

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

March 1, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Josh Janzen

Music: ABC Ensemble Scripture Reader: Ken Doell

Dramatization: Josh Janzen, Nick Rempel

Children's Story: Delores Enns

"Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'"

~Jeremiah 1:9-10

Prelude

Announcements

We Gather to Praise God

Gathering music **Come now is the time to worship STJ 9**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymns **I heard the voice of Jesus say HWB 493**

O breath of life STJ 35

God Speaks to Us

Children's story **Here I am, Lord HWB 395**

Prayer for the Offering

Offering **Lord you have come to the lakeshore HWB 229**

God and Jeremiah have a talk

Scripture Reading **Jeremiah 1**

Sermon **"Called to destroy."**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of confession

Hymn **From the depths of sin HWB 136**

Words of Assurance

Prayer for the Church and the World

God sends us into the World

God's sending words

Hymn **My soul cries out STS 124**

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Love and sympathy** to Bill & Carol Bergman on the passing of sister-in-law Helena (John) Bergman. The funeral was Wed. Feb. 26.

~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**

AIMM asks for prayer over violence in Burkina Faso

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) asks us to pray that God restores peace to the continually deteriorating security situation in Burkina Faso. Thousands of people have been displaced by increasingly frequent, violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.

Upcoming AIMM event in Winnipeg: how is God at work in Burkina Faso?

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission International Central Council is holding an event in Winnipeg on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. Featuring a complimentary supper buffet, the evening will feature a report from Pastor Siaka Traoré, who will report on how the Spirit is leading the church today in Burkina Faso amid significant national turmoil due to increasing terrorist attacks on churches, mosques, schools and police outposts nationwide. To RSVP call 574-612-6091 or e-mail rod@aimmintl.org. Or just show up with a friend or two!

Christians provide masks in Wuhan communities

"God loves you and is walking with us through this difficult time." This is the message that Christians in Wuhan, China, are giving to people as they provide much needed face masks to people in their communities. Please continue to pray for those affected by this epidemic. Pray that believers in China will be able to share the reason for their hope in a dark time. Pray for wisdom as plans are made for Mennonite workers in China in the next few months.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

March 8. Choice. Jeremiah 7: 1-15, 20-26. Speaker: Doug Klassen

March 15. God's Love and Lament: Jeremiah 13:1-11. Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

March 22. Broken Covenant, Exile, and Judgement: Jeremiah 11:1-13. Speaker: Josh Janzen

March 29. Living in Exile: Jeremiah 29:1-23. Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

April 5. A New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:27-40: Speaker: Amanda Wiens

From the Pastor – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

From the time of King Josiah's reform, through years of political upheaval culminating in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity, Jeremiah was a spokesperson for God—a prophet—calling Israel to repentance. The book of Jeremiah touches upon many important biblical and theological themes: judgement, repentance, lament, covenant, exile, and homecoming. This Lent, the book of Jeremiah will be our guide as we journey to exile and home, to cross and resurrection.

Exile and homecoming is not only the Israelite's journey but ours. Wandering far off from the intimacy of the garden, we live in exile searching for purpose and home in the Kingdom of God. Throughout Lent, it is our hope that our worship times will guide us in exploring how we are distant from God, how God continues to speak to us in exile, and how God invites us into new covenant in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Jr & Sr Youth

- **Mar. 1, 7-9pm.** Bible study

Ventures - Wednesdays 7-8:15pm

- **Girls** – MCC sewing school kit project
- **Boys** – Super Science with Trevor

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



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Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry: Josh Janzen, 324-6717, 1-402-631-3481 joshj@abchurch.ca

