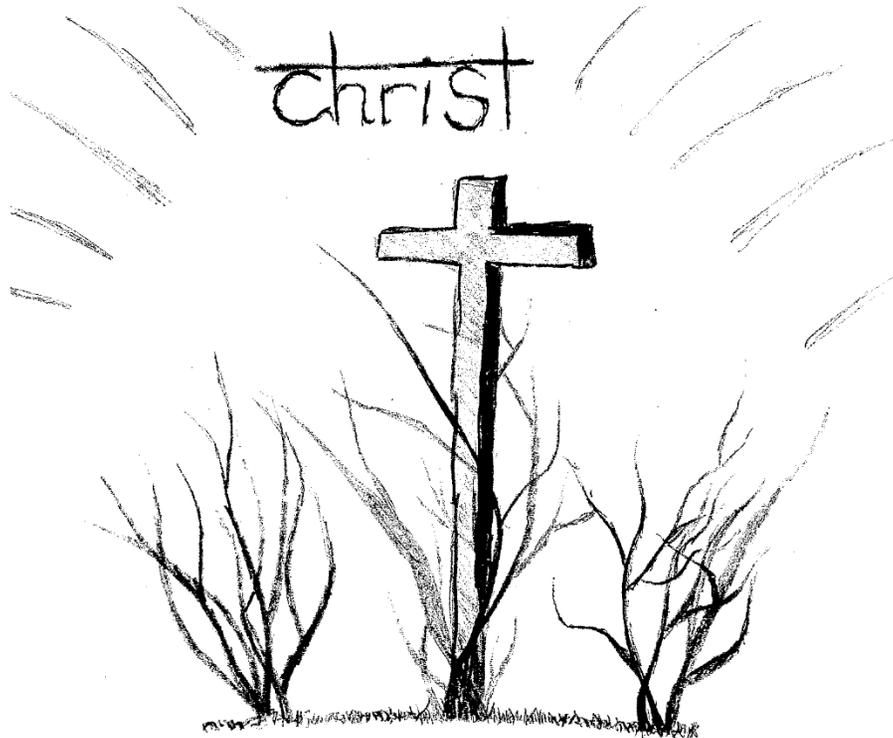


*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*

April 10 & 12, 2020



*For god so loved the world
That he gave his
one and only son.
John 3:16*

by Andrew Harder

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Carol Buhr**, part of our church family, passed away on April 5. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life, and pray for her husband Norman, family, and extended family. A private service was held.
- ~ **Our condolences** to Joe and Amanda Wiens, Gavin, Dawson, Julia and Jack, at the passing of grandfather/great grandfather Martien Wiens of Woodridge.
- ~ **Pray** for those who find themselves temporarily unemployed or being separated from loved one due to the COVID-19.

From the Pastor – Mark Tiessen Dyck

The First Day (A poem for Jesus inspired by John 20:1-4)

In the grave a week obliterated,
a life invalidated
a way defunct.
Finished.
But not time,
another day, and another
in darkness materialized
and within darkness, brilliance.
In darkness she came, in grief
a witness of the dead,
a visitor to a cemetery,
she thought;
but it was the first day. Accomplished now
though not beheld by any mortal.
First light on the first day, realized absent a witness.
Unaware of radiance, instinctively
running in darkness,
arriving to the emptiness
confirming
a stone moved,
a tomb empty,
light risen,
It is the first day
of a new week;
It is the beginning,
And in the beginning...

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA WORSHIP SERVICE

April 10, 2020 Good Friday

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life." John 3:16*

Reflection: Amanda Wiens

Worship Leader: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Laurie Enns, Rose Tryon, Sarah Dueck, Caroline Neufeld

Readers: Craig Neufeld, Rose Tryon, Caroline Neufeld, James Enns

Scripture: Sarah Dueck **Sound Techs:** Ben Dueck & Andrew Rempel

Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer

Music Holy, Holy, Holy HWB 75

The Events of Jesus' crucifixion

Scripture: Mark 14:17-26

The ungrateful disciple

Music Let all mortal flesh keep silence HWB 463

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

The half-hearted disciple

Music 'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow HWB 241

Scripture: Mark 14:66-72

The regretful disciple

Music Ah, holy Jesus HWB 254

Scripture: Mark 15:16-40

The helpless disciple

Music When I Survey

The Table

Reflection

Communion Break Thou the bread of life HWB 360

Eat this bread HWB 471

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy HWB 75

Sending Words

Notes for Good Friday Service

The service will be unannounced, and so it may be helpful to have the outline before you as you listen and participate in the worship service. Words for the hymns follow.

This service includes a time of Communion. Have some bread before you as a sign of Christ's body and something to drink as a sign of Christ's blood. This could be a sip of wine, juice, water, coffee, or tea.

While you are certainly welcome to participate in this worship service at any time, we encourage as many as possible to begin worship at 10:30am, on Friday morning. This way, we will be united in time (if not in place) as we share the bread and cup with Jesus.

The monologues that are part of our Good Friday service were written by Cameron Kaufman-Frey for worship at Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville. Minor adaptations were made by Mark Tiessen-Dyck

April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

Sermon & Scripture: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Amanda Wiens

Music: Jennifer Klassen, Andrew Rempel

Dramatization: Amanda Wiens & Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Children's Story: Andrew & Stephanie Rempel

Sound Tech: Ben Dueck & Andrew Rempel

Our worship service will be posted to abchurch.libsyn.com [Audio]
abchurchcommunity.ca [Video] first thing Sunday morning.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our Weekly Worship Services will be available online until further notice.

