

Home Street Mennonite Church

November 15, 2020

Welcome to Worship

 **FOCUS STATEMENT:** While Christian denominations often emphasize those things that make each distinct from the other, a closer look at our music reminds us that we are all followers of Jesus, guided by the same Spirit, unified as we worship the same God. As we mark the 100th anniversary of our building, we celebrate a century of faithful worship.

Organ Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship (Rev. Andrew Roddan, Dec 26, 1920)

Let us humbly dedicate this building
to the service of God and humanity,
and earnestly pray that through its services
the homes of the people may become centres of love and peace;
that the lives of little children may be made more happy
in the knowledge of Jesus their Saviour and Friend;
that young people may find wise counsel
to keep them on Christ's highway of life;
that the weary may find rest;
the sorrowing comfort;
the friendless kind friends;
the stranger a warm welcome;
the sinful a loving Saviour;
and all people true Christian fellowship.

Let us resolve to be faithful to the teaching of God's Word,
faithful in all our relationships with others,
and faithful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer

Organ music *The Church's One Foundation*

HWB 311

Reflection

Song I heard the voice of Jesus say

HWB 493

Children's story

Scripture reading – *Psalm 100; John 4:19-26*

This is God's word to the people

Thanks be to God

Reflection

Offering prayer

Organ offertory *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Reflection

Song Jesus calls us here to meet him

STJ 3

Reflection

Song *Come and see*

HWB 20

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer HWB #731

Litany of Rededication

(inspired by Cynthia Lapp's "Litany of Dedication")

We give thanks to the Creator for the gift of this land,
for the covenants and stories it holds.

We commit ourselves to care for the earth and to seek its wholeness.

We rededicate ourselves to the healing of this land.

We offer humble thanks to the Indigenous peoples of this land.

We acknowledge the harms of the past and present, and we commit ourselves to being Treaty people.

We rededicate ourselves to justice in this land.

For worship and the rituals of the church,
for studying Scripture, learning and discerning,
for forming faith in community,
we rededicate ourselves and this building.

For comfort to those who mourn and strength to those who struggle,
for joy and laughter, good fellowship and good food,
for ever-widening hospitality,
we rededicate ourselves and this building.

For welcome to those who search a spiritual home,
For belonging to those who seek community,
For a wide embrace of all your splendid and diverse human family,
we rededicate ourselves and this building.

For seeking justice when wrong is done,
for speaking peace when violence threatens,
for embodying God's healing and hope in this world,
we rededicate ourselves and this building.

We give thanks for wood and brick, drywall and paint,
for windows and doors, carpets and the elevator.

To their care and maintenance, repair and renovation,
we rededicate ourselves in this building.

Bless this land and this building, O God.

May it continue to be sacred space
for generations to come.

Thanks be to God.

Song *No Church completes construction*

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Benediction

Organ postlude

Worship Participants

Speaker: Phil C.E.

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.

Musicians: Matthew F., Maureen E.

Puppets - Brenda Su.

Prayers of the People: Phil C.E.

Visuals: Michelle Montsion

Inside Our Doors

1. **Indigenous Settlers Relations Group (ISRG):** next Zoom meeting will take place Tuesday, November 17th , 2020 at 7:30. Please contact Carol Dyck if you are interested in joining us for this meeting. Agenda items include review of our recent events with an Indigenous focus, highlighting some recent new resources & brainstorming on other opportunities for increased awareness/actions on Indigenous issues. Carol will send the zoom link out to you closer to the day.
2. **Nurturing Faith During Challenging Times**
As a way to nurture our spirits and keep us connected, the HSMC Adult Education Working Group will be hosting a four-part series via Zoom. Sessions will run from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday evenings. There will be roughly 30 minutes of input followed by 30 minutes of group discussion. You will receive a Zoom invitation from the church. Please join us on the following dates.

Nov. 18, "Scripture," with Dan N.

Nov. 25, "Prayer and Meditation," with TBA

Dec. 2, "Activism," with Allegra F.E. and Esther E.T.

Dec. 9, "Worship," with HSMC Worship Committee
3. **Next Sunday, November 22 is Memorial Sunday** and we will light candles to remember loved ones who have died. Join us for a slightly shorter live-streamed service, followed by candle-lighting and prayers on Zoom. For the Zoom portion of the service, please have candles ready to light in memory of your loved ones.
4. **Please remember Palestinian farmers during this year's olive harvest**—a normally festive time for communities—as they face the twin challenges of COVID-19 and harassment by Israeli soldiers and settlers. To learn more about the importance of the olive harvest for a just peace in Palestine, visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/olive-harvest-initiative>.
For Christmas gift-giving support Palestinian farmers by purchasing Zatoun fair-trade extra virgin olive oil (\$25 per 750 ml. bottle). **Call or email Byron R-B. to place your order.** This promotion, in partnership with CommonWord bookstore (which also sells it), is part of the work of MCM's Palestine-Israel working group.
5. **Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend Home Street Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church Manitoba. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Cindy at the church office by Nov. 23.