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW Church Email Addresses:**
Church Office: office@abchurch.ca [Susan]
Mark: marktd@abchurch.ca
Amanda: amandaw@abchurch.ca
Josh: joshj@abchurch.ca
Please update your contacts as soon as possible.
- **If you would like to purchase** a copy of the new Voices Together hymnal for your personal use at the cost of aprox. \$30.00 please talk to Amanda.
- **"My Coins Count"** collection today. Our current project: all coins going to MCC's *Bucket of Thanks*. Each bucket provides a family of 4 who has been displaced by conflict or disaster with essential hygiene items.
- **Today at 6pm** - in the ABC church basement Stephanie Friesen and Norma Thiessen will be hosting a baby shower for our newest Syrian family. Khaled and Safaa AlSaid Hammoud welcomed twin boys Mohammad and Mostafa earlier this month. Please join us in celebrating with them! All are welcome. (text Stephanie at 204-319-0377).
- **March 3, 10a.m. You are invited to join Ida** and the rest of the church staff for coffee break as we celebrate Ida receiving her Canadian Citizenship on February 27th, 2020.
- **March 8, -** Next Sunday, we will welcome Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada, and have a special Sunday School class with Doug for youth and adults. Everyone is invited to come for a simple breakfast (coffee and muffins) and conversation with Doug at 8:45am. A more formal 'class' will begin at 9:15am in which Doug will share about how MC Canada is changing lives around the world.
- **Ladies, it's Tea Time! Mark March 14, 2-4pm** on your calendars. P.S. if you have tea cups and tea pots to share please contact: Cheryl at 204 304 0374.
- **Sunday School substitute[s] needed** - We are looking for a few people willing to be on a sub list for the age 3 and 4 class. If you are willing to help out in this way please contact Amanda.
- **Camp Sponsorship** - World/Home Ministries Commission is offering a campership of \$100.00 to children from ABC congregation to attend a summer Bible camp. Pick up an application form from the church office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Mar 7 - MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020**, at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Be part of the discernment.

- **The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee** invites your prayers as they begin the process of finding a new Executive Minister via a season of listening. The Search Committee members are: Colleen Edmunds, James Friesen, John P. Klassen (Chair), Nadya Langelotz, and Karen Schellenberg. Visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca for more info.
- **Camp Assiniboia** invites you/your church group to book a weekend at Camp Assiniboia this spring. Available weekends: May 16-18, June 19-21, June 26-28. Contact Linda Dueck at carentals@campswithmeaning.org or call 204-864-2159 ext. 104.

Canadian Mennonite University – www.cmu.ca See foyer poster

- **Mar 1, 2-4:30pm** - MHC Gallery is hosting a **Coffee House**, '*Songs, Hymns and Stories in Defence of Creation*'. Enjoy performances of songs and stories, and singing together, at the MHC Gallery in Winnipeg.
 - **Mar 4-Apr 8**, [Wed mornings 9:30am–noon]. **Xplore** is a 6-week block of courses designed to stimulate the thinking and faith. Explore the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer; how faith is shaped by our relationship to the land; how the Corinthian church opens lessons for our own time; and how forced migration and refugees impact us all. Go to cmu.ca/explore for details.
 - **While many Ten Thousand Villages** stores are being closed across the country, **CommonWord** remains committed to supporting artisans by offering products that make a difference. CommonWord will continue to provide fair-trade coffee, chocolate and other foods, and is investigating other fair-trade opportunities. Visit CommonWord on the CMU campus. www.commonword.ca
 - **Mar 15, 2:00pm The Mennonite Community Orchestra** will present a concert entitled "Heroes and Helpers", featuring Beethoven's "Eroica Symphony" and other works. The MCO welcomes as partner to this concert Mennonite Disaster Service, committed to restore homes and hope for people affected by natural disasters. Sunday, at Jubilee Place, 183 Talbot (MBCI). Admission by donation. See www.cmu.ca/events
- Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – info@mciblues.net 327-5891
- **Mar 5, 6 & 7, 7:30pm** - MCI's Musical **Annie**, with a matinee performance Mar 7 at 2pm. Join us 1 hour before each show time for an MCI Open House. Prospective students receive a FREE musical ticket! info@mciblues.net