

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona
Worship Service

August 28 2022, 10:30 am

"[Jesus] rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm."

~Mark 4:39

THIRSTING

Welcome and announcements

Music **Oh, have you not heard** HWB 606

Call to worship and prayer

Music **Shall we gather at the river** HWB 615

DRINKING DEEPLY

Offering and prayer **Obey my voice**

Scripture reading **Matthew 14:22-33**

Sermon **Responding to the storms of life**

SATISFIED

Music **Don't be afraid** STJ 105

Prayer for the church and the world

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Calm me, Lord** STS 45

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun and Katie Krahn at the Altona Health Centre. Ben Dyck at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **We wish to congratulate** Craig Neufeld and Courtney Gabrielle of Winnipeg on their recent engagement!
- ~ **International witness:** As Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong return to Ethiopia for the beginning of the school year at Meserete Kristos Seminary please pray with students and faculty. MKS will begin a graduate program this fall semester. Pray for the De Jong's leadership as they guide this process.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**
 - Verna Heinrichs August 30
 - Martha Friesen August 31
 - Anne Kehler September 1
 - Gerald Voth September 2
- Also, our congratulations on a momentous anniversary to:**
 - Larry and Rose Tryon – 50 years on September 2
 - John and Sharon Friesen – 50 years on September 3

WORSHIP CALENDAR

- August 28:** Come to the water: Storms - Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
- September 4:** Come to the water: Crossing - Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- September 11:** ABC goes to Camp Assiniboia. *No in-person worship in Altona or livestream.* (See "Church Announcements")

Pastor Mark and Glenys Voth will be leading worship at Gardens on Tenth and Eastview this morning.

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leader: Mary Anne Loepky **Music:** Flying Free

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

These days my heart and prayers are with my former congregation, Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church. SAMC is entering a time of transition: their long time lead pastor, Marla Langelotz is ending her ministry there and associate pastor, Andrea De Avila, is also concluding her ministry in the church. This week it was an honour for me to record a video greeting for the celebration event of Andrea's ministry.

Tennyson once wrote, "I am part of all that I have met." How true that the people we encounter and communities we are part of forever shape who we are and what we become. My presence here at ABC also links the story of SAMC to the story of our church. I learned a great deal about ministry from Marla during the six years that we were colleagues. Andrea inspired me in many ways too. The community of SAMC was the place that first called me to ministry and encouraged my growth as a pastor and in many ways prepared me for my role as a pastor at ABC.

An article I read recently explained that if the life of a congregation is like a song, a pastor's departure is a major shift in the melody; perhaps like removing an instrument from the orchestra or changing the key or rhythm. I invite you to join me in holding SAMC and other churches, including our own, who are living through the changing music of pastoral transitions.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ABC goes to camp Sunday September 11. We are moving our worship to **Camp Assiniboia** (2220 Lido Plage, Cartier, MB). We will gather at 10:30 am for worship in the main lodge. Then share a meal together and enjoy one another's company as we take in the beauty of the camp setting while visiting and other activities for the afternoon. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person. **Please sign up** in the church foyer or by calling the church office, camp would like to know numbers for the meal. If you are still interested in coming for night be in touch with Mark or Virginia.

Tuesday morning coffee is on! You are welcome to join the church staff in the library on *Tuesday mornings at 10 am!*

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mennonite Church Canada Nationwide worship service Sunday

August 28: Join Eigenheim Mennonite Church in Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Rachel Wallace is the speaker and her sermon title is "Caught and Called" based on the scripture passage Luke 5:1-11. If it's not "about those fish" what is it about? Jesus is still calling people into relationship, to be with him, become like him, and do what he does. We're invited to follow and fish! Available at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Head for the hills Eden foundation fundraising event will be September 10, 2022. Register now at (204)325.5355 or edenhealthcare.ca. Poster in lobby.

MCM: Sterling Mennonite Fellowship invites you to their "MCC Go 100!" Pie Fundraiser. All proceeds to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. See the poster in the lobby.

MCC: The annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration will take place at the Forks on Sunday, September 18. Come out for a family friendly afternoon event with music and performances, food, Indigenous arts, crafts and more!

This fall, give the gift of a relief kit with "Buckets of Thanks". Help MCC meet the overwhelming needs of displaced people by giving a tangible gift of essential hygiene supplies to a family who has been forced to flee. Pack a bucket or sponsor the cost of supplies with your family, Sunday school class or care group to extend your gratitude this Thanksgiving. Find out more at mccmb.ca/events, or email simonthiessen@mccmb.ca

CMU: Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life – Xplore offers life-long learning courses investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Join one or more of our six courses in-person or online Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. For information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

Are you interested in leading people in worship? Need to find an outlet where your compassion gifts will be exercised? We have an opportunity for you at Boundary Trails Hospital helping with Sunday Evening Services. If interested contact Larry Reimer, Spiritual Care Coordinator at 204-331-8809 or by email lreimer2@southernhealth.ca

Blood donor clinic - Thursday, September 8 at the Altona Pioneer Centre. The donor hours are: 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Please call: 1.888.236.6283, or go on-line to book your appointment. *They ask for appointments only and no walk-ins.*