



**Weekly worship service for September 6, 2020**  
 Join Morden Mennonite Church in their homes and backyards this Sunday as they share their worship service with our nationwide community of faith. Drawing

on lectionary texts for this Sunday, the service focuses on the relationship between "the law" and "love." Through song and story, readings and meditation, may we be drawn afresh into Jesus' way of love. Join us at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.

This will be the last weekly shared nationwide service for the time being.

Thank you to all the congregations who shared their worship with us over these past few months.



**Meet our Table Talk guest speakers: Gerald Gerbrandt**  
 President Emeritus of Canadian Mennonite University Gerald Gerbrandt lives in Winnipeg and will be a guest speaker at Mennonite Church Canada's study conference Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" on October 24. He will present on worship in the Old Testament.



**Register** for Mennonite Church Canada study conference on Oct. 24, 2020.

**In our latest interview**, Liaison to Ministry in Africa for Mennonite Church Canada Tany Warkentin shares about the relationships formed between our Canadian congregations and the Burkina Faso Church and ways congregations can learn more and become involved in International Witness ministry in

Africa.

**Lindenwood Villa – 500 Lindenwood Dr. E.**

2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1173 sq. ft lease up for re-assignment  
 Church open house, Sunday, September 13, 1 – 2 p.m.  
 Public open house, Sunday, September 13, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Please call D'Anne Hansen at 204-979-0432 for more information.

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**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**September 6, 2020**  
**Welcome to Worship**



**Focus Statement:** Maybe God rolls out grace so deep and unrelenting that it's even for the much-maligned, carrion-eating raven, and even for us, in all our complicated interweavings of beauty and sinfulness.

**Gathering**

Prelude

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Katherine Hawker, posted on [www.liturgyoutside.net](http://www.liturgyoutside.net))

Look at the ravens and birds of the air;  
 they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns  
 and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**May our hearts be open to trust you.**

Look at the birds of the air;  
 they neither study nor plan nor plot their course  
 and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

**May our eyes be open to see you.**

Look at the ravens and birds of the air;  
 they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility  
 yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

**May our hands be open to serve you.**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Song *God of the Earth*

Blue 53

Prayer of Confession:

Blue 691

Words of Assurance: *Psalms 103:8-13*

**Listening**

Scripture Reading: *1 Kings 17:1-7; Luke 12:22-34*

Children's Story

Song *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of Heaven*

Blue 324

Meditation

## Responding

Offering Prayer and Music  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

Song *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Blue 427  
Benediction

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## Worship Participants

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Worship Leader: Dan E.T.  
Speaker: Judith F.E.  
Musicians: Maureen E., Allegra F.E., Madeleine W.  
Children's Storyteller: Judith F.E.  
Worship Visual: Michelle M., Peter F.  
Audio/Video Technicians: David S., Matt V.

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## In Prayer

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On Thursday evening, Home Street leadership met to worship and pray, to reflect on the past year, and to plan for the coming year. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they lead us into this next year with all its potential and challenges.

Please remember the staff and residents of Bethesda Place and other care facilities impacted by the pandemic.

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## Inside Our Doors

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**Fellowship:** All are invited to go the park across the street for an informal time of visiting and picnic lunch following the service. Bring your own chairs and food and drinks. We will sit in household groupings 2 meters apart.

**Youth event:** Sunday, September 13th. Junior and Senior Youth meet at Vimy Ridge Park from 12:15 - 2:00pm to hang out and play games. Pizza and pop will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Email or text Phil by Friday the 11th so he knows how much pizza to order.

## Christian Formation

While Home Street continues to adapt to these interesting times, our Formation leaders are starting to wonder what shape Sunday School, education, and youth programs might take in the fall and winter months. Given all the adaptations families will already be making as the school year begins, and given that we are just figuring out how to gather safely for worship, we are anticipating a "relaxed" fall with modest plans. In the next few weeks we will be looking for your guidance via a survey, so that we can get a sense for your priorities and gauge your comfort levels with small group gatherings. For now we just want you to know that Home Street's life beyond our worship services has not been forgotten.

