

Home Street Mennonite Church

March 5, 2023

Welcome to Worship



Lent 2: Longing for New Birth

Focus Statement: In the night, Nicodemus seeks out Jesus to ask questions of deep longing. Jesus invites him, and us, to be born anew. What does this new birth look like? How can we open ourselves, again and again, to the transformation of the Spirit?

Prelude

Song *Let's Walk Together* VT 6

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit of God, invisible like the wind,
we do not see you moving among us,
but the effect we see; come to our hearts:
that we may be renewed and reborn.

Open our minds:

that we may perceive your kingdom.

We are here, O God; Let us be, once more,
in this moment, in this place,

Born yet again. Amen.

Prayer

Song *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* VT 602

Prayer of Confession/Lament

Scripture: Psalm 121; John 3:1-17

Children's Story

(childcare available in the basement for children ages 3 – grade 1)

Offering

Song *Lord, You've Searched Me* VT 609

Meditation

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT 737

Benediction

Postlude

We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the ancestral lands of First Nations and Metis people. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories. We acknowledge the harms that were committed in the past and those that continue today. We dedicate ourselves to being Treaty People and moving forward in right relationship.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Jessica N
Speaker: Phil CE
Children's Story: Brenda TW
Musicians: Joyce S, Allegra FE
Scripture reading: Ken N

Visuals: Michelle M, Peter F
AV Technicians: Andy BW, Matt V
Photographic Expression: Judith RS
Ushers: Heather S, Arlyn FE

<p>Hearing Assistance: Those who need some hearing assistance in the sanctuary can either ask the sound technician for a headset, or use Wi-Fi-enabled hearing aids.</p>

In Prayer

On March 3-4, Mennonite Church Manitoba is holding their Gathering 2023: Re-Imagining Church Together. Pray for our regional church leaders and churches, that together we will faithfully discern direction for the coming year.

Inside Our Doors

1. **Attention Visual Artists: 'Stations of the Street':** We are once again planning an art installation, for Holy week, on the exterior alleyway walls of our church. Are you interested in contributing creative work for this reflective exhibit of the Stations of the Cross? Art contribution deadline: Mar 26. If interested, please contact the church office.
2. **Sew/Darn/Fixit Small Group:** Do you have mending to do, clothes you want to upcycle, or socks you've been meaning to darn? You are invited to join like-minded folks to sew, darn or fix your own textile project. Bring your project and supplies—share ideas. We will meet at Linda E's home on Friday, March 10th, 7:30-9:30pm. ALL are welcome, but please RSVP by contacting the church office.
3. **Looking for a way to support climate resiliency within the city?** Metanoia Farmers Workers Co-op, located on the Canadian Mennonite University campus, grows vegetables for 70 households each growing season. This upcoming season, the cooperative is beginning a exciting permaculture project in order to further climate resilience and community education. Further information, the option to offer financial support, and the opportunity to be involved in permaculture workshops all can be found on the cooperative's website (www.metanoiafarmers.ca/development-project). Contact Bryn FE if you have any questions or want to get involved!
4. **HSMC Church Phone Directory:** Each year we update our church phone directory to aid in communication between Home Street Mennonite Church attendees. Please email or call the office to submit your contact information if you are new to the congregation and would like to share your information, or to make updates to your information. Please include the following:
 - Name/s of those in your household
 - Home Phone and/or Cell phones of adults & youth (optional) *Please note if any of these numbers are for office use only and not to be published in the book
 - Email of adults and youth (optional)
 - Mailing address
 - Birthdates of those in the household (If you don't mind sharing them in the book and having them published in the printed and emailed bulletins.)

