

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*Sunday, May 2, 2021*

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*

*WORSHIP SERVICE*

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*“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you  
have received mercy.”*

*~ 1 Peter 2: 10*

**GATHERING and PRAISE**

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Come, let us all unite to sing**

Call to Worship and Prayer

**LISTENING**

Music **Summoned by God who made us**

Children’s Story

Scripture **Acts 2:1-11, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Mark 3:33-35**

Sermon **“Serving God through the family of faith”**

**RESPONDING**

Music **Will you let me be your servant**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

**SENDING**

Music **Benediction**

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**Sermon:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert **Worship Leader:** James Friesen

**Children’s Story:** Kristin Falk **Scripture Reader:** Rick Neufeld

**Music:** Recorded Artists Steve Bell, Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship

**Our worship service** will be available on the church website  
[[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)] Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

### **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz and Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital. Pray for Gloria (& Ron) Voth as Gloria is in the St Boniface Hospital.
- ~ **Serving** at Gardens On Tenth apartments worship service this morning is Pastor Virginia.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**  
**Pray:** The Maliwan Church in Khon Kaen, Thailand, welcomed four baptisms on Easter Sunday. Thank God for this growing group of Jesus followers who share life together in worship, income-generation work, discipleship training and community service. Pray for Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong as they provide leadership and mentoring to this group.  
**Let us remember in prayer** our MCM sibling church, Living Word Church in Cross Lake. Cross Lake First Nation has been hit hard by COVID over the past year, with several hundred cases and seven deaths. As the community has been under a stay-at-home order, the church has not met since October and they have not been able to gather virtually. Pray for vaccinations to happen quickly, for the ongoing health and safety of community and church members, and for the future of the church post-COVID.

### **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

**We continue the sermon series "Church: Back to the Future".**

May 9	Josh Janzen
May 16	Mark Tiessen-Dyck

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### **FROM the PASTOR:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

This has been a week of varied and deep emotions for me. Sorrow for having to pause in person worship and Sunday School; Gratitude for the weeks we were able to be together; Celebration for the joy of children being at Sunday School; Relief for the health and safety of loved ones; Devastation for the staggering number of deaths caused by Covid; Grief for the loss of gatherings, events, and community; Thankfulness for technology and the other ways people and churches have remained connected; Hope that this will not last too much longer.

Rather than attempting to make sense of conflicting and confusing emotions, I find greater peace and hope in entrusting everything to the Lord, for if we love God, we can be assured that He will work for good in all our circumstances (Romans 8:28). When we entrust our emotions, motivations, thoughts and deeds to God we are less likely to jump to quick conclusions, act impulsively, or assign blame unfairly. We are also better equipped to accept difficult realities and challenging responsibilities. May our Love for God abound!

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### **Jr Youth**

- May 4, 7pm – Star Wars day celebration!

### **Sr Youth**

- May 5, 7pm – Star Wars day celebration: conversations on media, identity, and formation.

**Town Clean-up: ABC's Jr and Sr Youth** are partnering with other church Youth Groups to lead a town-wide clean-up on Wednesday evening, May 12. ABC is responsible for the Northwest side of town. This service opportunity is open to all youth, their families and anybody and everybody in the congregation who wants to partner with our youth to care for our community! It is crucial that we follow provincial health orders. Crews of a maximum of 10 people will depart from the church, with start intervals of 10 minutes. To sign up or for more details, please contact pastor Josh or the church office.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Tuesday morning coffee** – join us at 10am via ZOOM.
- **The last video** report from the **MCM Annual Gathering** held on March 6 is from Executive Minister Micheal Pahl. In this video he shares about some of the new things that are happening around MCM and what his focus has been on since he began his role in Jan 2021. We invite you to check it online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEUxX4Cg5cE>
- **Bursary Fund** – for members or immediate family of A.B.C. If you are planning to attend a post-secondary institution for religious studies during the next school year, 2021-2022, you may pick up an application form at the church office. Deadline to return your application: May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) 204-896-1616

- **Campers** are registering for summer camps which means we need staff and volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers needed for 1-day pop-up camps and week-long day camps. Head to [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) Summer

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- **Join** compassionate Manitobans working to end global hunger. Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland with Grow Hope and help provide food and agriculture training for people in places like Cambodia and DR Congo. Plus, every \$1 you give can grow up to \$5! Visit [mccmb.ca/GrowHope](http://mccmb.ca/GrowHope) or call Simone at 204-261-6381 for info.
- **May 26, 7pm - Hear stories from MCC** projects around the world through our webinar series. *The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration and Human Dignity*. Learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Register [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series).
- **For MCC, peace is more than a wish, it's what we do.** Peace means something different to each person. Help us answer the question "What is peace?" by sharing what peace means to you – it can be an idea, a poem, a memory or just a few words. We're collecting submissions for a creative art piece that celebrates the beauty of peace in action. You can contribute [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/what-is-peace](http://mccmb.ca/what-is-peace).

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)

- **May 5, 4pm - CMU's next Webinar – Ready, Set, Register! -**, for all who have applied and been admitted for Fall 2021. It will introduce students to university systems, including sometimes confusing language like 'credit hours', 'prerequisites' and 'academic terms'. Learn how important it is to register for classes. This event is intended to be an introduction to course registration and is supplementary to our one-on-one virtual advising appointments. Register at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).

- **CMU is offering** one-week Spring Intensive Course Options through the spring beginning on May 3 with *Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices*. Go to [www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses](http://www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses) to register. Also offered this spring are *New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective*; *Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality*; *Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective* and *Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding*. All courses are available in **hybrid format** (in person and online). Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit!