

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, July 12, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

July 12, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leader: Josh Janzen

Music: Jenn Klassen, Steve Reimer, DJ Wahl

Video/Audio Sound Technicians: Jason Driedger, Gord Sawatzky

“So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said “On the mountain of the Lord it will be Provided”. ~ Genesis 22: 14

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Create in me**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Even so come**

LISTENING

Moment in Mission Video

Scripture Reading **Genesis 22: 1-19**

Sermon **“Child of Promise?”**

RESPONDING **How great is our God**

Music

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude

He who watches over me

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Norman Buhr, Waldo Schulz and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Praise God for the land by the River Chi made available to the Maliwan church families including Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong. This will be the site of Peace House, which will be a community centre in this shanty town neighbourhood on the outskirts of Khon Kaen, Thailand. Pray that God will bless the Maliwan congregation as they become a presence of God's peace in this community.

Access to the livestreaming testing on Sunday mornings will be available from the A.B.C. website [abchurchcommunity.ca]. However, the quality of the video and/or audio may be compromised while our A/V technicians explore applications that support livestreaming and develop expertise at livestreaming our Sunday morning services. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.

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

Children's teaching will be posted to abchurchcommunity.ca
This week's teacher is Mark Tiessen-Dyck.

During the next weeks our worship service will include a "Moment in Mission" video. This Sunday we will learn about the ministry of MCC. If you would like to watch the video from home, you may follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sslgfG7HaUU&feature=youtu.be>

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From the Pastor – Josh Janzen

I want to take some time to reflect with you on God's goodness and God's power. As I write this, Steph and I are still under quarantine in our home, but undoubtedly grateful that we are here to quarantine in the first place. I have frequently thought about our border crossing and just how smoothly it all went. It feels impossible to think that it was anything but a testimony of God's goodness and power at work in this world. God showed up in a miraculous and powerful way. I will testify to the power of God and to the power of prayer from hundreds of people on both sides of that border. At our final stop before the border, Steph and I decided that no matter what happened in the coming moments, we would make the choice to praise God. "If we get across, we praise God. If we get turned around, we praise God". We made it across, and we are constantly praising God here in our house. But what if we were turned around and had to stay in Nebraska indefinitely? Would we still actually be praising God?

This world is beautiful and it is broken. The reality is that hard stuff will happen. But it is exactly for that reason that we celebrate. Whether or not it happens in every instance, God is moving and working in this world. God is actively making all things new. God is bringing Heaven and Earth together again. Even as you read this right now, the Kingdom of God is at hand, the New Creation is coming.

While we still may not be able to sing in-person all together, I can't help but end with lines from a favorite hymn, "How can I Keep from Singing".

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Church Office hours** - 8:30am-12 noon.
- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**
Pastor Mark returns to his office July 14.
Pastor Virginia will be away July 20-27 and August 17-23
Pastor Mark will be away July 27 – August 3
Pastor Josh's vacation to be determined.
- Next Sunday we begin a 4-week sermon series on women of the Bible. We will explore the faith of several women in the face of struggles and hardship, and the significant role they played in our understanding of the gospel message.
- **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

- **July 14, 2-7pm** - Canadian Blood Services mobile clinic at Altona Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Main Floor Hall, 227 10th Ave NW. Call 1-888-236-6283 to schedule your appointment - NO Walk-ins please!
- **You can** now sign the Christian Religious Exercise [in schools] Petitions online. Please share the link so that the required signatures can be attained quickly. Visit: form.jotform.com/201624320340034

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- A Pop-up Camp from Camps with Meaning: Friday, **July 24** at Morden Mennonite Church. Come for a day filled with Bible exploration, nature adventure, crafts, and camp games. For info and to register, head to www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/campers/schedule-and-rates.
- **Support group for Mennonite racial minorities** If you (or someone you know) is a racial minority in the Mennonite Church (including international students) and would like to be a part of this group, please email Gabby Martin (from Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church) at: gabbymartinwork@gmail.com.

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennochurch.ca 888-6781

- **July 12** – MC Canada weekly worship service – Niagara United Mennonite Church - Daniel Janzen reflects on Exodus 3: 1-6. <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipservices> and our [YouTube channel](#).
- **Help match** MC Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund! This spring Mennonite Church Canada donated \$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church 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

- **July 15, 11am.** Give us our daily bread: COVID-19 and the coming food crisis, an online webinar. With global lockdowns, disrupted supply chains and economic downturns, more people will go hungry. Hear stories of how MCC continues to provide. Sign up [here](http://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series) mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.
- **We are honoured** to be one of Bridges Golf Course's charity of choice this summer for their Charity Green Fee Promotion. Book a tee time with Bridges and a portion of your fee will benefit MCC! Find out about their new promotion at www.bridgesgolfcourse.com/golf/charity-green-fee-promotion/.