

# Home Street Mennonite Church

## Welcome to Worship

June 6, 2021



### Life in Christ: Breathing God

**Focus Statement:** From the first moments of Genesis, to the experience of the prophets, to the preaching of Jesus, to the teaching of the early church, the breath of God has always been understood as the animating force of faith and life.

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song *God who touches earth with beauty* VT 550

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

### Hearing

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 17-18

Children's Story

Offertory

Message

### Responding

Song *As the Wind Song through the Trees* VT 373

Prayer

### On Zoom:

Congregational Sharing

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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*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.*

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### Worship Participants:

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Meditation: Phil CE

Worship Leader: Ben P

Musicians: Brenda Sch, Ruth T

Visual Display: Michelle M, Peter F

Zoom Technician: Randy P

Prayers of the People on Zoom: Phil CE

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## In Prayer:

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This morning, as part of our Milestone Ministry, Bibles will be presented to the grade 3 children at Home Street. Pray that the stories of scripture will shape their lives and draw them into the way of Jesus.

We continue to lament the deaths of 215 children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, and the deaths of all children who lost their lives at residential schools across Canada. Pray for their families; pray for Residential School survivors who continue to live with the trauma of these schools; pray for healing, reparations, true reconciliation, and right relationship between the Indigenous peoples and settlers of this land. Ponder the [statements from Mennonite Church Manitoba and Canada and the prayer by Dorothy and Vince Fontaine](#).

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## Inside Our Doors

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### 1. 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.

June 6: Breathing God

June 13: Birthing Life

June 20: Wearing Christ

2. **"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](mailto:uimd@rupertsland.ca). More information is available on Facebook -- search for Identity, Culture and Scripture.

### 3. Junior and Senior Youth and families

This Sunday, June 6 - Roll Kuchen drive-thru in the Campbell-Enns back lane. Bike, walk, saunter, or drive past anytime between 4 and 5. The chat will be well distanced and brief, and the fried dough will be fresh. Please RSVP as per the details in your email.

4. **Taste of China Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone who ordered dumplings, pick-up is at the side door of the church from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 12, unless you arranged for home delivery. Please designate your donations for China Witness Fund. E Transfers can be made to [donate@hsmc.ca](mailto:donate@hsmc.ca), or cheques mailed to 318 Home Street, Winnipeg, MB R3G 1X4. You can also bring your donation when you pick up your order. Charitable receipts will be issued minus a deduction of \$5 per bag from donated amount to cover costs. Donations to the China Witness fund can be made anytime, so if you missed out on the orders but would like to support the cause that is appreciated.



## Marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Treaty 1 – Week 4: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### FOCUS ON CULTURE: Indigenous Star Blanket

Have you seen this star blanket hanging in our church basement or previously in the foyer? Check out the story of how it was given to a HSMC member in 2011 in honour of her service with Mennonite Church Canada: [Click here](#).

This person then shared it with the congregation as a reminder of our commitment to be treaty people. Look for it when we are able to open up the church again. In Indigenous culture, star blankets are seen as gifts of honour and respect. Watch this video with Elder Doris Redsky and the women of the Sagkeeng First Nation sharing on the cultural significance of the blankets:

#### **[Star Blanket Making with Sagkeeng Child and Family Services - 2013 - YouTube](#)**

Star blankets are also murals by Indigenous artists in Winnipeg. For more on star blankets and several other pieces of art including the role of art in Indigenous culture, check out this CBC article: [Click here](#)  
For a Covid-19 family activity this week, consider a scavenger hunt to find the five Winnipeg buildings that are “wrapped” in star blanket murals. Do a virtual search first and if able to, do a drive-by to actually view them – you may learn something new about Winnipeg. You are welcome to email Carol at [cidyck365@gmail.com](mailto:cidyck365@gmail.com) for the answers if having trouble finding them online.

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## Outside Our Doors

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### Mennonite Central Committee

**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](http://mccmb.ca/Events).

Our virtual challenge is back! **Join us for GO! 100 all summer long.** Challenge yourself or a team to complete 100 of anything while raising funds for peacebuilding projects around the world. Click [here](#) to get started or visit [mccmb.ca/go-100](http://mccmb.ca/go-100).

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](http://ringupthecash.causevox.com)

**Camps with Meaning volunteer needs:**

Health Officers needed for our one-day pop-up camps (Aug 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13) and August 22-26 at Assiniboia.

Kitchen Help needed July 4-9 and July 12-16 at Assiniboia.

Maintenance Help needed most weeks.

Camp Pastors needed August 9-13, 22-28 at Assiniboia.

**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](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)

Join our nationwide community of faith for **Mennonite Church Canada's AGM on Saturday, June 19, 1-2:30 p.m. EDT.** We will hear updates from our program directors, enjoy worship and reflect together as members of Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council share what God has showed them over the past year. All are welcome to register.

Link: [mennonite-church-canada-agm-2021](http://mennonite-church-canada-agm-2021)

**First Mennonite Church Winnipeg is looking to hire a part-time custodian.** On-site accommodations are available to a suitable candidate. A detailed job description is available upon request. Please email a cover letter, resume and three references to the church office ([fmc@mymts.net](mailto:fmc@mymts.net)) by June 16th, 2021.

### Canadian Mennonite University

**CMU Admissions Webinar:** Why Fall 2021 is the perfect time to enroll at CMU. COVID-19 has changed many aspects of society, including post-secondary education. When thinking of enrolling in university vs. taking a gap-year, there are some strong reasons to immerse yourself in university studies this fall. Join us to hear the top 4 reasons for why you should consider CMU this fall! Wednesday, June 16, 4:00 PM (CDT). Visit [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar) for more information.

**CMU is looking for a Donor and Alumni Relations Associate** who will champion the capacity of students to change the world by building connections with individuals and groups within and beyond the university's support network. Visit [www.cmu.ca/employment](http://www.cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre invites you to a book launch event with Abe J. Dueck for his book ***Mennonite Brethren Bible College: A History of Competing Visions***. Hear about his research on the guiding vision of MBBC (1944-1992) and its evolution, including the theology, worship and polity of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren conference that supported it. Register for the June 17, 7:30 PM (CDT) Zoom event at [www.commonword.ca/go/2413](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2413).

**20<sup>th</sup> annual CMU Golf Classic:** Join us at CMU's annual golf fundraiser in support of student athletes and student financial aid. Due to public health restrictions, the event has been rescheduled to July 7 at Kingswood Golf & Country Club. Visit [www.cmu.ca/golf](http://www.cmu.ca/golf) to register or become a sponsor.

## Westgate News

### **Bursary Event 2021**

Thanks to all who made this 2nd online event a success. 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**

Read the latest update from MC Canada including updates from all the Regional churches.

[Read the Update](#)



## International Witness

### **COVID complicates ministry in Thailand**

COVID-19 restrictions on travel in Thailand are keeping infection rates down but also making ministry more difficult for Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong, and Myrri and Ruthie Byler, who work jointly for Mennonite Church Canada and MC USA in Asia. Pray that relationships can be formed and maintained in creative ways.

### **Witness Support Networks meet this summer**

Witness Support Networks joining congregations across Canada meet virtually in June. Pray that God will give a sense of excitement and commitment to these joint ministries that we share. Pray that more congregations will join in this life-giving connection to international churches. For more info on the Networks, visit: [mennonitechurch.ca/witness-support-networks](http://mennonitechurch.ca/witness-support-networks)

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