

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, July 5, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

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WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Mark Thiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Wendy Friesen

Music: Joyce Falk

Sound Technicians: Andrew Rempel, Ben Dueck

*“Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe;
help me over-come my unbelief!’”*

Mark 9:24

GATHERING

Prelude - Medley

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Come, we that love the Lord**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Come, let us all unite**

LISTENING

Moment in mission video

Scripture Reading **Genesis 17:17-18, 18:1-15.**

Sermon **“It’s hard to trust”**

RESPONDING

Music **What a friend we have in Jesus**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude **May the Peace of our God.**

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Kehler, Katherine Bergen and Norman Buhr at Altona Health Centre; Waldo Schulz at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **Congratulations** to grandparents Roseann and Bill Hoffman, and great-grandparents Albert & Lena Hoffman. Madison Rose Hammond was born June 18th to Alex and Janelle Hammond. Madison is a sister for Kinsley.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Joshua and Stephanie Janzen re-enter Canada.
Update from last week: Joshua and Stephanie made it to Altona. We rejoice with them and Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church where Josh will be able to serve in person again.
Remembering 70 years of war and working for peace.
Pray for Witness workers, Sook Kyoung Park and Bock Ki Kim as they work with others in South Korea to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean war on June 25. Pray that the message of peace and reconciliation, through Jesus, Prince of Peace, will bring healing to people caught in this 70-year conflict.

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 Sharon Friesen.

For the next Sundays, the worship service will include a "moment in mission" video. This Sunday we will learn about the ministry of Tom and Christine Poovong, who are Mennonite Church Canada witness workers in Thailand. If you would like to watch the video from home, you may follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XYZH4SRPoE>.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Church Office hours - 8:30-12 noon.**
- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**
Pastor Mark will be on vacation this week, from July 6-13
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.
- **We continue** our summer sermon series on Abraham, an amazing man of faith. We will look at his call, conflicts, and covenant with God. This will be a time to dig deeper into who Abraham was and what his story can teach us about God and our call to faithfulness.
- **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

- **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

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

- Day Camps and Pop-Up Camps with Camps with Meaning. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more about and to register for our revised camping program. Or, call 204-895-2267.
- **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 5** - MCCanada weekly worship service - staff will lead in worship from Camp Assiniboia with Matthew 6:25-34 as the backdrop for our life these days. <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipperservices> and our YouTube channel.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **GO! 100!** Take on the challenge to complete 100 of any activity – running, biking, baking, singing, puzzles! – from now to July 27 to raise funds & celebrate MCC's 100th birthday. mccmb.ca/go-100.
- **July 15, 11:00am. 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 and more people will go hungry. Hear stories of how MCC continues to provide. Sign up here mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

From the Pastor – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

This Sunday we gather for our first in-person worship service at ABC in 17 weeks! WOW, that has been a long time! I am looking forward to worshipping in a place with more than 10 people, and I am looking forward to seeing many people I haven't seen in awhile. But, at the same time, I also know that it will not be the same as before, we will be missing a few pieces, as things are not back to normal yet. Some people will stay home because they don't feel comfortable in large groups, we will have to enter through different doors and not all congregate or shake hands in the foyer after the service, and probably the biggest piece that we will miss will be the lack of congregational singing.

This is probably the saddest part of the re-opening for me. I love the sound of the congregation raising our voices together in song. We will still have music, but no choral singing, because this has been deemed a high-risk activity. This may seem overly strict, but we do this because we will be a larger group in our sanctuary and to care for all individuals that may choose to worship with us on Sunday.

We are embarking on a new territory with guidelines and information that are changing constantly. So just because we do things one way this week, does not mean that we have to always do them that way. So we will begin this week by simply having instrumental music in our worship time. The music will be familiar songs that you can follow along in your head. As the weeks go on we might include small groups sharing songs with us, or pre-recorded music but likely no congregational singing. We are not sure how long these measures will last, but we are hoping that in the meantime we can enjoy gathering again and experience meaningful worship together.

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Welcome Back!

Here is some information to help us reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 as we begin gathering for worship again:

- If you are not feeling well do not worship at the church building.
- Our services will be available electronically for those worshipping from home.

When you arrive for worship:

- Arrive between 10:10-10:20. Once the service has started at 10:30, you will not be able to enter the building.
- Wait by your vehicle until a parking lot attendant directs you to an entrance.
- You may visit (physically distanced) with people in your group, but you may not travel to other parts of the building or be in contact with anyone in another group.

Other things to remember:

- We will not be singing, because this is a high risk activity.
- You are welcome to wear a mask but will need to provide your own.
- Worship God with joy and gratitude.

