

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*

May 24, 2020

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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*"I have brought you glory on earth by completing the
work you gave me to do."*

~ John 17: 4

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Ken Doell

Music: ABC Ensemble

Children's Story: Jenn Klassen

Scripture Reader: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Sound Techs: Andrew Rempel, Ben Dueck

Our guiding scripture for today's time of worship: **John 17: 1-11.**

Our worship service will be posted to abchurch.libsyn.com [Audio]
abchurchcommunity.ca [Video] first thing Sunday morning.

Sermon Response Discussion: Sunday 11:00 AM via ZOOM.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461810280>. See below for more
information.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Chris Penner**, part of our church family, passed away May 15. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life, and pray for her husband Don, family and extended family. A private graveside service was held.
- ~ **Condolences** to Conrad & Vera Voth, family, and extended family, at the passing away of mother Alma Voth of Altona, on May 18.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Tena & Al Giesbrecht, family and extended family, at the passing away of brother / brother in-law, Jake Buhler of Oakbank on Mar 9.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: In a recorded sermon "The Kingdom of God is like a banyan tree," International Witness Director Jeanette Hanson looks at Ephesians 2:17-22 and shares how each expression of church enlivens the whole, using examples from International Witness ministries around the world. Available at <https://youtu.be/fjYi7PcnFTY>.

From the Pastor – Josh Janzen

Earlier this week I was reminded of the importance and power of prayer. The Youth ministers fellowship of Mennonite Church Manitoba met on Zoom for a prayer gathering. We shared about all the different things that were on our hearts and minds from this past week and then we prayed for one another. We turned off all of our cameras so that all we could hear were the voices of colleagues and friends praying for one another. And let me tell you, after that prayer time my heart just felt good. It just felt well with my soul.

Prayer is a powerful thing. To cry out to the God who hears can be one of the best things in life. Maybe you are overjoyed and celebrating. Pray to the God who rejoices with you. Maybe you know someone that needs God in that moment. Pray on their behalf. Pray that God may be present to them in their time of need. Pray to the God who hears. Maybe you are at the end of your rope and don't know what to pray. Pray and be still in the presence of God. Pray to the God who knows. Prayer is a powerful thing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In preparation** for June 7, which would normally be our church picnic Sunday, we are inviting you to share pictures of "**Where you see God.**" These could be pictures from your garden/yard, from nature, of your family, of your latest creation, or anything really that draws your attention to God. Please send them to Virginia virginiagr@abchurch.ca to be shared in our worship on June 7.
- **Though** the church doors remain closed, the church continues to operate. We will continue to strive to meet our financial obligations. Please continue your giving. Here are ways you can continue giving:
 - Dropped off at Don & Grace Fehr, 38 Sunflower Crescent. A mailbox is located on the front porch...Just drop it in and ring the doorbell - No cash please.
 - Mailed to the church; 117nd Street NW Altona, MB R0G 0B1.
 - Electronic transfer - to set this up, call Don/Grace Fehr 324-5908.

Sr & Jr YOUTH

- **May 14, 7pm** - CHOPPED: Quarantine edition.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- Chinatown Peace Church from MCBC will bring this Ascension Sunday worship service to our nationwide community of faith. "**Ascension Absence**" Text: Acts 1:6-11, John 16:5-28, 33. "*In our present context of physical separation, how can the physical absence of Jesus resulting from His ascension be a gift of love? How might Jesus' ascension inform our own acts of love toward others despite our*

physical absence from each other? (Includes communion, prepare with crackers/bread, juice/wine.) www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices

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

Canadian Mennonite University – www.cmu.ca

- **June 3, 3-4pm** - *Study Science at CMU* - Join this online webinar to learn about distinct features of CMU's Science degree options, pre-requisites, labs and opportunities for research and fieldwork. Also you will interact with CMU science faculty. www.cmu.ca/campusvisit
- **June 5** - CMU Alumni are invited to the cafeteria for a Virtual Chicken Fingers & Fries. Full details at www.cmu.ca or j.derksen@cmu.ca.
- *Metanoia Farmers* Cooperative is a group of CMU students & alumni responsible for running the CMU Farm on campus and working 14 acres of associated land near the village of Neubergthal. All are emerging farmers: lovers of God's good creation motivated by their faith to learn and develop skills, in order to learn and practice sustainable agriculture. <https://media.cmu.ca/story-cmufarmtenthanniversary>.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Thank you for helping MCC scale up our work to respond to the needs of vulnerable people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so grateful for our loyal supporters/donors who are ensuring MCC is there in times of crisis. Due to new financial realities, we have made several key decisions regarding programming and staff. Read more about these changes here: mcccanada.ca/mcc-manitoba-covid-19-updates
- MCC Thrift Shops are looking for volunteers under 50 years old, as some volunteers are unable to come back at this time, and we are in need of a few extra hands to help! To contact a thrift store near you visit thrift.mcc.org/mcc-thrift-shop-locations.
- Grow Hope by sponsoring an acre of farmland and help feed hungry people around the world. Follow this guide to learn about global hunger and what you can do mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10794
- In 2020, MCC is celebrating 100 years of sharing God's love and compassion with people in the name of Christ. We invite you to use these worship resources as you reflect on God's work of reconciliation around the world. Visit mcccanada.ca/centennial under *Resources*.

Mennonite Disaster Service -

- MDS has launched *On the Level*, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>.

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