

LITURGY FOR PEACE SUNDAY

Leader reads the light print.
Congregation responds with the bold.

PART 1:

Peace is more than a wish; it is our holy work:

therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.

**Bearing with one another in love,
make every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.**

Bear with one another
and, if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other.

PART 2:

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city.

Pray to the Lord for it,
because if it prospers,
you too will prosper.

**Peace is a seed we plant
and God multiplies,
nourishing all.**

This is what the LORD says,
"See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

**We water the seed of peace
and God causes it to grow:
tenfold, a hundredfold.**

PART 3:

Christ is our peace.

**In his flesh he has made us one
and broken down the dividing wall,
the hostility between us.**

Jesus said, "Peace be with you.
Reach out your hand.
Do not doubt but believe."

**Peace is the movement that springs
from resting at the feet of Christ.**

There is need of one thing.
Choose the better part
which will not be taken away.

**Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Grace to you and peace from the One
who is and who was and is to come.

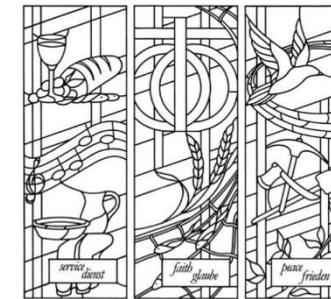
Amen.

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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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn VT #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Litany Part 1

LISTENING

Children's Time

Hymn VT #789 Be a Sower

Litany Part 2

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:7-11

Hymn VT # 206 Seek the Peace of the City

Sermon

Harold Peters-Fransen

RESPONDING

Hymn VT #209 We Dream of a Turning

Prayer of the People

Litany Part 3 (Benediction)

Hymn VT #428 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen

Musicians: Lori & Loren Hiebert

Technician: Loren Braul

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

November 10/11 Rental

November 13 9:30 am AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship Service

Speaker: Marlene Wiebe; *Theme:* *Scripture:* *Worship Leader:* Marilyn Houser Hamm *Musicians:* Loren Braul, Sylvia Klassen
Technician: Dale Klassen

November 20 11:00 am Worship Service
speaker - Harold Peters Fransen

November 21 7 pm Advent decorating

November 27 9:30 am AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship Service – 1st Advent,
speaker – Jeff Friesen, MCMAN Co-Director of Leadership
Ministries, Communion service is planned

December 4 11:00 am Worship service
speaker – Harold Peters Fransen

Birthdays: November 7 – John Gerbrandt; November 9 – Mason Wood

-A warm welcome to Harold Peters Fransen. Harold is from Winnipeg, a husband to Ingrid, and parent to 3 sons, with two daughters in law, and grandparent to 5. Now retired, he pastored long term in Regina, Mississauga, London Ontario, and Grunthal Manitoba. Harold also enjoyed 12 years where he was an intentional interim pastor in 9 different assignments. Harold enjoys preaching! He also enjoys cooking, reading, doing some volunteering, and travelling. He is looking forward to serving in AMC in this in-between time.

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Harry and Susan Klassen to town! They have moved to Golden West, new address is 302-125 Center Ave. E. Mailing address is Box 1325, Altona, ROG 0B0, and phone number is 204-304-9004.

- **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, or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Altona MCC is looking for a Shop Manager. Contact Corny Fehr at 324 8323 or 324 3862.

- The **Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine** is holding a music and dessert evening in thanks for your support of the Mennonite Centre. The evening will feature the Faith and Life Male Choir, reports on our work in Ukraine, as well as zwieback and chokecherry jelly. There will be an opportunity to donate in support of our work. Saturday November 12, 2022 7:00 PM at Douglas Mennonite Church 1517 Rothesay Street, Winnipeg Manitoba

- **November 20 – Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert** at 2:30 pm, Altona Bergthaler Church. See poster on the bulletin board.

- **Mon. Nov. 21, 7:00 pm - MCI's Annual General Meeting** will be held in the school's chapel. In light of critical realities facing MCI, the board is issuing an urgent call to attend this year's AGM. Receive updates on the school's current realities. Assist in discerning the future for our / your school.

- **A celebration of 50 years.** Join us on **November 22** at 7 pm to celebrate 50 years of MCC Thrift! This special virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network and our many dedicated volunteers. Register to attend at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50.

- **Christmas with CMU** is taking place on Saturday, **November 26 at 7:00 PM** (CST) at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St., Winnipeg). This year's Christmas program will be in-person and livestreamed featuring Christmas favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. Space is limited; free tickets are required (available November 1) by visiting cmu.ca/christmas.

- **CMU Festival Chorus** – J.S. Bach's magnificent Christmas Oratorio, Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248, is an awe-inspiring masterpiece for choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy the choir's

stunning musical rendering of the nativity story in all its rejoicing, gladness, and celebration on December 9, 2022 (in Winnipeg, MB) and **December 10, 2022 (in Gretna, MB)**. Details and tickets available at cmu.ca/festivalchorus.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Harv Heinrichs as he is in Palliative Care. Pray for family, especially for Kathy. Visitors are allowed, 2 at a time.
- We pray for our pulpit supply minister Harold Peters Fransen, and our future pastor, as they prepare to join us.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Sarah Sawatzky at Golden West.
- 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.
- Prayers for Vic Penner as he returned to palliative care.
- We pray for Anna Penner as she begins her treatment for cancer.

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.

Prayers for the World

- **Learning tour in Thailand from Oct. 28 to Nov. 17**
In the next few weeks Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong host a learning tour in Thailand with participants from Canadian congregations involved in the support of the ministry. Pray that relationships will be strengthened and that both the Canadians and Thai ministry partners will be encouraged and inspired in their faith and service.
- **Prayer for China Mennonite Network** - As deepening political changes take place in China, pray for the China Mennonite Network as they find ways to be faithful in their context.

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