

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, July 26, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

July 26, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Ken Doell

Music: Laurie Enns, Stephanie Janzen, Ang Loepky

Video/Audio Sound Technicians: Ben Dueck, Gord Sawatzky

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

~ Luke 10: 41-42

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Santo**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Adoration**

LISTENING

Moment in Mission Video

Scripture Reading **Luke 10: 38-42**

Sermon **“At the feet of Jesus”**

RESPONDING

Music **Great is Thy faithfulness**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Felix Culpa**

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre and Sharon [James] Friesen at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso - Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso asks us to pray for them as they continue to suffer terrorist attacks. Pray for protection, for the resolution to this conflict and for political stability. Mennonite Church Canada partner Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission supports the church in Burkina Faso through community outreach and leadership development.

Access to the livestreaming on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [abchurchcommunity.ca]. 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 Virginia Gerbrandt Richert.

During the next weeks our worship service will include a "Moment in Mission" video. This Sunday we will learn about the ministry of Mennonite Disaster Service "2019 Year in Review". You can watch the video at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sPVMlyCX3c>.

The Covid Reopen Taskforce reminds everyone to practice physical distancing when coming to worship. Even as gathering sizes increase, we are still required to practice physical distancing to limit the spread of Covid 19. 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.** This is a friendly reminder to practice physical distancing; it will make our worship environment safer and help others to feel comfortable joining. Some suggestions include: visit outdoors after the service (not indoors), avoid lingering especially in doorways, and do not sit close to people who are not from your household or in your immediate social bubble.

From the Pastor – Josh Janzen

I recently read an article about the need to "pray angry". Often times, we are taught that we need to restrain our anger, so that it doesn't get the best of us. But that's not always the case. Honestly, there is a lot to be angry about right now. Hundreds of thousands of people have died from the COVID pandemic, domestic violence has spiked, millions are unemployed, and racial injustice still abounds. And not to mention all the anger at losses like school, graduation and sports. Anger is appropriate right now. The author of the article notes that the Bible's good news for angry people is that God doesn't want our indifference or calm. He wants our anger.

The Psalms often show this anger with "imprecations" or prayers that call for curses and woes. The Psalms often direct these prayers of anger at the proud, the wicked, the corrupt, or the Evil One. Yet when Jesus' dear friend Lazarus died, he prayed a different imprecation. Weeping, Jesus saw the devastation that sickness can cause, and he was angered by it. So, the author says that Jesus went to the tomb, eyes red with tears and cheeks flushed with anger, and cursed Sin, Suffering, and Death itself. Jesus' prayer of anger brought life to Lazarus, and was a foreshadowing of death to Death itself.

All of us, and particularly our children and youth, need to know that all of our emotions can be brought to God, not just the pretty ones. We need to know that we can pray angry and that God will hear us. We bring all our emotions and feelings to God, and God responds with nearness and life. Even when our prayers of anger go unanswered, we can trust that God is working to bind up the broken hearted and make all things new.

Jr & Sr Youth

- **August 5 [Wed], 7-9pm** - Smores and Sno-cone night!

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Church Office hours** - 8:30am-12 noon.
- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**
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 August 17-24 and August 31-September 7.
- **Our 4-week sermon series** on women of the Bible continues. 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

- **Sept 19** - Eden Foundation's *Head for the Hills 2020* is happening, and we hope you'll come join us again this year. This delay will allow us to do our very best to comply with the health requirements of our current situation and at the same time provide you with a wonderful trekking experience. For more information and to register click HERE.
- **Visit the Villages Tractor Trek** is scheduled for Sept 19. The trek is usually held in early July but due to the impact of Covid-19, it has been determined that a later start date will be more comfortable for all the partners that work together with us to make this happen.

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

- **Day Camps** at Camp Assiniboia. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more and register for our revised camping program, or call 204-895-2267.
- **Support group** for Mennonite racial minorities. If you're a racial minority in the Mennonite Church (includes international students) and would like to be a part of this group, email Gabby Martin, Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church at: gabbymartinwork@gmail.com.

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

- **July 26** – First Mennonite Church in Edmonton, AB will share their service with our nationwide community of faith Sunday, July 26. Watch at <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipservices> and our YouTube channel.
- **Save the date: Oct 24**, Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference. Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from MC Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. For more info visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020>.
- **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

- 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*, on Aug 11 at 7:00pm. More information at mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.
- How is your **GO! 100** challenge going? We've extended the timeframe to the end of August and seen many new challenges created so far! Send your GO! 100 photos to EmilyAnnDoerksen@mccmb.ca and follow our page on Facebook to see your challenge featured! Find us on Facebook at tiny.cc/Facebook-GO100.
- **Threads!** This 15-minute radio show highlights MCC locally and globally. Listen to Threads on CFAM AM 950, CHSM AM 1250 at 8:45 am every 4th Sunday of the month or find past episodes at mccmb.ca/Threads.

Mennonite Disaster Service

- The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. Read how MDS volunteers helped Minneapolis residents clean up following the protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd. You can learn how MDS volunteers are racing the clock to restore homes in Alaska and bring wildfire survivors home. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2WrUKsZ>