

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



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Sunday, September 5, 2021

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sept 5, 2021 10:30 A.M.

*“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth
comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”
~ Romans 8: 18*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Prelude **All Who Are Thirsty** VT 49

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Together** VT 389

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Longing for Light** STJ 54

LISTENING

Children’s Story

Moment in Mission

Scripture **Romans 8: 18-28**

Sermon **“First fruits amidst our groaning”**

RESPONDING

Music **The lord is my Light** SS 97

Prayer for the Offering, the Church & the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **May the Lord Bless and Keep you**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Children’s Story: Delores Enns **Scripture:** Susan M Dueck

Music: ABC Ensemble

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and continue to be available on the church website at [\[abchurchcommunity.ca\]](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Pastor Virginia** serving at Gardens On Tenth Apts today.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: for Myrrl and Ruthie Byler, jointly appointed by Mennonite Church Canada Witness and Mennonite Mission Network to relate to ministry partners in Southeast and Northeast Asia. Although experiencing travel restrictions in Thailand, they are connecting with various partners. Pray for the cross-cultural program they will lead through Eastern Mennonite University in Thailand this fall.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Beginning next Sunday, Sept 12, the pastors will be sharing from their personal faith stories, answering the question, "Who are you as a follower of Jesus?" We look forward to exploring the experiences and influences that formed us as people of God.

Sept 12 ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert / Homecoming
Sept 19 ~ Josh Janzen
Sept 26 ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Reminder: Live-stream will continue and be available Sundays at 10:30am at <http://www.abchurchcommunity.ca>. If you are using a handheld device [phone or tablet] you may get a message that says "*video unavailable*", but if you click on the line "watch this video on YouTube", it will reload and play for you.

Jr Youth

- **Sept 15 [Wed], 7pm** – Jr Youth Kick-off!

Sr Youth

- **Sept 14, 4pm** - Sr Youth Kick-off.
- **Sept 24-26** - Sr Youth Weekend Retreat, contact Pastor Josh for details.

FROM the PASTOR - Josh Janzen

I recently started a book titled "Three Big Questions that Change every Teenager". The three questions this book addresses are: "Who am I?" "Where do I fit?" and "what difference can I make?" The book calls on us adults to be willing to care about and invest in our teenagers. To lean in with empathy, practice listening, and gently point them to better answers. They are enough because of Jesus. They belong with God's people. They are invited into God's greater story. I think this book matters because I think that all of us, not just teenagers, continue to wrestle with these questions. This book calls on the church to observe and learn from how young people answer them. It invites us as parents, youth leaders, pastors, and anyone who cares about young people, to see these questions as an invitation to journey with them, and to answer the questions for ourselves too. I look forward to seeing how this book continues to connect these questions to our identity, belonging, and purpose in God's ongoing story of redemption and reconciliation in the world.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Pray for CMU** students who are starting their new academic year on Sept 8, 158 of whom are heading into their first year of studies.
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- **Sept 23, 7-9pm** - MCC Manitoba 57th AGM via ZOOM. We invite you and your congregation to be represented at the meeting For more information visit mccmb.ca/agm.
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