

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

- **MCC laments** the U.S. military aggression against Iran and mourns our collective failure to stop the endless cycles of violence and the cheapening of human life. We recommit to be peacemakers in a time of escalating violent conflict.

- **Scholarships and prayers for Palestine.** - MC Canada's Palestine/Israel Network thanks all who donated to its Advent giving project for scholarships at Bethlehem Bible College. Donations are still being accepted through March 31; please visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/adventgiving2025> for more information. The PIN also urges prayer for our siblings in faith as they maintain a gospel message in Gaza, West Bank, and East Jerusalem with the added complexity and threat from the US/Isreal conflict with Iran.

From the Pastor:

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay.
Want more of everything ready-made.
Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.

And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery any more.
Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

When they want you to buy something they will call you.
When they want you to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something that won't compute.
Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace the flag.
Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot understand.
Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold.

Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees every thousand years.

Listen to carrion — put your ear close and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable.
Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap for power,
please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child?

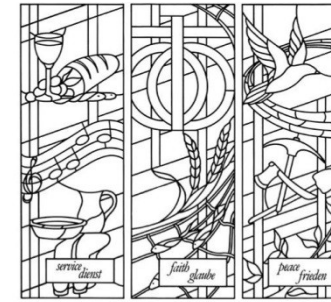
Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade.
Rest your head in her lap.
Swear allegiance to what is nighest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind, lose it.
Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go.

Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

Wendell Berry (b. 1934)



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Easter – Death and Resurrection

Prelude

Easter Greeting

Call: Christ is risen!

Response: He is risen indeed! (3x)

Hymn VT 333 Low in the Grave He Lay

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

All: Angels singing.

One: Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

All: Jesus is risen!

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

All: but love is stronger than death.

One: Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

All: Our names – each one.

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

All: It is the sound of resurrection.

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Easter Prayer of Invocation
Reader's Theatre - "Racing to see Jesus"
Hymn VT 355 Thine Is the Glory
Scripture John 20:1-18
sung with VT 356 Be Not Afraid
Sermon Erika Enns Rodine
Confession Poem
Reflection in Gratitude
Sharing and Congregational Prayer
Hymn VT 359 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Benediction
Hymn VT 565 Christ Is Alive and Goes Before Us
Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musician(s): Loren & Lori Hiebert
Readers: Andrea Hildebrand, Nancy Neufeld
Technician: Loren Brault

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

April 7 9:00 am – Contemplative Prayer Time
April 10 1:45 pm Muslim Men's Prayer Time
April 12 9:45 am – Adult study resumes
AMC Kids resume
11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Theme: Everyone Created in God's Image *Scripture:* Genesis 1:26-31 *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Musician(s):* Loren Brault, Sylvia Klassen *Technician:* Nathan Loewen
April 17 1:45 pm Muslim Men's Prayer Time
April 19 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
April 26 11:00 am Worship Service – guest Janessa Nayler Giesbrecht
May 3 11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
May 5 9:00 am – Contemplative Prayer
May 10 11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Ray and Marilyn Houser Hamm's new mailing and street addresses are Box 1223, 3002 5th St., Rosthern, Saskatchewan. S0K 3R0

- **February 2026 marked the 3 year anniversary** for Erika Enns Rodine as pastor of AMC. We want to celebrate and review how the last 3 years have gone for her and us. She has requested to hear feedback from the congregation and a small group will gather to review and discuss this with her. If you have feedback in the form of positive aspects or areas you'd like to see more attention or focus, we'd like to hear from you. Please share these thoughts with Ang Enns, John Thiessen or Kim Batchelor prior to March 31, 2026. Thanks for your feedback!

From the Treasurer:

- Ways to Give at Altona Mennonite Church:
- cash or cheque in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- online bill payments through Access Credit Union
- etransfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com
Thank you for your donations as we continue to be church together!

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cottonwood Community Drama** will be presenting *The Carpenter* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson at Buhler Hall in Gretna on April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., and with a matinee on April 18 at 2:30 p.m. The production is directed by Holly Gilson, with technical direction by Charles Klippenstein.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Living in a Changing Climate: Stories of Wildfire Impact in Cross Lake – Pimicikamak Cree Nation.** Come join the MCM Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) on Saturday, April 11 at 9:30am as we listen to stories of the devastating 2025 wildfires and reflect together on how climate change is impacting us all. Refreshments will be served. South Conference Room - Canadian Mennonite University (600 Shaftesbury Blvd).

- **Light the Fire Party** with comedian Matt Falk. April 19, 2026. 7:00pm. Caboto Centre, Winnipeg. Come out and support your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign by enjoying the "effortlessly funny" comedian, Matt Falk. Free tickets are available at www.lightthefire.ca There is a sign up sheet to order tickets. (I have to submit numbers by the 13th).

- **Spring at CMU** – All are invited to Spring at CMU on Friday, **April 24 at 7:00 PM** in the Laudamus Auditorium. Attend in person or via livestream to hear CMU choirs and graduate student reflections. Reception to follow and opportunity to contribute to a freewill offering in support of CMU. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the livestream.

- **Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concerts. May 2, 7:00pm** - Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. **May 3, 3:00pm** - Morden Mennonite Church, Morden. Freewill offering.

- **Camps with Meaning summer staff** application portal is open. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- **Summer camp registration** is open for kids Gr 1 to Gr 12. www.campswithmeaning.org

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the restoration of health to all at Eastview. The site is again in lockdown, trying to keep a virus from spreading.
- Jean Tarnick is at Eastview Place. She is finding the days long as she can't move independently. She welcomes visitors.
- Bev Barton is home, still waiting for some tests. Pray for calm.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Marianne Braun at Eastview; Bill Loewen and Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, and others who are not named.
- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns.
- We pray for those who are grieving, for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle, for those in transition, for those who have moved to or are waiting to move to a new home.
- We pray for the family care-givers.