5. **Adult Education Series: Nurturing Our Peace Theology (Jan. 8—Mar. 19).** Please join us in the church basement on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

Mar. 5 The Mennonite Experience in Canada—from Non-Resistance to Non-Violent Peacemaking (Esther ET)

Mar. 12 The Peacemaking Ministry of Mennonite Central Committee (Marta BW)

Mar. 19 Blind Spots in Our Peace Theology [like colonialism, family violence, abuse] (Dan ET)

6. **Lent Worship Series: Holy Longings**

Saint Augustine writes in his Confessions, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” Lent opens space for our restless hearts; this season calls us to name our deepest longings, to hold them before God, and to engage in spiritual practices that shape our desires in ways that make us whole. God also longs for us, deeply desiring our well-being and our love. Perhaps our task is not so much seeking God, but opening space and allowing ourselves to be found by the God who longs for us.

March 5 Longing for New Birth

March 12 Longing for Living Water

March 19 Longing for the Good Shepherd

March 26 Longing for Life (Anointing)

April 2 Longing for Deliverance

April 6 Maundy Thursday (communion)

April 7 Good Friday: A Service of Lament (with Hope, Charleswood, Fort Garry Mennonite churches)

April 9 Easter: Met in our Longings

7. **Office hours:** Please have bulletin items in by Thursday mornings.

Cindy will be on leave January 9 – March 31. Marta will be in the office Thursdays & Fridays 9am-3pm during that time.

She can be reached at administrator@hsmc.ca, 204-783-1721.

8. **Donations to Home Street Mennonite Church can be made in the following ways:**

- e-transfer through your banking app, to donate@hsmc.ca
- cheques or cash in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary (envelopes available)
- a cheque, mailed or dropped off at the church

If you are a new donor to HSMC, please include your mailing address or email to receive a tax receipt.

Outside Our Doors

9. **Saturday, March 4 at 5:00pm** in the CMU Lecture Hall: Come out to the **Manitoba premiere of the film *Custodians***, a remarkable story about learning to preserve and promote the historical Indigenous land on which we live. This documentary film follows the journey of the small town of Herschel, Saskatchewan, who came together to form what is now the "Ancient Echoes" interpretive centre. The CMU PCTS-3600 class (which includes some Home Streeters) is putting on the viewing of this movie, followed by a discussion with David Neufeld, one of the makers of the movie, to ask the question: "How can we pursue creative peacebuilding in areas of Indigenous-settler relations and ecological nurturing?" Refreshments will be provided.
10. **A spring equinox sweat lodge ceremony** will take place at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre on March 19, at 11:00 am, followed by a potluck feast. To enter the sweat lodge, you must [register in advance](#). Spots are limited. You may also participate without entering the sweat lodge. Everyone is welcome to come and be with the sacred fire.
11. **Sing for climate justice!** Multifaith Climate Action is hosting a singing rally to face the powers of climate-destructive finance with the strength of song! Come out and join the Restorative Banking Choir at noon on **Tuesday March 21st**, in front of the Royal Bank of Canada branch at **1700 Corydon Ave**. RBC is one of the world’s biggest fossil fuel funders. March 21st has been designated Move Your Money Day, with events taking place all over Turtle Island to hold the banks accountable. We will gather in a spirit of nonviolence, share information, and sing of the world that we want to invest in. RSVP to the facebook event [here](#).

If you would like to help create a song or two for this event, join local songwriter John Samson Fellows (The Weakerthans) to workshop and craft lyrics over two Sunday afternoons, beginning at 2:00 pm: March 5 at St. Mary's Road United Church, and March 19 at Home Street Mennonite Church. All are welcome from any (or no) faith tradition, no writing or singing experience needed. Come help us make joyful sounds of resistance. Let Judith Friesen Epp know if you're interested in these songwriting gatherings.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

MCM Gathering 2023 Worship Service. All are invited. March 3, 7:00pm. Douglas Mennonite Church 1517 Rothesay Ave., Winnipeg. Music will be led by the Faith and Life Male Choir and Camps with Meaning Summer Staff. Learn more about the Gathering at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/gathering

Living Hope: Centering Connection. An MCM gathering for folks 16-25 at Camp Assiniboia April 21-25. This retreat will include space for: worship, table conversations, learning circles, shared meals, outside play and creative endeavors. In all these spaces, living as communities of faith/love/hope in these days of climate changes and challenges will be explored. More information at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/livinghope

First Mennonite Church invites you to celebrate PIE Day early with them, Sunday, March 12 at 7pm. Pi Day is 3.14, March 14, and some people celebrate it by eating pie. It's also a chance for affirming congregations to be Public, Intentional, and Explicit (PIE) in their support of LGBTQIA+ folks. First Mennonite is hosting a special worship service with plenty of music, singing...and pie! Jamie Arpin-Ricci will reflect on his own journey to embrace his bisexuality and a public, intentional and explicit LGBTQ+ affirmation, with donations going to support his ministry. The service will also be live streamed at <https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/services/>.

