

Home Street Mennonite Church

Welcome to Worship

May 30, 2021



Life in Christ: Seasoning Life

Focus Statement: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Blessed are you who embody your saltiness and light through good works that serve the world and bring glory to God. (Based on Matthew 5:13-16)

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

With love and grace,
God seasons our lives.

**With passion and joy,
the Spirit lights our lives.**

Come, Jesus says, be salt of the earth,
and share with others the flavour of life.

**Come, Jesus says, be light for the world,
and illumine for others the path of hope.**

Be salt. Be light
that others may taste and see
the goodness of God.

**Briny and bright,
may we be God's faithful people.**

Prayer

Song *You Are Salt for the Earth*

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hearing

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Children's Story

Offertory

Message: "Blessed are the Salty"

Responding

Song *A Little Bit of Salt*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Prayer

On Zoom:

Congregational Sharing
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
Benediction

We acknowledge that we meet on the ancestral lands of several First Nations and the homeland of the Métis people. We commit ourselves to being Treaty People and to living in right relationship with one another as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples.

Worship Participants:

Meditation: Dan ET

Visual Display: Michelle M, Peter F

Worship Leader: Judith FE

AV Technicians: Mackenzie N, Scott W

Children's Story: Linda E

Prayers of the People on Zoom: Judith FE

Musicians: Carrie S, Hannah BW

Zoom Technician: Kenton N

In Prayer:

Witness workers George and Tobia V are visiting places in China they have ministered, strengthening connections as they finish their time in China in the next few months. Pray that these relationships are strengthened and that Chinese colleagues have a sense of peace and clear vision for the future.

Inside Our Doors

1. There will be **Children's Zoom Sunday School** on Sunday, May 30th at 10:00 am. Families, Lindsay will send you the link.
2. **A new option during our Sunday gatherings on Zoom:** Small break-out groups have been an important way of getting to know one another during our Sunday Zoom gatherings. We recognize, though, that there may be Sundays when some of you prefer a quieter space of solitude. Beginning this Sunday during the break-out time, you will have the option of remaining in the "main room," turning off your camera if you like, and listening to music. If you prefer this option click the "not now" button when prompted to join a break-out group and you will remain in the main room. When the break-out time is over you will see others re-enter the main room for sharing and prayer. By offering this option, we hope to provide space for either small group conversation or quiet reflection.

3. **Life in Christ**

Worship Series: May 30 – June 20, 2021

When we commit to the path of Jesus, learning what it means to live ever more deeply in Christ, we discover that life in Christ is rich and multi-layered. The Bible uses many different metaphors to describe the fullness of life in Christ. Some may be quite familiar: Running the race, abiding in the vine, following the Good Shepherd, building on the rock.

Other metaphors are less frequently referenced, but offer profound insights into life in Christ.

- May 30: Seasoning Life
- June 6: Breathing God
- June 13: Birthing Life
- June 20: Wearing Christ

4. **Germinating Conversations Book Launch: Thursday, June 3, 7:00 pm.** Celebrate many years of rural-urban dialogue and relationship building around topics of food, faith, farming, and the land. At this book launch, participants of Germinating Conversations will speak to their involvement in the initiative over the years and imagine possibilities for future engagement. The editor of this book is Home Street'er Marta BW [Register for the book launch](#) and/or [purchase a copy of the book](#).
5. **"How do you identify yourself?** What role do culture and ethnicity play? How do Jesus and scripture inform the shaping of identity?" These are some of the questions to be considered at a one-day (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) online conference on **Identity, Culture and Scripture**, Saturday, June 12, planned by the Indigenous Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land. Presenters include: Adrian Jacobs, Jimmy Thunder, Jeremy Bergen and others. To register, send an email to uimd@rupertsland.ca. More information is available on Facebook -- search for Identity, Culture and Scripture.
6. **Volunteers needed!** Mennonite Disaster Service, in partnership with Home Street, has begun renovating a home and is looking for day volunteers starting immediately. Three to four volunteers are needed per day, primarily Monday-Friday, but with some Saturdays as well. No special experience or skills are needed at this point. COVID protocols will be in place to ensure volunteer safety. For more information please call the church office.



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Marking the 150th Anniversary of Treaty 1 – Week 3: May 30th, 2021

IMPACT OF PANDEMIC on Indigenous Peoples

There are almost daily reports about the disproportionate impact of CV-19 on Indigenous Peoples. Along with this, there are also many reports on how Indigenous Peoples are reclaiming their traditional cultural practices and taking charge of their own health. Traditionally, Indigenous elders and Knowledge Keepers have passed on information from one generation to the next using oral stories only. One striking change seen during the pandemic is the increasing use of social media to record these oral stories and share – this makes it much easier for all of us to appreciate their messages. Here are some examples of recordings done by 3 different elders:

Elder Wisdom Series (Alberta) - video featuring Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Piikani Elder, and U of Calgary's Elder in Residence: [Indigenous storytelling brings important perspectives to the pandemic dialogue | News | University of Calgary \(ucalgary.ca\)](#) – talks about history of pandemics in Indigenous communities & Indigenous ways of knowing.