Outside Our doors

"Making Space for Grief:" This Zoom retreat is offered through St. Benedict's Monastery from Friday, Nov 20, 7 pm to Saturday, Nov 21, 5 pm. We all have much to grieve. Some have lost loved ones or jobs and all of us had parts of our world change. You are invited to this retreat where experienced guides, Wanda Derksen and Laura Funk, will hold space for you, gently guiding with some teaching on grief and some open space for paying attention to the aches inside, helping you move through shadowed valleys. Registration is \$60 at <https://www.stbens.ca/new-events/making-space-for-grief-1>

Canadian Mennonite University

Mennonite Central Committee

Manitoba

Don't miss the Centennial Celebration on Saturday, Nov 21 at 7pm! This memorable event will feature stories of MCC's work, music, prayer and a time of thanksgiving. We hope to see you there, virtually! Visit mccmb.ca/Events to register.

University students, curious about how MCC advocates to the Canadian government? Learn about MCC Ottawa and how we are reshaping Canadian aid policy to create lasting change. Learn more and apply at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar

Give the perfect Christmas gift this season. Choose a goat, solar lanterns or a brood of chicks. Chickens provide eggs, meat and can boost income for families around the world. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

The Christmas Craft and Bake Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19 limitations. If you have any questions about how you can support MCC's Material Resources work contact us at 204-261-6381 or MaterialResources@mccmb.ca.

Canadian Mennonite University Face2Face | From Violence to Peace:

Stories can change the world – CMU's next Face2Face conversation draws upon a CMU Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies class, 'Cultures of Violence, Cultures of Peace'. This class of 27 includes 11 students from the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) in the Philippines. The weekly learning, relationships, and stories shared by these students and peace practitioners have been transformative. Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00–9:30 PM (CST) Online, somewhat later than normal in order to accommodate participants in the Philippines, given a 13-hour time difference. The livestream feed will be available here www.cmu.ca/face2face.

During the pandemic CMU remains VIRTUALLY OPEN to all prospective students. Any student who applies by November 30 will have the \$80.00 application fee waived! Sign up for an Individual Virtual Visit and a one-on-one conversation with an Admissions Counsellor at enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/virtual_visits or choose to be part of CMU's next Virtual Campus Visit Day on Friday, November 27 from 4:00–5:00 PM (CST). Register for this and other dates at www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.

CMU is seeking your help! Students presently living on campus, whose homes are east of Terrace Bay, Ontario, will be returning to spend time with their families over the Christmas break. On their return in January they must each quarantine for 14 days. CMU faces space limits for this purpose on their return and we are looking to secure vacant basement suites, apartments, heated trailers, hotel suites... for students from Ontario facing this reality. Accommodations must include a private bedroom, private bathroom, and a good internet connection – and ideally a space for the student to cook for her/himself. Should you be aware of any possibilities, or want to know more, please contact Charlie Peronto, CMU Director of Student Life, at cperonto@cmu.ca. Thank you!

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

As members of Westgate's community you are invited to join us at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate's **virtual** Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 30th, 7:00 pm. If you would like a copy of the AGM booklet or would like the link to attend the Zoom meeting please contact the school at 204-775-7111 or westgate@westgatemennonite.org.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Due to the latest provincial restrictions on COVID 19, **Camp Assiniboa will be closed until further notice.** Sunday afternoon trail walks will resume when these restrictions are lifted. Thank you everyone and stay safe!



Mennonite Church Canada congregations donate \$40,000 to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund

Since the spring, our nationwide community of faith we has raised over \$40,000 for [MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world who struggle to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. We reached 80 per cent of our goal to match Mennonite Church Canada's initial donation of \$50,000 in the spring. Thanks to everyone for helping to build up our global body of believers.

INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS

Take Action for the Declaration

The Government of Canada promised to introduce legislation to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the end of 2020. With only one month to go before the House of Commons breaks for the year, we are still waiting and praying! Please send the Minister of Justice and key politicians an urgent message—using [MCC's Take Action Letter](#)—to support this “framework for reconciliation” (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada).

INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

Colombia Mennonite Church calls for end to mass violence

In [a statement from the Colombian Mennonite Church](#) on the massacres in communities and the assassinations of community leaders and former guerrillas, the church strongly calls the government, civic leaders and churches to work together to decrease violence and injustice in their society. There have been more than 60 mass killings so far this year. Adolescents, young people and small farmers are main victims. Please pray for safety, wisdom and peace for the pastors, leaders and congregations of the Mennonite churches as they take this courageous stand for peace and justice.

Prayer as tensions rise in Ethiopia Pray that the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia, the largest church in Mennonite World Conference, will be a strong voice for peace as ethnic tensions threaten civil war and nine million people are at risk of displacement due to increasing violence. Pray that the ethnic divisions will not spill over into the church. Pray for unity and peace.

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