

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 18, 2021

Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

*“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless
who misuses his name.” ~ Exodus 20: 7*
*“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,’ ~ Matthew 6: 9*



Sunday, July 18, 2021

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Breathe on me breath of God** VT 737

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Blessed assurance** HWB 332

LISTENING

Moment in Mission

Children's Story

Scripture Reading **Jeremiah 28, Exodus 20: 7**

Sermon **"God is an end, not a means"**

RESPONDING

Music **Nothing is lost on the breath of God** STS 121

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **For the Journey**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

Children's Story: Heidi Toews **Scripture Reader:** Delores Enns

Music: The Mountain Anthems, Hour of Power Choir,
Rosthern Junior College High School, Steve Bell.

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

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Larry Tryon, Harold Sawatzky, Waldo Schulz, and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Let's join in prayer** for Anne Dueck as she journeys with cancer and treatments. May God grant her strength and peace.
- ~ **Let's join in celebration** for God's gift of love and marriage. Congratulations to these couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage:
 - Pete and Carol Sawatzky (June 11)
 - Ben and Susan Dueck (July 17)
- ~ **Pastor Mark** is serving at Eastview/Gardens on Tenth this morning.
- ~ **Pastor Mark** will be on vacation from July 19 – August 2.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: Thank God that the AIMM (Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission) Kinshasa office in DRC is now open and allows AIMM to be closer to African partners. Pray for God's presence and wisdom as AIMM serves God's people through the church.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We continue our worship series exploring the Ten Commandments and how these instructions continue to help us orient our lives to Christ's call.

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| July 25: Keep the Sabbath holy | ~ Josh Janzen |
| Aug 1 : Honour mom and dad | ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert |
| Aug 8 : Don't kill | ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck |
| Aug 15: Don't commit adultery | ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert |
| Aug 22: Don't steal | ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck |
| Aug 29: Don't testify falsely | ~ Josh Janzen |
| Sept 5 : Don't covet | |

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FROM the PASTOR ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

It's Wednesday, late afternoon, and like many of you I just heard the news of new public health guidelines and that churches can now have worship services of 150 people (wearing masks at all times).

For myself and others, this immediately raises the question of when are we worshipping in-person again? We know that a congregation's worship life includes the community gathered in person. While our recorded services have been a tremendous blessing during this time, it is not a substitute for praising God and preaching the Word in the unity of body and place.

Even though we are excited about returning to worshipping together, it will be at least several weeks before we transition from pre-recorded services to in-person worship with a live stream. There are many logistics that need to be attended to including arranging for live stream technicians, adjusting how we plan worship services, and discerning the availability and comfort level of people leading in worship. There is also the challenge of the guidelines for masks because we know that nobody wishes to worship wearing a mask.

While we haven't had adequate time to process this news and circumstances can always change, as pastors we are determined to worship in-person by September homecoming, possibly sooner. I will be away on vacation the next two weeks, but Josh, Virginia, and our Covid Task Force will be conversing about the path forward and beginning to make arrangements.

Amidst all the changes we have navigated, the presence of God is constant. We hope and trust that you will know God's presence as we worship at home during the next weeks.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Office hours** [July & August] are 8:30am to 12 noon.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time – 10am – outside** – bring a mug and a lawn chair. Coffee will be provided.
- **Moment in Mission** - This week's video will tell the story of how MCC sand dams help education by taking less time to gather water. Check the video here: [Increasing education through sand dams | Kenya | MCC - YouTube](#)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Camps with Meaning** - Many new spots available for grades 1-5, a few for grades 6-9, and lots of room at Youth Week. Our Pop-Up Camps also have room. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

Our nationwide service this Sunday comes Foothills Mennonite Church, Calgary Alberta. Available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **We are OPEN** for individual tours during July and August. Book a personal visit time to tour the CMU campus and meet a few staff and faculty. Four time slots each weekday — evening/weekend available on request. Book a time here: enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/personal_visits.
- **Come work at CMU!** We are currently recruiting for several positions, including for Food Services Cook and Director of Finance. Check out our employment opportunities at cmu.ca/about/employment.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Choose Friendship.** Volunteer with MCC's Migration & Resettlement Program and create meaningful relationships with newcomer youth and adults. MCC will pair participants and facilitate opportunities for sharing, celebration and learning. Sign up [here](#) or at mcccanada.ca/forms/choose-friendship-mcc-manitoba. For more info, contact Simone at 204-261-6381 or SimoneThiessen@mccmb.ca.
- **Join us Sept 30-Oct 2 for MCC at 100:** Mennonites, Service and the Humanitarian Impulse. A virtual Mennonite Studies Conference hosted by the University of Winnipeg. To learn more and register click [here](#) or visit mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca. This event is supported by MCC.
- **Students,** earn \$1,000 or more toward your ongoing studies. MCC is awarding scholarships to students working toward post-secondary degrees. Learn more [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/studentawards.

Eden Health Care Services – www.edenhealthcare.ca

- **July 25** - Eden Foundation is offering motorcycle riders the opportunity to ride together and explore some southern Manitoba towns. It's a fun-ride with no requirement to raise funds. The *Motorheads for Mental Health* ride will start at Winkler Coop / Outpost Grill truck stop just east of the junction of Hwy #3 & 14. Check-in at 1 pm on July 25th. For more details go to: edenhealthcare.ca/news or call 204-325-5355.
- **Aug 14** – Eden Foundation Charity Golf Tournament at Oakview G.C.
- **Sept 11** – Head for the Hills annual Cycling is going to happen.

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Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org