

Home Street Mennonite Church

March 26, 2023

Welcome to Worship



Lent 5: Longing for Life

Focus Statement: Amid valleys of dry bones and into the depth of human longing, God comes holding out hope for restoration and resurrection... for Life. Ours is to open ourselves to this offer of hope and wholeness.

Prelude

Song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song *We Come* VT 225

Prayer of Confession/Lament

Children's Story

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

Offering

Song *Spirit of Life* VT 368

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-6; Romans 8:6-11

Meditation

Moment of Reflection

Time of anointing

Spirit of the Living God VT 740

Lord, Listen to Your Children VT 682

There is a Balm in Gilead VT 647

Song *Move in our Midst* VT 827

Benediction

Wait for the LORD,

**We will wait with deep longing
and we will wait in hope.**

Trust in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with the LORD is great power to save.**

Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise:
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you,
the love of God, Creator and Giver of Life, embrace you,
and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit uphold you,
this day and all your days.

Amen.

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: Phil CE
Speaker: Kathy G
Children's Story: Lindsay S
Musicians: Harold PF, Lilli W
Scripture reading: Chester M

Visuals: Michelle M, Peter F
AV Technicians: Andy BW, Matt V
Photographic and Musical Expressions: Janet P, Pearl TN
Ushers: Harry K, Taewook B

<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>

Inside Our Doors

1. **Home Street Youth** - this Saturday, March 25th. Together with 7 other youth groups, we'll be meeting up for an evening of fun at CMU. Watch your email for the details.
2. **Sign up for Small Groups by March 31:** Join in the fellowship and ministries of Home Street Mennonite Church by joining a [small group or a working group](#). It's a great way to get to know people! Paper copies with the list of groups are also available at the back of the church.
3. **Home Plate** is collecting large boxes of low sugar breakfast cereal (up to 12g of sugar) for distribution on April 5 and 19. Our goal is 1 box of cereal for 100 households. There is a drop box at the back of the church each Sunday.
4. **Easter Breakfast on April 9 at 9:30 am:** Come share breakfast together on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection! Bring some food to share: paska (sweet bread), hot cross buns, muffins, or whatever food marks Easter celebrations in your tradition. Cheese, fruit, and coloured eggs will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Our 10:45am Easter service will follow.
5. **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 26	Longing for Life (Anointing)
April 2	Longing for Deliverance
April 6	7:00pm Maundy Thursday (communion)
April 7	10:00am Good Friday: A Service of Lament (with Hope, Charleswood, Fort Garry Mennonite churches)
April 9	9:30am Easter Breakfast
April 9	10:45am Easter Worship: Met in our Longings
6. **Slow-pitch ball players:** You may be surprised that Home Street still has a ball team! The team is a collection of players from different churches (including Home Street) that has continued since the cessation of the formal church league. We

play two 7 inning games each Monday night at 6:15 pm at Little Mountain Sportsplex, and the season runs beginning of May until the end of August. We play in the Recreation division, so games are meant to be competitive but fun. We have 10 confirmed players (ages mid-20's to early 60's) but are looking for a handful of additional players. The cost will be around \$225/person for the season. Marv T (formerly of Home Street) and Peter S coordinate the team. If you are interested in playing, or have questions, contact the church office.

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.

This Week at Home Street

March	26	9:45 am	Adult Ed & Sunday School for children & youth
	26	10:45 am	Worship Service
	27	6:15-8:00 pm	CODA (Fellowship Hall)
	28	8:00-9:00 pm	EA 12 Step Group (Sanctuary)
	30	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group (Downstairs)
	31	7:15 am	Men's Prayer meeting (over Zoom, contact Bryon R.B. if you would like the link)
	31	5:30-8:30 pm	SDA
April	1	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
	2	10:45 am	Worship Service

Outside Our Doors

9. **You are invited to attend a performance of Faure Requiem** with orchestra conducted by Yuri Klaz on Good Friday, April 7th at 7pm at First Mennonite Church (922 Notre Dame Avenue). Soloists are Karis Wiebe and Howard Rempel. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.
10. **Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools** are looking for caring and capable individuals to join our staff team. Our Katherine Friesen Campus is hiring a music teacher for K-5 music and 6-8 band. Apply or learn more about the position at wmems.ca/jobs.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

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. Registration and information at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/livinghope

Help move furniture from the MCM offices to homes for Ukrainian newcomers. The next volunteer opportunity will be April 1st from 9-3pm. Volunteers are encouraged to register at: www.bridgeofhopeukraine.com or contact Melanie Neufeld at the Mennonite Church Manitoba office ph. 204-896-1616

21st Annual Manitoba Birding Retreat at Camp Arnes, June 2-4, 2023. This is a great event to experience God's creation with others who love bird watching. No experience required - special invitation to young birders, students, and novice birders of all ages. Children under 12 are FREE. Students of all ages 50% off registration. For more information, go

to www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat

MCM Mondays - March 27, 8:00pm online. **Indigenous Solidarity.** Our Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity (MCIS) is wanting to collaborate across the province to support each other on important actions. As we introduce our group, we also want to hear what your congregations are working on! Join the conversation as we build a movement of reconciliation in Manitoba. Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU Open House: At our place or from your place –In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a campus tour, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit cmu.ca/experience to register.

Canadian School of Peacebuilding – Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit csop.cmu.ca.

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC Canada is hiring for a part-time [Research Intern!](#) This term position will support the collection and analysis of global impact data and the development of MCC impact reporting. This position will also conduct research related to monitoring and evaluation tools, methods, and best practices. Read more and apply online by March 31, mccmb.ca/openings.

Spring has come – will you help us Grow Hope? Global hunger is an ongoing crisis, and we need you to join with MCC and Manitoba farmers to help provide food where it's most needed. Through sponsoring acres on a local farm a \$1 donation can grow and through government matching could become as much as \$5! Visit mccmb.ca/GrowHope for more information and to donate!

Thinking ahead to warmer days? Join us at the 20th MCC Golf Tournament on July 6 at Bridges Golf Course! Gather your foursome to enjoy a Texas Scramble tournament, with food and prizes, in support of MCC's disaster responses and work with displaced people around the world. Visit mccmb.ca/golf for tournament information and registration!

Shop at Ten Thousand Villages Brandon's Winnipeg Spring Market! Join us at 465 Stafford Street (Bethel Mennonite Church) on May 5th from 2–8 pm, or May 6th from 10am–4pm. Visit villagesbrandon.ca for products and more!

Mennonite Church Canada

Pray for Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they teach and mentor students in the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. See Joanne's Lent reflections on fear: <https://mcab.ca/article/11301-what-are-you-afraid-of>

Pray for God's guidance for Colombian Mennonite Church (IMCOL) and presenter Henk Stenvers, MWC president, as they gather on March 16-18 for planning and decision making at their annual assembly.

Pray for peace in Mindanao, Philippines, as Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja, continue to bring people together. Praise God for that the local military is listening to their perspective on justice-based peacebuilding, as reported in their latest newsletter: <https://www.waves.ca/reports/2023/02.2023.DannJojiNewsletter.pdf>

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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