

### **Prayers for Our Community**

- Pray for all teachers and students as they learn and teach.
- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.

### **Prayers for the World**

- **Pray with Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyong Park...**as they reach out to the 2.2 million mostly young people who have left the church in South Korea in the last 10 years. They believe that now is the time for Anabaptist teaching to revitalize the church and give a gift to the larger church in South Korea. Bock Ki has begun a YouTube broadcast called "Accidental Anabaptist" ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKc2Q\\_QYpEM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKc2Q_QYpEM)).

For those who can't understand Korean, check the settings under subtitles to get a rough English translation of these messages.

- **You are invited to deepen the relationship between the Colombian Mennonite Church and Mennonite Church Canada...**by visiting Colombia in February 2025 (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44830>). If you are interested in being part of a small delegation for this visit, contact your Regional Church or Jeanette Hanson [jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca) for more information.

### **From the Pastor**

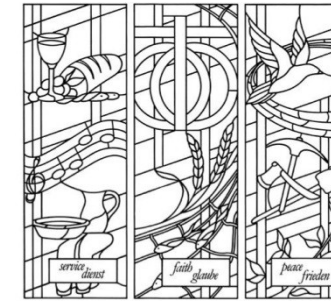
Greetings!

Having spent the greater part of the last year revisiting the Old Testament - from Genesis through to the start of 1 Samuel - this morning we will wrap up The Stories That Shape Us worship series. It certainly has been an interesting journey: making new discoveries about ancient texts, finding common themes and refrains in the stories, witnessing to the strange and wonderful workings of God, sharing in the struggles and heartbreak of humanity, and ultimately being reminded of the great love God has for God's people.

I think the series has been real - these stories do not deny the realities and complexities of the human experience. They have been challenging, and have not led to any easy answers to the questions they elicit. But they are rooted in the abiding love and grace of God. If I had to sum it all up in a word, I'd choose Faithfulness. One of the overarching greater stories of the entire biblical witness is Faithfulness. God's faithfulness as constant, compared to human faithfulness, which is variable.

And so we humans must depend on God as we journey this winding road of life, individually and as a church body, because our situations are bound to dip, skip and flip (sometimes even skyrocket or nosedive), and our faithfulness ebbs and flows as we live out our days. We are ever being shown the ways of faithfulness to God, because God is ever faithful.

From the Creation story to the Flood (uncreation), Abraham & Sarah to Hagar & Ishmael, Isaac & Rebecca to Jacob & Esau, Joseph & his brothers to the Brave Midwives in Egypt, from the Baby in a Basket to the Burning Bush, Slavery to Freedom, the Crossing of the Red Sea to Wandering in the Wilderness, from Receiving the Law of Moses to the Strong Sisters who petitioned God to change the Law, from Joshua leading Israel into the Promised Land to Ruth of Moab becoming part of the family of God, and today with Hannah giving birth to baby Samuel - from the beginning God has been creating, calling, and leading us into the ways of Shalom. When injustice and unfaithfulness prevail, God is still there, calling the people back to ways of living justly, faithfully, and lovingly with one another and God. There may be harsh consequences for poor choices, but never abandonment. God is merciful and loving. God is just. God is always faithful - God will not give up on what God has created! So we keep journeying along on the road of faithfulness, one day and one step at a time. Together.



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## ***Stories That Shape Us – Hannah's Prayer***

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation - God Be In My Head

Hymn VT 619 In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting

AMC Kids recite Matthew 22:34-40

Hymn VT 605 My Life Flows On

Offertory \* see announcement below

Children's Story

AMC Kids sing Psalm 90 (by Steve Bell)

Message Erika Enns Rodine

Hymn VT 412 My Soul Cries Out

Sharing & Prayer

Hymn VT 667 Shall We Gather at the River

Benediction

Worship Leader: Margruite Krahn

Musician(s): Paul & Margruite Krahn, Leo Dyck, Elliot Rempel

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

**Birthdays:** May 28 – Jim Dyck; May 29 – Margruite Krahn

**Anniversaries:** May 27 – John & Norma Thiessen; May 28 – Myron Dyck & Julia Thiessen

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

June 2 Church Picnic – details below  
June 9 9:30 am - Book Study – chapters 9/10  
11:00 am Worship Service,  
*Theme:* guest Kirby Nelson will speak on Anishnaabe  
Teachings *Worship Leader:* Erika Enns Rodine, Ray Hamm  
*Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns *Technician:*  
Loren Braul  
June 11 4:30 pm Leadership Council meeting  
June 16 11:00 am Worship Service – Dave Regehr  
June 23 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine  
June 30 11:00 am - coffee on yard for the long weekend

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We will use the offering time during the service as a time of reflection as we listen to the offertory. The collection baskets will remain at the the back for you to place your offering in as you enter or exit. This decision was made as so many people give on-line. A reminder – e-transfers can be made to [amchurchdonations@gmail.com](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com). If you bank at Access Credit Union, you can add AMC as a bill payee using your phone number as your account number. We are thankful for all the ways you give of your time/money/gifts to the church.