**Our church websites has a new look!** A government grant enabled us to hire Alexa Nicolle to redesign our public website and our private intranet site. Alexa is a CMU student from Rosthern, SK with skills in web and graphic design. We're very grateful for her 80 hours of work with Home Street! Check out the website: <http://www.hsmc.ca/>

**From the Indigenous-Settler Relations Group:** Please send a message to the Minister of Justice and your own MP, urging the federal government to take action to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as it promised. Such action will foster justice and reconciliation in Canada. Use the sample message and sending tool provided by MCC Canada. Find the tool at: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/advocacy/campaigns/prioritize-un-declaration-legislation>

## Office Hours:

Phil will be away from Sept 5-7, back in the office Sept.8.  
Cindy is back to regular hours Tuesday – Friday 9:00-3:00pm

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### This Week at Home Street

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September 6	11:00 AM	HSMC Worship Service
7	7-9 PM	CODA (Fellowship hall)
8	8-9 PM	Recovery Chapter (Fellowship hall)
9	2:30-5:30PM	Home Plate (Fellowship Hall, foyer)
10	8:00-9:30 PM	S.A. 12 Step Group (Fellowship Hall)
12	9:00-2:30 PM	SDA Worship Service

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### Mennonite Central Committee

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**We Are All Treaty People Celebration takes to the radio waves.** Tune into UMFH's radio station in the afternoon of Sept 27 to hear a variety of speakers share about what Being Treaty means to them. Find out more at [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).

**Join us for the MCC United Nations Office Online Student Seminar, November 5-6, 2020.** Inequality defines our current time – in health, economics, and racial injustice. Explore the intersection of global inequality, UN public policy, and faith-based advocacy in this seminar. To apply for the seminar, please contact Joanna Hiebert Bergen at 204-261-6381 or email [advocacy@mccmb.ca](mailto:advocacy@mccmb.ca).

**Join us for a Pastoral Care and Domestic Abuse workshop in Morden on October 22 from 9am-4pm.** Registration is \$40.00 and includes lunch. Capacity is limited, please register by October 16. For more info or to register visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).

**GO! 100 is coming to a close**, however, there is still time to support a participant. From biking to eating ice cream sandwiches to sharing time with grandparents, our challengers have been busy this summer. Visit [mccmb.ca/GO-100](http://mccmb.ca/GO-100) and click "Donate to a participant" to show your support.

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### Mennonite Church Manitoba

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**Camp Assiniboia** facilities are available for rental to families and small groups. View the brochure and rates at <http://www.campswithmeaning.org/rentals>. Please contact Linda at (204) 895-2267 or [carentals@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:carentals@campswithmeaning.org).

**Camp Koinonia** is planning on fixing basement issues in the lodge. We are in need of excavating the dirt around the basement, straightening the walls, adding weeping tile, insulating, adding a heated cement floor and more. We are starting on Sept 14th and we could use some volunteers throughout the project. If you are interested in helping please let Matt Heide know your interests at 204-534-8268 or [campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com](mailto:campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com)

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### Canadian Mennonite University

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**Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life**, A CMU 55-Plus Enrichment Program. Discovery can be a life-long delight and Xplore courses, designed for +55 audiences, examine dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Because of COVID-19, Xplore is moving online via Zoom, thus making all courses available widely across the country. Xplore in Fall 2020 offers eight stimulating courses, every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning September 30. Anyone with access to a computer and the internet will be able to benefit from these courses. View course, tuition, and registration information here [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore)

**CommonWord's** in-store services are now open from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Come for your books and resources, fair-trade coffee and chocolate, local perogies and sausage, and much more. We're thrilled to welcome you back, and to open alongside folio café! (COVID-19 safety protocols are in place; please come wearing a mask). Our online retail, loan and digital services continue.

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### Mennonite Church Canada

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**Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund!**

This spring [Mennonite Church Canada donated \\$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. Click [here](#) for more info.

### INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

#### Prayer request for friend of Pantojas

Please pray for Toto Balono, colleague of Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja. He is in hospital requiring surgery following a vehicle accident. Pray for his family and their financial situation as they face the cost of this medical treatment.

#### Prayers for African churches dealing with COVID-19

Our partner in ministry AIMM (Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission) asks us to pray for our African brothers and sisters in this time of COVID-19. Pray that those struggling to find resources to buy food and those needing medical attention find what they need. Pray that hospitals and medical staff will still provide care to the best of their ability even though ventilators and other important medical tools are almost nonexistent in most African countries.

