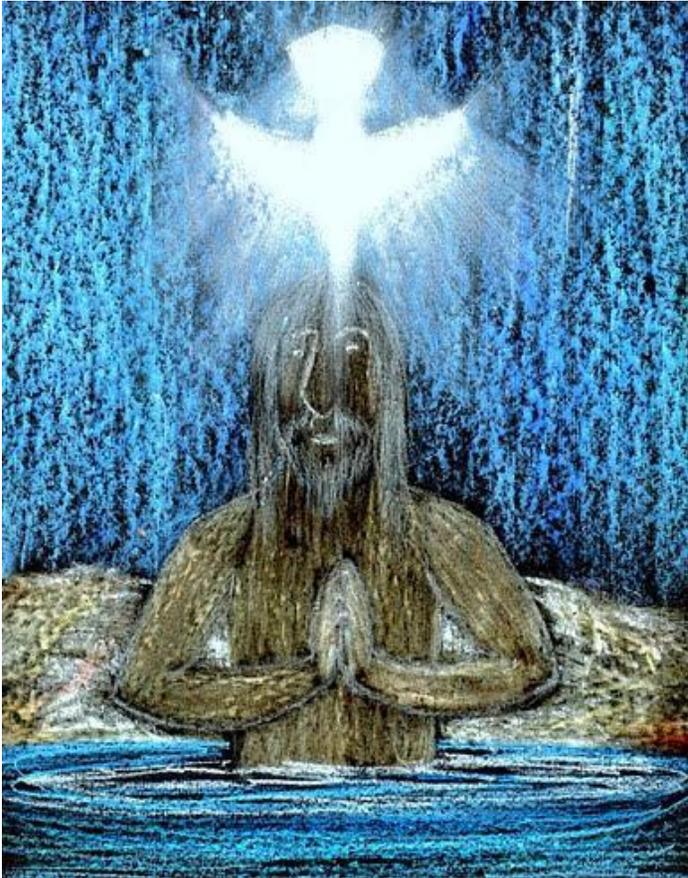


*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, January 10, 2021

Worship Service

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

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“⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.” ~ Mark 1: 9-11

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **If you believe and I believe STJ 32**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music **Down to the river to pray**

Children’s Story

Scripture **Mark 1: 4-11**

Sermon **“Nativity at the Jordan”**

RESPONDING

Music **Epiphany on the Jordan**

Prayer for the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Praise God HWB 118**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Byron Loeppky

Children’s Story: Sharon Friesen

Music: Recorded Artists

Our worship service will be available on the church website
Sunday morning [abchurchcommunity.ca] at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun, Elizabeth Doell, Helen Schulz, Waldo Schulz at Altona Health Centre; Anne Kehler at Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital.
- ~ **Art Klassen** of Winnipeg, formerly of Altona and part of our Church family, passed away January 1st. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life, and pray for his wife Mary, and his family and extended family.
- ~ **Thank you** for all your expressions of sympathy through prayers, calls, cards, food and flowers, at the passing of our father Peter Toews.
~ Don & Grace Fehr
- ~ **Thank you** to all who donated to our Mitten Tree project. 137 scarves, 42 toques, 11 pairs of mittens and 34 pairs of socks/slippers were collected and donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Please continue to pray for the situation in Tigray, Ethiopia. Pray for unity within the Meserete Kristos Church that includes all ethnic groups in Ethiopia. Pray for safety for the Eritrean refugees in camps in that area. Pray that God's peace will reign and that leaders will be given wisdom to act for the good of all.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Consider the Birds of the Air a 5-week sermon series on birds of the Bible. We will dive deeper and fly higher into the meaning and symbolism behind several images/stories of birds included in our scriptures.

Jan 17 - The Raven and the Dove. Genesis 6: 9-9:17

Jan 24 - His eye is on the Sparrow. Matt 6: 25-27

Jan 31 - A mother Hen gathering her brood. Matt 23: 37

Feb 7 - On Eagles Wings. Isaiah 40: 28-31, Rev 4-5

Feb 14 - TBD

Donations for the church can be dropped off at Don and Grace Fehr's home at **85 Martin Crescent**. Place your donation in the designated box and then ring the doorbell. PLEASE NOTE THEIR NEW ADDRESS, and don't leave your donation at Don and Grace's former residence.

2021 Donation Envelopes can be picked up from the church. Ring the doorbell and Susan will meet you at the door.

FROM the PASTOR: Josh Janzen

I am sure many of you are aware of the events that took place at the United States Capitol this past week. As I sat and scrolled and listened to the news coverage, these were the only words that would come to my mind. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

As I write this Thursday morning, my heart aches. My heart aches for the violence done. My heart aches for those deceived by the powers and principalities of this world that directly attacking the United States Capitol building was their best option to resolve what they had been led to believe was an egregious wrong. My heart aches for the double standards of violence that law enforcement often employ. My heart aches for the continued divisions and rifts in families that this event has only made worse. I have hope, I have faith. But this week, my heart aches.

Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Jr Youth

- Jan 12, 7pm – Bible Study - Stretch!

Sr Youth

- Jan 15, 7pm – Bible Study – Stretch!

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **As pastors**, we are inviting people of all ages to talk with us about baptism. If you are experiencing God's call to baptism, are wondering if the time is now, or have already been baptized and desire to explore our faith anew, let's talk. The first step is a conversation. Please do not hesitate to be in touch! – Mark, Virginia, Josh.
- **Tuesday morning coffees** will resume on January 12, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM.
- **Commission Chairs:** reminder to submit your reports for the Annual Report Book to Susan at the Church Office. Thanks, if you have already submitted.
- **The pastors** are working from home during critical code red. You are welcome to be in touch by phone or email. Susan will be in the office so you are also welcome to call the church. The facility will be closed to visitors during the critical code red period.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Jan 13, 4pm** - CMU's next Wednesday Webinar, Live and Thrive on Campus, will explore how university learning and on-campus residence life can go hand in hand! Be in conversation with CMU's Residence Director, take a virtual tour of dormitories and apartments, hear from students who live in residence, and learn about CMU's health and safety protocols for on-campus living. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.
- **CMU's** Community School of Music and the Arts continues to offer online group classes starting in January 2021! Visit www.cmu.ca/csma/ or contact Judith Oatway, CSMA Program Coordinator.
- **Through this Place** is a monthly e-newsletter 'inside, outside and all about CMU'. To subscribe visit www.cmu.ca/newsletter.

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- **MCM** invites applications for two positions: Financial Services Assistant (.75 FTE) and Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE) to start ca. Feb 1, 2021. These job descriptions are posted on the MCM site. Submit application letter and resume to Peter Rempel, Interim Administrator, at office@mennochurch.mb.ca by Jan 20 (extended deadline).

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a 1-year cross-cultural service experience for Christian young adults. Visit mccmb.ca/SALT
- Join the Ottawa Office and learn about how MCC is reshaping Canadian international aid policy. This virtual seminar from Feb 16-18 is available for university students. Application deadline: Jan 15 and registration is \$20. Learn more and apply at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar.

Mennonite Disaster Service - ecomunications@mds.mennonite.net