- **AMC Picnic** - Please join us on **June 2nd in Ash Park**, Altona, located at the south end of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, between Spruce Cresnet and Ash St.

We encourage you to walk, cycle, or car pool to Ash Park for a time of worship and play.

**10:00 am gathering 10:30 worship followed by a shared lunch.** Please bring lawn chairs, finger food to share (veggies, fruit, chips etc) and dessert. Also bring your own dishes & cutlery. Hotdogs & pop will be provided. There will be helpers to assist with carrying things. Hope to see you there.

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee sign up sheet** is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

### **WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MCI Saengerfest on Sunday, June 2nd** in Buhler Hall!

Join us for a time of worship and a celebration of song, centered on the theme "Joy, Joy, Joy!" The worship service begins at 10:30 am, with lunch (by donation) to follow, and an afternoon concert at 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

- Registration is now open for **MCI's 10th Annual Golf Classic** at Minnewasta Golf and Country Club in Morden on **Saturday, June 8th, 2024**. Whether you are a beginner or avid golfer, we look forward to seeing all of you at the golf course. Register online today by visiting our website ([mciblues.net](http://mciblues.net)) or email [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on the links!

- **YFC Altona Golf Classic at Oakview - June 15th**

More information and registration can be done on our website [YFCALTONA.COM](http://YFCALTONA.COM)

### **CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **A great summer of camp is coming!** All registrations are open: campers, staff, volunteers. [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)

- **Camp Volunteers still really needed for Summer 2024**

Please consider making a difference and volunteering at Camp Assiniboia or Koinonia this summer. In particular, we still need kitchen help, maintenance help, and health officers across the summer. Please go to [www.campswithmeaning.org/staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/staff) to see the updated list of needs. If you can't do it, please encourage others. Call the Camps with Meaning office if you have questions. 204.895.2267

- Discover a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of refugees. **MCC Manitoba is hosting Welcome the Stranger: A New, Cost-Supported Refugee Sponsorship Info Session** at Covenant Mennonite Church, Winkler on Thursday, **May 30 at 7 p.m.** Learn how you can provide support and hope to individuals and families in vulnerable circumstances who are seeking refuge through the Blended Visa Office-Referral (BVOR) program. Join us in person or online. RSVP required. [mcc.org/events/welcome-stranger](http://mcc.org/events/welcome-stranger)

- Join us for **CMU's Faspa on the Lawn**, a fundraising garden party with food from local Hutterite communities, lawn games, music, and mingling. Tours of Poettker Hall, the original student residence that will soon undergo renovation, will also be offered. **Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 PM** on

CMU's south side lawn. We will gather to celebrate and call CMU forward together. Register at [cmu.ca/faspa](http://cmu.ca/faspa).

- Do you want to take care of our earth? **MCC Thrift's Zero Waste Challenge** is a great place to start. Join us in learning all about going zero waste and challenge yourself to reduce your waste the **week of June 23**. If this challenge feels daunting, don't worry - even the smallest changes go a long way towards reducing our waste and helping the planet. We'd love for you to join us in making a difference. [mccthrift.com/zerowaste](http://mccthrift.com/zerowaste)

- **Camps with Meaning is 75**. Come out to Camp Assiniboia June 21-23 to celebrate. Events for all ages. [www.campswithmeaning.org/75](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/75)

- **Tee off for a cause in support of MCC's** global disaster relief efforts. Join us for MCC Manitoba's Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 4 at Bridges Golf Course. Experience our Texas Scramble tournament featuring on-course challenges, complemented by a delicious BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit [mcc.org/Manitoba/golf](http://mcc.org/Manitoba/golf) to learn more and secure your spot today!

- **Cycle for a cause** – support MCC's food projects around the world with Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on **Saturday, July 6** for a 34 km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park. Come for the day or camp for the weekend. Check out [mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake](http://mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake) for full event and registration information.

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- We pray for our pastor and her family.

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:

Jean Tarnick who is back at The Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Hilda Elias at Centre Courts and others who are not named.

- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Ken Hamm, Bev Barton

- 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.

- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.