
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

April 14, 2019, Number 15 – Sixth Sunday in Lent

Worship Leader Kalene Bartsch
Pianist Brenda Epp

Prelude

Sojourners Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship

**All: We have come to meet you today, Jesus.
We don't know quite what to expect.
We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs.
But we come humbly, laying our coats before you.
It's your call.
Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Saviour in our
lives, a Saviour in our world today.
Come Lord Jesus!**

Prayer

We sing Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB #238
Come, walk with us (v.1,2,3) StJ #2

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings

Story for all ages Joanne Dyck

We sing Be still Insert

Words of Confession

**Lord,
all we want is to be faithful to you in our lives, but so often we fail.
Free us from our many sins
and guide us on our journey to the life we will share with you.
We wait for your promise to be fulfilled with great hope in our hearts
and your praise on our lips.**

**Most forgiving Lord,
Again and again you welcome us back into your loving arms.
Grant us freedom for the heavy burdens of sin that weigh us down
And keep us so far from you.**

Words of Assurance

Sojourners Listen for the Direction God Gives

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible p. 697

Meditation **Palm Sunday: Jesus from Hero to Zero** Jim Epp

Sojourners Respond to the Call of God

Faith Journey Marian Hooge Jones

Spiritual Practice

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sojourners Depart to Serve God's People

Sending Hymn Oh, how shall I receive thee HWB #182

Sending Blessing

Response: Thanks be to God.

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.

Prayer request from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Grace Mennonite Church (Prince Albert) is excited about the community wide interest and support they experienced for an evening with author Harold R. Johnson, who talked about forgiveness, and how people might live together well. The turnout far exceeded our expectations, with a high number of "not gray hairs!" Keep the congregation in your prayers as they wonder where the future will lead as age demographics become a bigger challenge. How will our faith expression remain relevant to the needs in our congregation and our community?

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service

11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time, adult Sunday School - Sharing Faith Stories in Words and Actions

Please note: Kathy will be away this week, and Ruth will be in the church office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Next Sunday's bulletin will be printed on Thursday.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. – Good Samaritans meet in the lower auditorium

Thursday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm - Farewell Tea for Wilmer & Barb Froese at Good Neighbours Food Center.

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion service

Friday, 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.

Next Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – Easter brunch – please bring Easter baking and/or fruit, beverages and cheese will be supplied. Children’s Easter activities will also be a part of the brunch, beginning at 9:30.

10:00 a.m. – Easter worship service, acceptance of new member

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #14						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 3,806.00					
Noon meal	67.00					
Direct deposit	1,300.00					
Church Use	895.00					
BUDGET	\$ 6,0688.00	\$3,450.00	\$ 2,618.00	\$ 67,348.48	\$ 48,300.00	\$ 19,048.48

Attendance last Sunday: 127

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. 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. Go to youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information.

Apr. 28, 3:00 p.m. - "Hobbies and Faspas" - Bring a sample of your hobbies for display and something to share for faspas. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the foyer for you to sign. For more information talk to Tina Siemens or Bev Janzen. This is in place of "Games and Faspas" for April.

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 3, 7:30 p.m. – Coro Nova, a new Saskatoon community choir, will present a concert at Knox United Church. Admission \$10, all are welcome.

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 16, 7:30 p.m. – Fund-raising concert for Good Neighbours Food Centre, at Station Arts Centre

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 7, 8 – MCC SK Annual Relief Sale and Auction

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

You are invited to participate in an adult Sunday School class on “Sharing Faith Stories.” The class will continue at 11:15 a.m. on the following dates and topics: April 28 - Sharing Faith Stories when it’s Difficult
May 5 - Sharing Faith Stories as a Community

Mennonite Disaster Service Canada (MDS) has two exciting opportunities to repair or build new homes after disasters in Canada:

Westport, Newfoundland: MDS is building a house for a family of 5 who lost their home in a house fire. The project begins on June 2 and will run till July 27, 2019. Weekly volunteers are invited to serve in up to two week blocks. If serving for two weeks MDS will reimburse the cost of travel. Call Lucille Toews at 866-261-1274 or email ltoews@mds.mennonite.net.

Grand Forks, BC: On May 10, 2018 a major flood hit Grand Forks, BC with much of the town engulfed in water. Beginning May 5, 2019 MDS will repair houses and possibly build new houses for those that flooded. MDS is scheduling weekly volunteers to serve for 1-3 weeks. Schedule your week(s) online or call 800-241-8111.

MCC Connects: The MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale is just around the corner! If you have new or vintage auction items, baking, crafts, quilts, plants or artwork that you would like to donate please email the Relief Sale team at mccreliefsalesk@gmail.com.

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.

Job Opportunity: RJC is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic female to join our dormitory staff for the 2019-20 school year. This is a great opportunity to work closely with young people as a mentor, role model and coach. Dormitory staff are required to live on campus. Please contact Ryan Wood, Principal (306)-232-4222 or ryan.wood@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca

Mennonite Church Canada’s Indigenous-Settler Relations program would like to help sponsor six people from across our nationwide church to attend NAITS 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).

Lent 6 – April 14

God moves...to the Cross Luke 23:1-49

Welcoming Prayer. If you are struggling with a bad feeling, the power of this method is that it offers a structured way to embrace and accept it, so you can release it and move on.

1. **Focus and sink in** — *Feel the feeling.* Don’t run away from it or fight it.

Stay with this until you really experience a connection to the feeling or emotion on not just an emotional but also a physical level.

2. **Welcome** — Affirm the rightness of where you are and acknowledge God’s presence in the moment by saying: “Welcome, [fear/anger/etc.]”

Don’t just say this and move on. Repeat it and sit with the feeling until you experience a genuine sense that you welcome it, that you are not fighting against it.

3. **Let go** — Say “God, I give you my [fear/anger/etc.]”

At this point, you can turn the feeling or emotion over to God and let it go. If you haven’t truly felt it and welcomed it in, you may still experience resistance here. Stay in the letting go, or turn back to the focus or welcome stages as appropriate.

“I let go of my desire for security and survival.

I let go of my desire for esteem and affection.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire to change the situation.”