

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is to come.

Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Leader: Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Leader: For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

All: and to knowledge, self-control;

Leader: and to self-control, perseverance;

All: and to perseverance, godliness;

Leader: and to godliness, mutual affection;

All: and to mutual affection, love.

Leader: For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

All: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy, Holy, Holy – Audrey Assad

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

God most holy, You are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Eternal, Ruler and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your Word. God most holy, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives to offer you honour and love.

Mighty and merciful God, we come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways and live under your reign. Hear us as we confess to you our sins:

We confess that we have failed to love fully, forgive wholly, and to share the joy of your presence day by day. You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar.

You offer risky love but we opt for safer choices. You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to abandon our selfish ways and cautious

service, so that we can risk offering you our whole lives, committed to following Jesus and building your kingdom here on earth.

Promise of Forgiveness/Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Perfect Peace – Laura Story

Dedication of Dean Toporchak

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-21

Meditation: "God's Grace Leads to Transformation"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Communion

Lord's Supper Preparation (Unison) HWB #781

How can we discern our errors, O God?

Clear us from hidden faults. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.

Look graciously on our remorse; help us to turn from evil. We offer you ourselves, body and soul, to be cleansed.

As we drink the cup, give us assurance of forgiveness through the blood of Christ.

Accept our promise to be true to you and give us power to fulfill it. Let us find strength in the breaking of the bread to live and to die, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord's Supper HWB #785

Leader: Blessed are you, O God. You made bread to strengthen us. You set aside this bread as a sign of your Son's broken body. In breaking it, may we participate in the reconciliation of Christ.

People: May Christ's body be the bread of our souls, to give us strength to continue our pilgrimage, being made worthy to sit with all the redeemed at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

ALL: Hear us, O God, through our mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God. You made the vine to strengthen us. You set aside this cup as a sign of your Son's shed blood. In drinking the cup, may we participate in the blood of Christ.

People: May Christ's blood make us strong to drink the cup of suffering without complaint, for Jesus' sake, in the hope that we shall drink new wine in your kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, O God, for the sake of your eternal love. Amen.

I Know that my Redeemer Lives – Claire Crosby

North Star Praise and Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Going out to Serve...

Blessed Assurance Sounds Like Reign

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$2710.00 Attendance – 55

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Rose and Dan will be in Regina Tues., Nov. 24-Friday, Nov.27. For assistance, please contact one of the deacons.

Sunday, November 29

11:00 a.m. – First Sunday of Advent. Advent services will include a Children's Time each Sunday.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Until Thursday, December 17

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- If you wish to donate to Brighter Horizons you can do it through North Star. Please indicate on your cheque if you want it to go to Hurricane Eta relief.
- Gift Idea or for Yourself - 'Draw Near' book of 30 devotional and inspirational personal stories for all ages. Written by Laura Laskowski and Laurie Pauls. \$15.00 or 4 for 50.00. Call Joyce if interested.
- Thanks to all the snow shovellers and snow plowers who have been busy this week at the church.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Pray for our healthcare workers as we face a surge in infections. Pray for safety and wisdom for them as they work to help those who are requiring medical care.

MCC Connects: Not one hurricane, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at mcccanada.ca/eta-iota-relief or by calling 306.665.2555.

A Prayer upon Masking by Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Can.

May I see the holy moment in the wearing of this cloth—a sign to the world that I care—a tangible and visible way of living my love for my neighbours, as I love myself. Since my lips will be covered, may I uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, may I speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions. As the elastic touches my ears, may I listen carefully—may I be full of care—for all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with divine love. By all that I hold sacred, by the love that is intended, I say these things, I take this action. May it be so. May it be so.