touch with Phil, Judith, or Marnie.

An invitation for June: Tired of binging on Netflix and sourdough? Looking for another obsession? Next week's announcement email and our Facebook page will invite you to participate in **Bible Binge-19**. It's an invitation for Home Street'ers to become more deliberate about reading scripture during the month of June. Whether it's one of the gospels, a chapter a day, or the whole New Testament, we hope this initiative helps to form us. More details to follow.

Outside Our Doors

Mennonite Disaster Service has launched *On the Level*, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>.

Canadian Mennonite University

1. **Study Science at CMU** - Join this online webinar to learn about distinct features of CMU's Science degree options, pre-requisites, labs and opportunities for research and fieldwork. In addition, you will interact with CMU science faculty. **Wednesday, June 3, 3:00 -4:00 PM CDT.** www.cmu.ca/campusvisit
2. On **June 5** CMU Alumni from across Canada and beyond, are invited back to the cafeteria - this year for a **Virtual Chicken Fingers and Fries**. The evening's program will feature diverse musical guests including the renowned George Herberts! Full details coming soon at www.cmu.ca, or email j.derksen@cmu.ca for details.
3. The **CMU Farm** is celebrating 10 years of learning, growing, and farming for change. The Metanoia Farmers' Cooperative is a group of CMU students and alumni who are responsible for running both the CMU Farm on campus, and working 14 acres of associated land near the village of Neuberghthal. All of them are emerging farmers: lovers of God's good creation motivated by their faith to learn and develop skills they may or may not have grown up with, in order to learn and practice sustainable agriculture. Read about their story at <https://media.cmu.ca/story-cmufarmtenthanniversary>.
4. This month on **Sunday@CMU**, CMU's President Dr. Cheryl Pauls, opens and reads selections from **The Believer's Church Bible Commentary series** (7 of which have been, or are being written, by CMU faculty). These excerpts, framed under the theme, **A Way into Scripture for All**, act as a form of meditation and reflection. The **Sunday, May 24** program is focused on the commentary on **Joshua**, written by Dr. Gordon Matties. <https://media.cmu.ca/sunday-at-cmu-may-2020>

Westgate Spring Bursary Banquet - ONLINE Fundraiser!

We invite you to tune into the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) on **May 28th at 7:00pm** to watch a virtual event where you'll hear from students, staff and Westgate families. Please consider making a donation to the bursary fund and/or purchasing tickets to our online raffle.

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Mennonite Church Manitoba

The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee invites your prayers. We will be interviewing Executive Minister candidates in late May, checking references and then discerning our recommendation to the MCM Board. Please pray that God's Spirit will guide the entire process and the choice that is made.

International Witness

Sermon by IW director offered for use in congregational services

In a recorded sermon "The Kingdom of God is like a banyan tree," originally for Morden Mennonite Church, International Witness Director Jeanette Hanson looks at Ephesians 2:17-22 and shares how each expression of church enlivens the whole, using examples from International Witness ministries around the world. Share this resource with your church community. Available at <https://youtu.be/fjYi7PcnFTY>.

Korean Mennonite church eager to meet face to face

Pray for the Mennonite Seoul meeting group led by South Korea Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park. They have cancelled meetings since the first Sunday of March due to COVID-19 and gather through online Zoom meetings. The group is eager to meet face to face. Pray that they find peace as they stay at home and find ways to support one another.

New worship building for Vietnamese congregation

Pray for the construction of a worship place in Di Lang, Quang Ngai, Vietnam. This is one of the 78 congregations that are part of the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam (EMCV). North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship relates to this conference.

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