

## **Prayer for Our World**

- Mennonite Church Canada calls on our nationwide community of faith to pray for the people of Myanmar. Pray also for our Myanmar siblings here in Canada. They are deeply concerned for their loved ones and the effect that recent actions will have on peace within Myanmar.

- Pray for the fellowship of Lao migrant workers near Bangkok and their leadership as they form a community of faith that focuses on discipleship and leadership training. Pray that Witness worker, Tom Poovong will have wisdom and strength to support this group as together they serve God in their local and home communities.

*If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests,  
please contact the church office.*

### **Altona Mennonite Church Vision**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

### **Purpose**

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.  
We seek to follow God in community, through worship,  
fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered  
point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.  
We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation,  
in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other,  
and to the world around them.*

## **VT #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us**

1. Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,  
gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:

(Refrain)

Let us bring the gifts that differ and in splendid varied ways,  
sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,  
ev'ry person in God's image, ev'ry person, God's delight.

(Refrain)

3. Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong  
within. Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of  
what has been. (Refrain)

4. Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation; bring the art of ev'ry race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time  
and space. (Refrain)

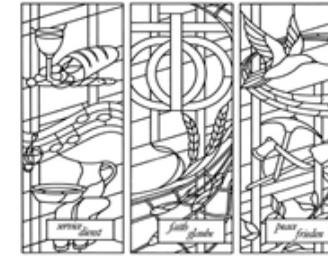
5. Draw together at one table all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.  
(Refrain)

## **VT #710 This Is My Song**

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is:  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer; O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations,  
myself I give you; let your will be done.



# Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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## ***Cultivating Loving Kindness***

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT #1 Summoned By the God Who Made Us

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB #614 In the bulb there is a flower

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 15:18; Titus 3:3-8

Hymn VT #396 May You Be Rooted and Grounded

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-11; Ecclesiastes 7:8-9;

Galatians 5:22-25

Message Inner Guide. Outer Action Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #389 Take my life

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn VT #710 This Is My Song

Benediction

Postlude

**Worship Leader:** Ang Enns

**Music:** Loren & Lori Hiebert, Mary Costen

**Recording:** Henry Rempel

### **AMC Contact information:**

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

### **Worship & Meeting Events at AMC**

#### **TODAY 1 pm AGM via Zoom**

**– details have been emailed**

Feb. 10 10:30 am Zoom Coffee, email Dan

Feb. 14 Worship Service

*Theme:* Loving Kindness – Sharing Stories of Love

*Scripture:* *Speaker(s):* Members of AMC *Worship Leader:*

Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Dave Regehr, Hildie Regehr

*Sound:* Perry Batchelor

Feb. 16 7:30 pm Zoom Coffee

Feb. 21 Worship Service

Feb. 28 Worship Service

**Birthdays:** Feb. 8 – Brittany Klassen, Feb. 13 – Rosetta Braul

**Anniversaries:** Feb. 9 – Bill & Anne Loewen

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We are excited to announce that Dan has returned to full time pastoring as of February 1, 2021! We are grateful to Dave and Hilde Regehr for actively taking on the challenge of leading our congregation for the past six (6) months. Interim leadership is difficult in normal times but AMC has been ably guided through these exceptional times. We are hopeful that Dan's return is one of many things that return to normal in 2021.

- **Voices Together**, our new hymnal is being used more for our services. If you would like to borrow a church copy for home use until we can meet again, please let the church office know. Indicate if you will pick it up from church (and sign out your copy) or if you would like to have it delivered.

- **From the treasurer:** You have generously responded to AMC's financial needs, and we ended the year able to meet all expenses, as well as sending our 4th Quarter donations to MCI, MCC and The Station. We were even able to send just over half of our 4th Quarter commitment to Mennonite Church Manitoba. Thank you for this financial support for the work of the church.

Thank you again for supporting the work of the Church. You may contribute online if you bank at Access (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number) make an e-transfer to [amchurchdonations@gmail.com](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or send or bring a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0)

### **WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **- MCI Virtual Open House - February 11th**

Learn more about MCI by attending our upcoming Live Virtual Open House on February 11th at 7:00 pm. In the hour-long Open House, attendees will hear from staff about MCI programs, student life, and tour our school - from the beautiful performing arts center, down the halls of our academic wing and into the dormitory. The online session will also allow time to ask questions directly to MCI staff and students about the application process, student bursaries, extra-curricular activities, or any other areas of interest. We are excited to welcome people into our halls again, even if it is virtually! To receive the link to this event, email [sophiegebrandt@mciblues.net](mailto:sophiegebrandt@mciblues.net) or visit MCI Social Media for more information. (@mciadmissions on Instagram)

#### **- Considering MCI for the 2021-22 school year?**

New students who submit an application by March 15<sup>th</sup> will share in \$25,000 of available tuition support. One lucky applicant will also receive their first year of tuition FREE! For more information visit [www.mciblues.net/admissions/new-student-incentive/](http://www.mciblues.net/admissions/new-student-incentive/) or email [sophiegebrandt@mciblues.net](mailto:sophiegebrandt@mciblues.net) our Student Recruitment Associate,

- Camps with Meaning Summer Staff applications are on the CWMM website. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) and follow the Summer links.

- **MCM Annual Gathering 2021 - March 6 online - Come learn about your regional and nationwide ministries at the 2021 Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering.** March 6, 9:00am - 12:00pm online. Delegates should register through their church office. Non-delegates are most welcome, but we're asking you to register on the MCM website or by calling the MCM Office. 204-896-1616. [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) Summary agenda is available on the [MCM website Gathering event page](#).

- The **CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre** is now **open for in-person shopping**, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday–Friday. 'Non-essential items' are again available in-store at CommonWord! On arrival, simply call 204-594-0524 and a CommonWord employee will open the doors for you. Online orders are welcome and continue to be processed. Visit [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) for an amazing array of resources to buy, borrow, or access online.

- **Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us...** A global pandemic is shining a light on our assumptions about the elderly among us. COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our communities. How might we listen anew to the voice and resilience of older adults, and how could such listening reshape our imagination and understanding? Join us on Zoom for a panel conversation with a Personal Care Home Executive, along with a number of seniors, including an Indigenous Elder. **Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST)**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Elaine Loewen sends this "Thank you for your many caring thoughts and prayers, emails, and phone calls. I have felt very cared for by family and friends. Surgery went well and I am on the road to recovery."

- Pray for Pastor Dan as he resumes full time pastoral duties.

- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.

- While still recovering, pray for Ken Hamm as he returned to HSC for some further tests.

- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.

- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.

- Many of our church family have other family they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

### **Prayer for Our Community**

- Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they navigate all the regulations and requirements.

- Pray also for the Health Care Providers.

- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.

- Michael Pahl is the new MCM Manitoba's Executive Minister.