

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 15, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Let all who take refuge in God rejoice; let them forever sing for joy.

The wings of God's protection spread over us, so that those who love God's name may rejoice.

God blesses each year with abundant bounty and establishes a posterity for God's people.

Future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim God's deliverance to a community yet to come.

Sing the praises of the Lord, God's faithful people; give thanks to God's holy name

Sing praise to God who reigns HWB #59 v.2&3

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we gather in your presence to worship you in beauty and truth; to pray, grateful of your loving kindness. You are our rock, our fortress, our stronghold and our deliverer. We are your creation, made in Christ Jesus for good works.

Your Holy Spirit fills us with life, faith and understanding. There is nothing we have that we did not receive from you. Everything we are, everything we have and everyone we love is a gift from you. And so, we worship you as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

While you are lavish and generous, we often live without gratitude; we count what we lack, we overlook what have, and we do not use the gifts you have given us.

Forgive what we have been, open our eyes to see the need around us, open our hands to share with others and use our lives and gifts to further your reign within your church and in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness/Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Cheerful Mission Celebration

Joys are flowing like a river HWB #301 v.1&2

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-3a; Mark 4:35-41

Meditation: "Faith and Fear - a call for the church"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Be Still and Know

SA #8 v.1&3

North Star Praise and Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of all people, all places and all situations, we come seeking your strength, your peace, and your direction, to know the comfort of your presence and the energy of your Spirit. You have called us to work towards reconciliation in the world. Help us to live out the ways of your kingdom in your church and in our lives. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, you said, "Blessed are the poor." We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of the economy, suffering the anxiety and restriction of low income and the insecurity it brings. Challenge us in our stewardship so that this world will more and more reflect your kingdom, where there is enough for all, and everyone can enjoy the blessings of your creation. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, you said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst." We pray for people and communities facing famine and drought, as well as the pandemic. Give strength to people and agencies dedicated to alleviating misery. Move us to share what we have with those who have so much less. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Christ, you blessed the peacemakers. We pray for those who work for peace and reconciliation in a divided world. Protect those who face violence, persecution and chaos in their homes, workplaces or communities.

Transform the day-to-day struggles of those living in danger or discord.

Move us to serve as mediators and models of forgiveness in our relationships. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Going out to Serve...

Rain down

STJ #49 v.1&2

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader –Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$2906.13 Attendance – 58

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, November 22

11:00 a.m. – There will be communion served during the morning worship. There will also be Child Dedication for Dean Toporchak.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, November 16-Thursday, December 17

Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary. See poster for more information.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please remember to check your mailboxes periodically as items placed there may be time sensitive.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Pray for Pleasant Point Mennonite Church and Warman Mennonite Church this weekend as they candidate a new pastor to provide spiritual leadership for both congregations.

MCC Connects: We are thrilled to invite you to a special online celebration of MCC's 100 years! On Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. CST, join hundreds of people from across Canada for a special time of storytelling, music, prayer and thanksgiving. You can sign up for the event at <https://mcccanada.ca/centennial/celebration-rsvp> or, if you know you won't be able to join on the 21st, sign up anyway and you will be sent a recorded version after the event. Hope to see you there!

CMU Connects: Face2Face | From Violence to Peace: Stories can change the world – CMU's next Face2Face conversation draws upon a CMU Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies class, 'Cultures of Violence, Cultures of Peace'. This class of 27 includes 11 students from the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) in the Philippines. The weekly learning, relationships, and stories shared by these students and peace practitioners have been transformative. Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00–9:30 p.m. (CST) Online, somewhat later than normal in order to accommodate participants in the Philippines, given a 13-hour time difference. The livestream feed will be available here www.cmu.ca/face2face.

During the pandemic CMU remains VIRTUALLY OPEN to all prospective students. Any student who applies by Nov. 30 will have the \$80.00 application fee waived! Sign up for an Individual Virtual Visit & a one-on-one conversation with an Admissions Counsellor at enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/virtual_visits or choose to be part of CMU's next Virtual Campus Visit Day on Friday, November 27 from 4:00–5:00 PM (CST). Register for this and other dates at www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.