

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation who aren't able to worship with us in person these days: Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor.

- We pray for those who are mourning. Pray for Bill Loewen and family as they journey on without Anne; The Wiebe family as they journey on without Tim.

- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health made daily life a struggle: Emily Wiebe

The continued uncertainty regarding Covid increases anxiety for many. Many of our church family have other people they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

- We pray for the family care-givers.

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for all teachers and students in our community as they finish out the school year.

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.

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

- Pray for Michael Pahl, our MCManitoba's Executive Minister.

Prayers for the World

- **Witness workers back in Canada for summer**

This week Werner and Joanne De Jong arrived in Canada for a summer of speaking in various congregations, study, visa applications and rest from their first semester at Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. Pray that they will be renewed in body and spirit, that their visa application will be successful and that they will be able to return with energy at the end of August.

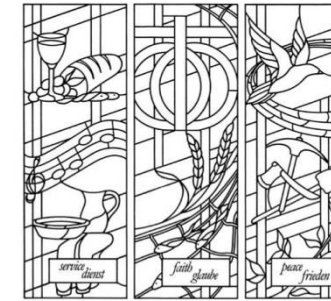
- **FGC ordains new pastors in Thailand**

Friends of Grace Church Association (FGC) held an ordination service for Pastors Prayet and Sunan on June 8 in Roi Et. Pastors Dang, Phairat and Tawi, leaders of regions organized by FGC to support the network of churches, officiated. Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong helped to form this network and work to support leaders and provide opportunities for leadership development and income-generation projects. FGC pastors and leaders also attended to support the new pastors.

- **Pantojas mourning loss of aunt and sister**

Last week the Pantoja family and PeaceBuilders Community, Inc., lost a supporter, cheerleader and friend, as well as sister to Lakan. Please pray for the PBCI and the Pantoja family as they mourn the loss the celebrate the life of Edna Labrador Pantoja.

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



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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We Declare

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 6 Let's Walk Together

We gather to worship

Psalm 51 – taken from Everyday Psalms by James Taylor

Hymn VT 738 Open My Eyes That I May See

Confession and Assurance

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy.

Many: Blot out our transgressions and cleanse us from our sins, for we know our transgressions and our sins are ever before us. (pause)

One: Forgive us for imposing our cultural assumptions and colonial ways on the First Peoples of this land—for taking their children away into residential schools and foster homes, for disregarding their connection to the land and their people, and for assuming we know better than they do.

Many: God, have mercy.

One: Forgive us for our sins against you and all your children, for our lack of love and compassion for our LGBTQ+ siblings, and for the injustices we have supported—for

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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.

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excluding them from worship and your community, for failing to see their pain and also their gifts, for asking them to prove their love for you, and for assuming we knew better than they did.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: Forgive us, O God, for the patriarchal systems that we have created and upheld, and for all the pain that these systems have caused and enabled, both overtly and discreetly—for all the women who have been silenced in your name, for the abuses of power that were enabled, for the survivors of abuse and the silencing of differences or accountability, and for assuming we knew better than they did.

Many: Spirit, have mercy.

One: Forgive us, O God, for the ways that we have twisted and turned your truths into our own truths, for our benefit and pleasure, for the ways we have created divisions and in-groups unwilling to listen to the other and unable to see your Spirit present in them as well.

Many: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy. (pause)

One: God promises that when we confess our sins God is faithful and will forgive us our sins. We receive God's forgiveness as a gift, a gift of grace which transforms our hearts, moving us toward greater faith, greater hope, and greater love for the furthering of God's reign of justice and peace and joy.

Many: Amen.

Hymn VT 145 Touch the Earth Lightly

John 8:1-11

Sermon Loren Braul

Hymn VT 388 How Can I Say

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Hymn VT 802 Draw the Circle

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert

Musicians: Loren & Lori Hiebert

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

July 3 – No service at AMC

- Community groups meet when it is suitable
- Discussion ideas will be made available

July 10 – "Muffin Morning" – details to follow

July 17 11:00 am Worship service with **Communion**

Dave Regehr will speak on "We Declare: What We Have Seen and Heard" themes 5/6 *Scripture:*

Worship Leader: Ray Hamm *Musicians:* Dave & Hildie Regehr; *Technician:* Loren Braul

Birthdays: June 26 – Marilyn Houser Hamm, Susan Wiens; July 1 – Mark Ratzlaff, Mary Costen; July 2 – Steve Penner; July 3 – Cheryll Giesbrecht

Anniversaries: June 27 – Nathan & Kareena Loewen; June 28 – Henry & Margaret Rempel; June 30 – Kerry & Gina Enns; July 1 – Paul & Margruite Krahn; July 7 – Harry & Susan Klassen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **From the treasurer:** Thanks again for your faithful giving. Inflation seems to be hitting all of us, even church budgets. Insurance, utilities and office expenses, 3 examples of non-discretionary expenses, are up over \$2,000 since this time last year, so even without a pastor, we have not yet climbed out of that line of credit. Conference and affiliated donations for the second Quarter are due at the end of June, so please continue to give generously as you are able.

- You may contribute online if you bank at Access Credit Union (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

- Ray and Marilyn Houser Hamm have accepted the role of Spiritual Care Coordinator at The Gardens. They started their position in The Apartments at the end of May and are now familiarizing themselves with their roles and responsibilities in Eastview and at the Altona Memorial Health Center. We wish them God's blessing in this new role.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENT

- **MHC Gallery's** next exhibition is: "Mennonite Village Photography: Views from Manitoba, 1890–1940" by Mennonite Historic Arts Committee. The exhibit runs from June 24 to September 10, 2022. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more details.

- **The Faith and Life Male Choir Spring Concert Video** is available for your viewing enjoyment. The choir recorded five songs this spring. View at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs

- **Golf for MCC!** Join us for a day of golf, prizes and dinner on July 7 and you'll support refugees and displaced people around the world. For more information about the MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament and to register, visit mccmb.ca/golf.

- **MCM Delegates for MC Canada Gathering 2022** Mennonite Church Manitoba is looking for delegates to attend the MC Canada Gathering in Edmonton, July 29-Aug 1. We need 11 general delegates to represent MCM at delegate sessions and 3 Young Leaders Experience participants (age 17-21) to take part in a delegate program geared for them. Registration, accommodation, and travel costs will be covered. Please see www.mennochurch.mb.ca for more info, and contact office@mennochurch.mb.ca if you are interested.

- **Still time to support the Camps with Meaning Ring Up the Cash Covid Recovery Campaign.** Camp Assiniboia continues to anticipate a \$25,000 deficit due to the Covid shutdown in the first quarter of this year. Please consider donating and/or signing up to participate. Visit the website ringupthecash.causevox.com

- Our volunteer applications have been slow this spring, and **we are still in need of Kitchen staff, Maintenance staff, and Camp Pastors** for all of our spring and summer weeks. We also urgently need Health Officers (EMTs, nurses, doctors, First Aid trainers) at Koinonia in July and August. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- **Specific holes to fill at Camps with Meaning this summer:** Senior (18+) male staff: July 10-15 and August 7-12 at either camp.