Worship Calendar:

For the next weeks our services will explore stories from the Gospels.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Josh** started his 4-week unpaid leave of absence. Josh & Steph are spending time in Nebraska. We look forward to Josh's return to ministry at ABC in the last week of April.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **April 16 – YFC Dessert Night – fundraiser** has been canceled due to the current public health crisis. We want to thank you for your support, especially at this time. Though we have had to temporarily halt our programs, we have not stopped the work of The Stations ministry. We have had to change the way we reach the young people of our community. Our focus now is online interaction with teens while adhering to the guidelines set by our government. We will take this time to grow relationships, ask tough questions, and ultimately show these young people how much Jesus loves them. We know that following God's lead, we will be able to lead kids and teens to Jesus in these unprecedented times.

Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616

- The Executive Minister Search Committee invites your prayers as potential candidates for this Mennonite Church Manitoba position consider whether to apply. Please pray that God will guide this entire process. The Committee also wishes to share that a report of their listening consultations is posted on the MCM website; it is entitled: "MCM Constituency Input – Summary of Our Listening".

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Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net 327-5891

- Please pray for MCI as they navigate the COVID-19 storm.
 - * Pray for students and staff of MCI, and all our schools, who are discovering new ways to teach and learn.
 - * Pray for staff as they develop creative ways to foster Christian community and build faith with students, even though they are not on campus together.
 - * Pray for the new leadership team Harold Schlegel, Executive Director; Toby Wiens, Acting Principal; Paul Peters, Director of Student Life. Pray also for Gerald Barkman, who stepped down due to health concerns.
 - * Pray for wisdom as school leaders face difficult decisions.

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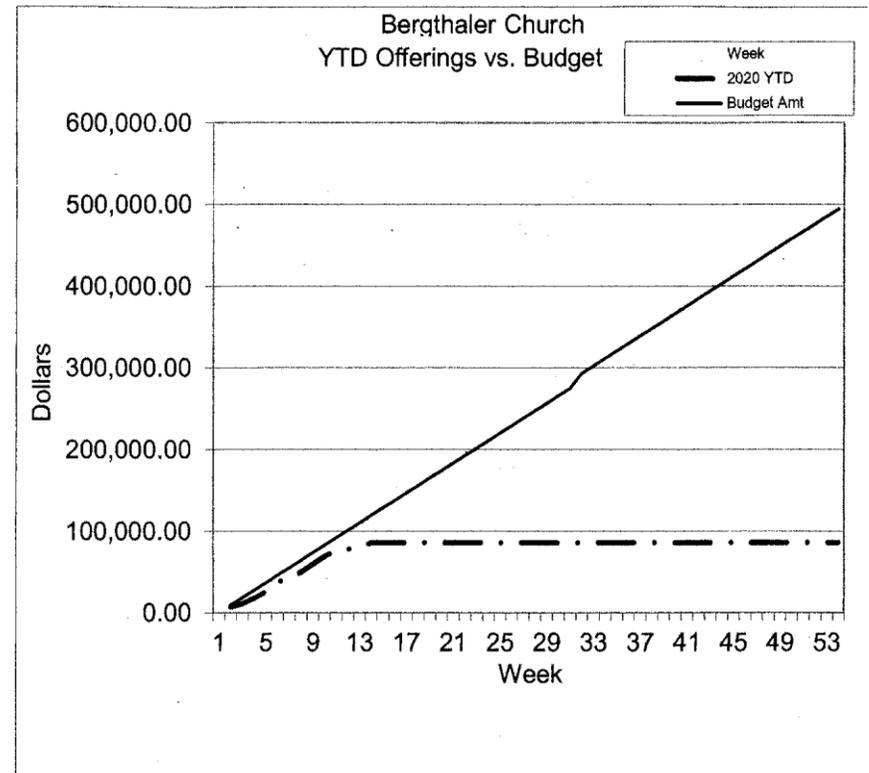
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Though the church doors remain closed, the church continues to operate. We will continue to strive to meet our financial obligations. At present we are at 72% of our giving budget or - \$33,089.54. Please continue your giving.

Here are ways you can continue giving:

- Dropped off at Don & Grace Fehr
38 Sunflower Crescent
A basket is located on the front porch
Just drop it in and ring the doorbell
No cash please.
- Mailed to the church. We will still pick up the mail on a regular basis.
117nd Street NW
Altona, MB
R0G 0B1
- Electronic transfer
If you have not already set this up
Call Don & Grace Fehr
204-324-5908

Holy, Holy, Holy HWB 75

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!

God, who, uncreated, God who always was,
Endlessly exalted, reign forever more.

Mighty, wondrous, loving, circled 'round with awe;
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence HWB 463

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for the blessing in his hand.
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow HWB 241

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone.
'Tis midnight; in the garden now the suffering Saviour prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and from all removed, Immanuel wrestles 'lone with fears.
E'en that disciple whom he loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

Ah, Holy Jesus HWB 254

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That mortal judgement hath on thee descended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

When I Survey

When I Survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down,
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Break Thou the Bread of Life HWB 360

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As though didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
As thou didst less the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Eat This Bread HWB 471

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.