

## **Prayers for the World**

- We call our family of faith to pray for the people on Canada's east coast in the wake of tropical storm Fiona, one of the strongest ever to hit Canada.

- **AIMM training focuses on community assets in DR Congo** - Praise God for the assets-based community development training that Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission facilitates at the Kalonda Bible Institute in DR Congo. As students begin their pastoral ministries, they will assess the local resources of their communities and create opportunities for sustainable progress, in their churches and for their own livelihoods.

- **Chinese Christians face ongoing pressure and discrimination** - Believers in China will take a training course this weekend about following Jesus in the Anabaptist tradition. Pray for them as Christians face increasing political pressures and discrimination in the country, for wisdom in how to gather and for joy in being together.

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

## **For the Love of Creation: A Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis- Reflection for Week #6**

This is the final weekly reflection from the message to us by Jack Heppner on August 21. It calls for a collective imagination, and one in which our children and grandchildren can readily participate. Colossians 1:19 speaks of all things being reconciled in Christ. Our reflection this week calls us to imagine what the fulfillment of God's vision might look like-taste like-smell like.... What can you imagine? Enjoy ruminating with this question.

In the AMC foyer is a sign-up sheet for **the For the Love of Creation workshop with Sandy Plett on October 16**. The past weeks have laid a foundation and prepared our spirits to be attuned to the voices of Creation and to God's voice stirring among us. On October 16 we will seek to discern together what kind of actions can emerge from our congregation.

Bring sandwiches – open-faced or closed- for a sandwich buffet. Soup and dessert will be provided.

We look forward to these final Sundays of preparation, beginning with gratitude and how gratitude shapes our decisions and actions. The Sacred Earth – A Spirituality of the Land with guest speaker Dorothy Fontaine will culminate our series the morning of October 16.

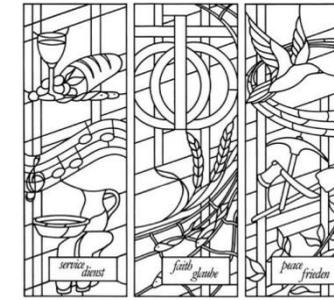
May God prepare our hearts for this purpose-filled work, Marilyn, For the AMC Worship Committee

### **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.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## **For the Love of Creation**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT #76 Holy, Holy, Holy!

Call to Worship

Psalm 104: 1-30

Prayer

Hymn VT #78 O for a Thousand Tongues

Giving Thanks

Hymn VT #747 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Praying together

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:4-9

Hymn VT#79 Sanna, sannanina

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:31-34

Message - Lorne Braul

Hymn VT #504 Joyous Light

Benediction

Hymn VT#70 Praise God (Dedication Anthem)

Postlude

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand  
Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Edna Zacharias  
Technician: Nathan Loewen

### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC**

October 9 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Three AMC Reflections on Gratitude  
October 12 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting  
October 15 2 pm – Central MB Youth Choir Concert  
4 pm Fall Get-Together at Andrea/Karey's – see announcement below  
October 16 - 11:00 am Worship Service, – A Spirituality of the Land with guest Dorothy Fontaine  
1:00 – 3:00 pm – Climate Action Plan working group with Sandy Plett and Marilyn Houser Hamm. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby.  
October 23 11:00 am Worship Service  
October 30 11:00 am Worship Service, speaker Erika Enns Rodine  
November 1 7:00 pm Leadership Committee meeting

**Birthdays:** October 3 – Mark Sawatzky, Julia Thiessen;  
October 6 – Sam Kehler

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **- AMC Fall Get-together – October 15**

You're invited to come to Andrea & Karey Hildebrand's for a Weiner Roast on Saturday, October 15 from 4:00-7:00pm. Please bring your lawn chair, outdoor games, chips, a dessert or cookies to share. Any questions, contact Sandra at [Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

- **Faithful Climate Action plan** with Sandy Plett and Marilyn Houser Hamm from the MC Manitoba Climate Action Working Group on Sunday afternoon, **October 16, from 1:00-3:00pm**. More information on the back of the bulletin.

- **From the treasurer:** We're happy to report that we're finally out of our line of credit. Without major, unforeseen expenses, we will now be able to begin saving toward the future, even while we pay a very part time "pastor" for the next few months. We look forward to being able to support a pastor again in the new year. Thank you for your continued giving during this time of transition.

- 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](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

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

#### **- Altona MCC is seeking application for store manager.**

To apply, pick up application form at 10 main street and return in person or email with resume to [altomamcc@gmail.com](mailto:altomamcc@gmail.com)  
Applications being accepted until Oct. 25. Call 204 324 8323 ask for Corny Fehr.

- This fall, **give the gift of a relief kit** with [Buckets of Thanks!](#) Help MCC meet the overwhelming needs of displaced people by giving a tangible gift of essential hygiene supplies to a family who has been forced to flee. Pack a bucket or sponsor the cost of supplies with your family, Sunday school class or care group to extend your gratitude this Thanksgiving. Go to [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events), or email [simonethiessen@mccmb.ca](mailto:simonethiessen@mccmb.ca).

- **Camps with Meaning Celebration Fundraising Banquets.** Let's celebrate this summer's camping ministry and raise money to send more kids to camp. October 22, 5:30pm - Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. October 23, 5:30pm - Douglas Mennonite Church. To reserve your free tickets or host a table, contact the camp office. [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca), 204-895-2267.

- **First Mennonite Church invites all to an in person and online Queer Theology and the Church lecture series.** This series will explore how queer theology can lead the church beyond a framework of inclusion and into larger questions of justice and transformation. First of four Sunday evening lectures begins October 23.

<https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/special-events/>

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Pray for Harv Heinrichs as he is in and out of the hospital. Pray that the cause can be found and that the medicines can do their job. Harv and Kathy thank you for your prayers and concern as they take it one step at a time.

- Mark Ratzlaff's sister Ivy passed away in September. Pray for her family.

- We pray for our future pastor and for our pulpit supply minister as they prepare to join us.

- 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 grieving.

- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle.

- We pray for the family care-givers.

### **Prayer for Our Community**

- 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.