

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*Sunday, August 9, 2020*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**August 9, 2020**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Delores Enns

Music: Mixed Quartet

*“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her?  
She has done a beautiful thing to me”.*

*~ Mark 14: 6*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music What a Joy!

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Be Tide

**LISTENING**

Moment in Mission Video

Scripture Reading **Mark 14: 1-11**

Sermon **“Risking Beauty”**

**RESPONDING**

Music The Wonder of Wonders

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction & Postlude

Music I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz, Anne Kehler and Elizabeth Doell at Altona Health Centre; Art Froese at Boundary Trails Health Centre; Sadie [Willie] Funk at Health Sciences Centre.
- ~ **Pray** for Sharon (James) Friesen who is battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ~ **Gertrude Kehler** has moved to Lindenwood Terrace in Winnipeg. We wish her God's blessing as she leaves our community and adjusts to her new home in Winnipeg.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:** Pray for George Veith, Witness worker in China, and Chinese colleague Yin Hongtao, as they organize and translate Anabaptist materials for congregations asking for training. Pray that they would produce a program that meets the needs of local believers and built on by local leaders. Praise God for the opportunity to meet with congregational leader's face to face at the end of July.

Access to the livestreaming on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)]. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.

Our worship service will be posted to [abchurch.libsyn.com](http://abchurch.libsyn.com) [Audio] [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca) [Video] Sunday afternoon.

Children's teaching will be posted to [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)  
This week's teacher is Cheryl Harder.

This Sunday our "Moment in Mission" video will feature the ministry of Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg. They offer seven different ministries in Winnipeg and we will hear from participants in each of these ministries. You can watch the video at: <https://vimeo.com/382486346>

**From the Covid 19 Re-open Taskforce- a friendly reminder** to practice physical distancing when coming to worship. We are aware that all of us have our own perspectives on what level of physical distancing should be expected of us. We also know that if we are able to practice good distancing more people will feel comfortable coming to worship. Some suggestions include: visit outdoors after the service, avoid lingering especially in doorways, and don't sit close to people who are not from your household or in your immediate social bubble.

## **From the Pastor** – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

I'm excited for our sermon series beginning in September called, "Hard questions". During this series we will seek God's wisdom in responding to issues we face in our Christian walk. Here are some of the questions that we as pastors are considering addressing in sermons throughout the series:

- How will Covid affect the church in the long term?
- When a loved one chooses a different path...
- How do we know when the Holy Spirit is speaking (and we're not hearing our own intuitions)?
- Baptism... is it necessary?
- How do we share our faith?
- How do we understand science in relation to our Christian convictions?

I would also like to hear from people in the congregation. Is there a sermon that you have always wanted to hear? Is there an issue or dilemma you have struggled with? We won't be able to address all of our questions in this series, but we do want to ensure the congregation has the opportunity to guide the content of this sermon series. So, I encourage you to be in touch with ideas or feedback. Send me an email or give me a call. I'm excited to begin a new season with preaching that challenges us to walk more closely with Jesus amidst the challenges and questions of life.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**  
Pastor Virginia will be away August 17-23  
Pastor Josh's vacation August 17-24 and August 31-September 7.
- **Today** is the last Sunday in our sermon series on women of the Bible. Next week we begin a 4-week series on the disciples of Jesus. We will explore the strengths and weaknesses of this group of Jesus' followers.
- **Tuesday 10am Coffee** - outside on the church grounds. This will be a physically distanced event and so you will need to bring your own lawn chair and coffee mug, coffee will be provided.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Sept 19** - Eden Foundation's *Head for the Hills 2020* - join us again this year. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).
- **Sept 19 - Visit the Villages Tractor Trek.**

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **Day Camps** at Camp Assiniboia. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to learn more and register or call 204-895-2267.

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennochurch.ca](mailto:office@mennochurch.ca) 888-6781

- **Aug 9** – Our nationwide worship comes from Charleswood Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. In Matthew 14:22-33, Jesus walks on the water and beckons Peter to follow him. How is the church being invited to step out of the boat and walk toward Jesus amid a storm of injustice, a pandemic, a climate crisis and uncertainty swirls around us? Visit: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.
- **Oct 24**, MC Canada Study Conference. Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a study on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from MC Canada-affiliated colleges & universities will present on themes of ecclesiology & worship. Registration open: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)
- **Help match** MC Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund! MC Canada has donated \$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund to help sister churches around the world struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now MC Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. Click [here](#) for more info.

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- **Aug 11, 7pm** - Learn more about how MCC is building relationships and working towards reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours. Tune in to our webinar, *Working Towards Right Relationships*. More information at [mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series).
- The 18<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Golf Tournament has been officially cancelled.