

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

March 8, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Doug Klassen **Worship Leader:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Music: Mixed Quartet **Scripture Reader:** Tom & Gail Braun
Dramatization: Rachel Wahl & Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Children's Story: Jennifer Klassen

“Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit”.

~ *John 3:5-6*

Prelude

Announcements

We Gather to Praise God

Gathering music The Scars In The Hands Of Jesus

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymns

How Great Thou Art [insert]

What a friend we have in Jesus HWB 573

God Speaks to Us

Children's story **Little Is Much When God Is In It** [insert]

Prayer for the Offering

Offering The Spirit Of The Dove

Scripture Reading **Jeremiah 7:1-15, 20-26**

God and Jeremiah have a talk - Based on **Jeremiah 18:1-10**

Scripture Reading **John 3:1-10**

Sermon **“Coming to Jesus – by day and by night”**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of confession

Hymn

Have thine own way HWB 504

Words of Assurance

Prayer for the Church and the World

God sends us into the World

God's sending words

Hymn

Touched By The Hand Of The Lord

~ **Welcome** to Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **We are grateful** to the many volunteers who made it possible to host the **Mennonite Church Manitoba annual gathering** yesterday at our church. And also to those who represented us as delegates.
- ~ **Thank You!** My Coins Count collection last Sunday raised \$262.87.
- ~ **Please join in prayer** for the Community Meal ministry. This new initiative is set to begin on March 28. Please pray that God will guide the Community Meal Steering Committee in making final preparations and that God will work through this ministry.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada: International Witness...**
Coronavirus affects daily life of Witness workers in South Korea. In the last week the rise of coronavirus in South Korea has changed and affected millions of lives. Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in Chuncheon, write:
“In the last four to five days there was a public announcement that most public systems will be closed for one or two weeks. These include kindergarten, public libraries, public schools, universities and religious institutions. We have cancelled or postponed all our meetings, including Mennonite Seoul (our church group).”
Bock Ki Kim writes, “The coronavirus is overwhelming many people and many of us stay at home these days. I am no exception. The situation outside the house is difficult; the number of infected people is rapidly rising. But I don't want to spend time in vain, so I am finishing the final proofread of two forthcoming books that I am translating into Korean: one is new, John Roth's Stories, one is old, Waldemar Janzen's Work and Rest.”
Please pray for public health authorities in South Korea as they deal with the spread of the virus. Pray that Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung will be a presence of peace to their community.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

- 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

A recap of our AGM February 23, 2020:

The meeting was a positive and hopeful event with moments of humour too!
Here are some highlights:

- Hearing a report on the development of Altona's free Community Meal. Mark Tiessen-Dyck shared about the many arrangements that have been made and the beginning of Community Meal on March 28.
- The congregation endorsed a plan proposed by Finance Commission to build an overhead shelter and drive through at the North East entrance of our building. This will improve safety and accessibility.
- Josh Janzen shared about his hopes and vision for our youth ministry.
- The congregation approved a budget of \$507,178.48 for 2020 and received the good news that we had a surplus of \$70,853.00 in 2019 (this is due primarily to having less pastoral staff this last year).
- The congregation approved our technicians and Finance Commission to explore possibilities for upgrading our lighting and visual capabilities in our sanctuary.

More information about what happened at our AGM can be had by talking to members of Church Council.

Jr & Sr Youth

- **Mar. 8, 7-9pm.** Come and learn to bake bread!

Ventures - Wednesdays 7-8:15pm

- **Girls** – Father/Grandfather & daughter games night.
- **Boys** – Stations of Fun & Faith.

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Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona



Sunday, March 8, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **March 14, 2-4pm Ladies, it's Tea Time!** [see insert]
P.S. if you have tea cups and tea pots to share please contact: Cheryl at 204 304 0374.
- **Altona's free Community Meal begins March 28, 5-6:30pm at Altona Senior Centre.** This is a free meal and everyone is invited. Because we are not sure what to expect for the first meal, we are asking that you notify the church office in advance if you plan to attend
- **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.

55 Plus Dinner & Evening – Friday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Guest: Joanna Hiebert Bergen (MCC)

Feature: 'The Struggle for Peace in Palestine & Israel'

Cost: \$18.00/person (New price) CATERED by: New Style Catering

**Please call or email the Church Office for reservations
by Tuesday, March 17, 2020.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mar 10, 5-8pm. - The Station, Youth For Christ, Mexican Buffet Fundraiser** at the Altona Pioneer Center. All proceeds raised support YFC Altona's ministry programming. Entry is by donation. See poster in foyer.
Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616
- **MCM Executive Minister Search** – Please visit the MC Manitoba website (mennochurch.mb.ca) to read more about the position, to read a series of questions to which we'd welcome input, and to access a link to share responses and recommendations with the Search Committee
- **Despite the snow, summer will arrive, and with it summer camp!** We can't do it without some staff, though. Younger folks – staff applications are due at the end of this month. Come be part of an amazing community and stretch yourself. Also looks great on your resume! Older folks – please consider volunteering a week of your time to help in the kitchen or maintenance, as a health officer or camp pastor. The camp community needs you, too. Bring a friend for even more fun! Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff

- **Mar. 17 & April 30, 9am.–3pm. Come enjoy a "Day Away" at Assiniboia Camp and Retreat Centre.** Lunch, hiking and outdoor activities, music, sit by the fireplace and visit, "Knipsbrat and other table games. Cost: \$20.00. To reserve a spot, call Linda at 204-864-2159 ext. 104 or Elizabeth at 204-895-2267

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

- **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
- **Mar 20, 7:30p.m. Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence 2, OPENING, MHCGallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.** Powerful exhibition featuring 25 artists. March 20-May 2.
- **Mar. 31, between 10am. and 3pm.** Prospective students and parents are invited to attend the upcoming **CMU Open House**, Campus tours every half hour; meet with faculty, students and staff; attend a class or chapel. All welcome! See cmu.ca/openhouse.
- **April 3. Spring at CMU, a fundraising evening in support of CMU.** The evening will include presentation of the 2020 CMU PAX Award to Dr. Mary Jane McCallum, a Cree, a dentist, and a member of the Canadian Senate. CMU's Communications and Media Program will be featured, along with recognition of Elmer and Hilda Hildebrand, whose vision and generosity make this program possible. Please join us! www.cmu.ca/springatcmu

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net 327-5891

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Come hear from Maxym Oliferovski about MCC's current work with families displaced by conflict in eastern Ukraine.
Mar.17, 10a.m. at MCC Manitoba, 134 Plaza Dr. Winnipeg,
Mar 18, 7-8:30pm. at 1 Portage Avenue Church, 420 Portage Ave.

Mennonite Disaster Service [eCommunications@mds.mennonite.net]

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Little Is Much When God Is In It

1. In the harvest field now ripened There's a work for all to do;
Hark! The voice of God is calling, To the harvest calling you.

Chorus

Little is much, when God is in it! Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown and you can win it, If you'll go in Jesus' name.

2. Does the place you're called to labor Seem so small and little
known?
It is great if God is in it, And He'll not forget His own.
3. Are you laid aside from service, Body worn from toil and care?
You can still be in the battle In the sacred place of pray'r.
4. When the conflict here is ended And our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful, "Welcome home, my child well done."