
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

April 7, 2019, Number 14 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pianist Judy Epp

Prelude

Sojourners Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: **Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

People: **Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: **Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.**

Prayer

We sing *I will come to you in the silence* **StS #49**

Story for all ages Marian Hooge Jones

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings

Worship presentation by Rosthern Junior College Ensemble, and message

Sending Blessing

We welcome the RJC Ensemble and RJC staff, as well as family members and guests, to our service this morning!

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In April, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church, and for the Good Friday ecumenical service.

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service

11:00 a.m. – Potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome, including all guests!

2:30 p.m. - RJC's Spring Concert, in the school auditorium, with the Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Last day of blanket-making for this season. All who have been involved, either here at church or working on blanket tops, etc. at home, are invited to come for a wind-up lunch at noon. Soup will be supplied, please bring buns or dessert.

Friday, 12:00-1:30 p.m. – Soup-lunch Fundraiser at Good Neighbours Food Centre. (Food Bank)

7:30 p.m. – Station Singers spring concert “From Billy to Brahms – Love songs for Spring,” at the Station Arts Centre. The concert will be repeated at Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon on Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service – Sixth Sunday in Lent, Jim Epp speaking

11:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship time and Adult Sunday School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Acceptance of new members: On Easter Sunday, Ruth will transfer her membership to RMC. A Faith Exploration class for high school students has also begun. If you are interested in becoming a formal member at Rosthern Mennonite Church, either by transfer or baptism, please talk with Claire. You are invited to pray for God’s blessing on these people and on the church as we prepare to include others in our fellowship.

You are invited to participate in an adult Sunday School class on “Sharing Faith Stories”. Grab a quick cup of coffee and then meet in the youth room. The class will continue at 11:15 a.m. on the following dates and topics:
April 14 - Sharing Faith Stories in Words and Actions
April 28 - Sharing Faith Stories when it’s Difficult
May 5 - Sharing Faith Stories as a Community

MCC Connects: April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week. The staff and board of MCC Saskatchewan would like to thank our churches and volunteers for continuing to support the work of MCC. To the many people who volunteer in our Thrift shops and at our Relief Sale, support our local programs and help provide material aid – we thank you! If you are interested in learning more about MCC volunteer opportunities, contact our office at (306) 665-2555.

We are happy to be able to broadcast our worship service over the Internet to people around the world who have signed up through the office. Some

watch us live, and others watch a recording of the service later. If anyone you know might be interested in watching us on Facebook, invite them to contact Kathy at the church office.

The Hospitality Committee has noticed that some kitchen items have gone missing. If you have borrowed items from the church kitchen, the committee would so much appreciate their return.

Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program would like to help sponsor six people from across our nationwide church to attend NAIITS Symposium 2019, exploring "Land and Place," June 6-8, at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto. If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #13						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 4,775.00					
Coffee	86.00					
Photocopier	10.00					
Church Use	520.00					
BUDGET	\$ 5,391.00	\$3,450.00	\$ 1,941.00	\$ 61,280.48	\$ 44,850.00	\$ 16,430.48
Memorial	100.00					
TOTAL	\$ 5,491.00					

Attendance last Sunday: 76

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church

Followers of Jesus Christ

Called by God

Empowered by the Spirit

To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace

So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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COMING EVENTS:

Apr. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion service

Apr. 19, 9:30 a.m. – Good Friday ecumenical 'Cross' Walk, beginning at Good Neighbours Food Centre

10:30 a.m. - Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross service, at St. Odilon Parish Church. All singers with choir voices attending the service are invited to contact St. Odilon musician Fern Klassen at (306) 232-4723. This will give singers an opportunity to become familiar with the Good Friday music. Thanks for your response.

Apr. 21, 9:00 a.m. – Easter brunch – please bring Easter baking and/or fruit, beverages and cheese will be supplied.

10:00 a.m. – Easter worship service

Apr. 22 – 27, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Cabins #3 & #4 will be built at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited to come and help out. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

Apr. 24, 25 – Mega-Menno Youth over-nighter, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Shekinah. Watch for more information.

Apr. 29, 6:30 p.m. – Annual Church Cleaning Bee – all are welcome to come out and help, pie and coffee will be served by the Good Samaritans

May 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fund-raiser, in the Mennonite Nursing Home auditorium. Proceeds from the tea will go towards purchasing a Therapeutic Activity Package for the residents. Everyone is welcome!

May 12, 10:30 a.m. – Mothers Day – we will have our worship service at the Mennonite Nursing Home. There will be no service here that morning.

May 24-26 – SMYO Youth Retreat, at Camp Elim (carpooling/caravan planned) for all youth in Grades 6 – 12 – watch for registration details.

May 25 – RJC Annual Golf Tournament – see posted information

June 14, 7:00 p.m. – Regional Worship service to introduce the new worship resource, *Voices Together*, here at RMC. All are welcome, see the poster.

June 15, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Voices Together workshop, introducing materials from the new *Voices Together* hymnal, at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Cost is \$25, and all are welcome. See the poster.

June 28 – July 1 – Mennonite Church Canada Gathering, "Igniting the Imagination of the Church," Abbotsford BC. The Mennonite Women national gathering will take place as part of this event, on June 30. For more information, go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca

July 28 – Aug. 1 – "Shake: Rattled by the Radical" Youth Retreat for MC Canada youth grade 6 – 12, at Shekinah.

Lent 5 – April 7

God moves us ... to empty ourselves Luke 12:1-8

CENTERING PRAYER

Description

Centering Prayer is "a very simple method in which one opens one's self to God and consents to God's presence with us and to God's actions within us." (*Thomas Keating*)

Intention

It is not about having a goal or expectations, or analyzing our experience. The intention is to practice the discipline of quieting thoughts and feelings in order to rest in and experience the presence and love of God.

Method

- Set a "gentle" timer for 5, 10, 20 minutes or more.
- You may wish to light a candle
- Sit comfortably at attention with feet flat on the floor and hands in your lap. Close your eyes.
- Choose a "sacred word" which is the expression of the intention of the will, a consent to God's presence and action within, and an aid in focus.
- Acknowledge thoughts and feelings and let them go as you ever-so-gently return to your sacred word.
- At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a few minutes.