Messages given by 2 Manitoba elders/knowledge keepers (both are also members of Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba Council of Elders)

Elder Harry Bone: [A Message from Elder Chief Dr. Harry Bone on COVID-19 and the Vaccines - YouTube](#)

Grandmother Florence Paynter: [A Message from Grandmother Florence Paynter on COVID-19 and the Vaccines - YouTube](#)

Outside Our Doors

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU Admissions Webinar: What are CMU Grads Doing? Have you ever wondered what kind of career you'd like after university? We bet you have. This uncertainty is the perfect opportunity to get creative, imagining all sorts of possibilities. This conversation with a variety of CMU grads will help you envision where your arts, business, science, or music degree could take you. **Wednesday, June 2 at 4:00 PM (CDT)**. More information and registration at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Join the "Ring up the Cash" Camps with Meaning Covid Relief Campaign. We are expecting a concerning deficit this year. Donate and/or join the campaign. Visit our special campaign site to learn more and participate: ringupthecash.causevox.com

Camps with Meaning Staffing needs: We still are in need of Health Officers for our Pop-Up Camps and Kitchen staff for our staff training and day camp weeks. We still need Health Officers for Pop-Up Camps in Steinbach on August 4, at Koinonia on August 6, at our city days on August 9, 10 and 12 and at Assiniboia on August 13. It's just one day, but it makes all the difference! Kitchen staff (2-3 per week) are still needed for June 23-25 at Koinonia, as well as July 4-9, 12-14, 25-30 and August 9-13 at Assiniboia. Contact the camp office at 204-895-2267.

Pop Up Camps: Camps with Meaning day camp weeks have filled up fast but we still have room at many of our Pop-Up Camps in August. Let us bring a little taste of camp to you! August 4 at Grace MC in Steinbach, August 5 at Morden MC, August 6 at Koinonia, August 9 at Fort Garry MF, August 10 at Jubilee, August 12 at Bethel MC and August 13 at Assiniboia. www.campswithmeaning.org

Pray and act for peace in the Holy Land. In recent days, hundreds of people have been killed and injured in fresh violence fueled by pent-up hatred and ongoing injustice. Pray for our partners at Bethlehem Bible College and for all Palestinian Christians as they bear witness to Jesus' way of peace. Contact your MP to ask Canada to take a clearer stand for justice and international law. For more, please visit: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>.

Gratitude Groups: Everyone who is a part of a Mennonite Church Manitoba congregation is invited to participate in online Gratitude Groups. These groups will run every second week for 6-8 sessions of about 40 minutes each in length over Zoom. We will spend time each session reflecting on what we are grateful for. For more information and to sign up, click here: <https://butterflyjourneys.ca/spiritual-director-in-residence-mcm/gratitude-groups/> These groups will be led by Laura Funk, Spiritual Director in Residence for MCM.

Westgate News

Bursary Event 2021

Thanks to all who made this 2nd online event a success. Much needed funds were raised and our totals so far are over \$55 000. Bursary Event funds help support students who may not have the finances to join our community otherwise. We are so grateful for your ongoing support. If you would still like to watch the inspiring video or donate, you are most welcome.

Bursary Event 2021

Spring Concert

Please join us for our first ever Virtual Spring Concert! Please join the Junior and Senior String orchestras, the Grade 6/7, 8, 9 and Senior Bands as they play some great grooves on percussion instruments, and hear the beauty of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble in their new video presentation. We thank you for your ongoing support of our young musicians, and hope you enjoy this short video showcasing the Westgate Music students!

Westgate Spring Concert

Radio Play

The show must go on! COVID restriction had us facing the challenge of still providing dramatic experiences and producing something for our wider community to enjoy. Students and staff have put together a performance of Little Women for your pleasure. Enjoy this on the go or in the comfort of your own home. Listen and be entertained.

Little Women -- A Radio Drama

Mennonite Central Committee

You can help provide relief to the DR Congo volcanic eruption. Hundreds of homes on the outskirts of Goma were destroyed by flowing lava after Mount Nyiragongo erupted on May 22. MCC and local partners will provide emergency assistance to affected families. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/volcano-relief or click [here](#).

Help provide emergency relief in Gaza today. The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse when hospitals are already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged, with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies and trauma healing. To donate, click [here](#) or visit mcccanada.ca/gaza-relief.

Join us for an online Quilt Sale this spring from June 7-11! Browse through quilts, purses and stuffed animals for the perfect gift for yourself or a loved one. All items are handmade by volunteers as part of MCC's Quilt Show & Sale Committee. To learn more visit our [Facebook page](#) or mccmb.ca/Events.

Employment Opportunities

The Bethania Group is currently recruiting for 3 positions:

- 1) Food Services Manager for ArlingtonHaus and KingsfordHaus (Full time) Closing date: June 4, 2021
- 2) Live in Caretaker at BethaniaHaus (Full time) Closing date: June 7, 2021
- 3) Weekend Caretaker for 2 locations (Part time) Closing date: June 7, 2021

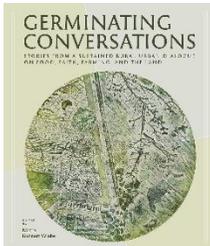
These job ads can be viewed online at Indeed – search for The Bethania Group and the job ads will come up.



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"The promise is for you!"

Pentecost greetings from Mennonite Church Canada



Germinating Conversations: a grassroots model for navigating difficult conversations

Read our latest Interview with Marta Bunnett Wiebe, editor of *Germinating Conversations*, a project that opened up space for listening, discernment and dialogue on faith, food and farming.

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/11682-an-interview-with-marta-bunnett-wiebe-on-germinating-conversations>

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