Please see your emailed bulletins for more announcements from our wider church community. Not on the email list? Please send your name and email address to Marta to be added: administrator@hsmc.ca, 204-783-1721

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This Week at Home Street

March	5	9:45 am	Adult Ed & Sunday School for children & youth
	5	10:45 am	Worship Service
	6	6:15-8:00 pm	CODA (Fellowship Hall)
	7	8:00-9:00 pm	EA 12 Step Group (Sanctuary)
	8	2:30-6:30 pm	Home Plate
	9	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group (Downstairs)
	10	7:15 am	Men's Prayer meeting (over Zoom, contact Bryon R.B. if you would like the link)
	10	5:30-8:30 pm	SDA
	11	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
	12	9:45 am	Adult Ed & Sunday School for children & youth
	12	10:45 am	Worship Service

Mennonite Church Manitoba (cont.)

Camps with Meaning invites applications for the 1.0FTE Associate Program Director position. www.campswithmeaning.org/news

Camp Assiniboia invites applications for the 0.5FTE General Assistant position. www.campswithmeaning.org/news

MDS Canada needs volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, from March to October for Hurricane Fiona repair work. Last year MDS volunteers did clean-up work and tarped roofs; now it needs people to help fix hurricane-related water and wind damage. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org or 1-866-261-1274.

MCM Mondays - March 6, 8:00pm online. **Following Up on MCM Gathering 2023.** Join Executive Minister Michael Pahl for some reflections on our Gathering weekend, with opportunity for you to give feedback and your own reflections on our time together at Gathering 2023. How have we re-imagined church together? Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

Mennonite Church Canada

Church-to-Church Conversation: Myanmar Ministry Partners & Mennonite Church Canada: On March 22, 2023 (9am CST/8:30pm Myanmar), join a conversation between Myanmar Ministry Partners and MC Canada: Amos Chin, President, Bible Missionary Church (Mennonite), Jehu Lian, Pastor, Chin Christian Church and Mennonite Church Canada. This will be an opportunity to hear updates from Myanmar on ministry collaboration and the current political climate. You will have an opportunity to share questions via the chat in this Zoom call. [Register for the Zoom link](#)

Vietnam Update: Kevin Barkowsky and Garry Janzen (MCBC), and Jeanette Hanson (Mennonite Church Canada), recently returned from a Conference and Learning Tour of the congregations of the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam. A highlight video can be seen at <https://youtu.be/Kn4jPpTtr3s>

Canadian Mennonite University

Experience CMU – Our next campus visit day takes place on March 10 from 1:00–3:00 PM CST. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

John and Margaret Friesen Lectures – *“The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment”* with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information.

The Mennonite Community Orchestra presents, “The Power of Conversation” on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Cross (560 Arlington Street). Visit cmu.ca/events for details and ticket information.

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC Canada is hiring! Apply before March 8 to join a dynamic team as Program Assistant, supporting project funding and planning, monitoring and evaluation, including disaster responses. Read more and apply online at mccmb.ca/openings.

Opportunity for Masters’ students or professional development – [Power, Ethics, Abuse and Church Leadership](#). MCC’s [Abuse Response & Prevention](#) Co-Coordinators, Jaymie Friesen and Val Hiebert are teaching a new

spring course at Canadian Mennonite University, May 8-12. Register for the course through CMU to learn about healthy pastoral relationships, stewardship of power, and healing centred practices.

MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. You can share a gift online at mcccmb.ca/earthquake, or 204-261-6381.