

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 19, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Call to worship

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: All you works of God, all you mighty heavens, sun, moon and stars;
wind, rain and thunder, mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,
whales beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all that leaps or crawls,
all folk who worry and wonder,

All: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Sharing the Good News...

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Offering

Announcements

Meditation: "Earth Day and Obligations of Followers of Jesus"

Psalms 148

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Please note that all events at North Star (worship, meetings, etc.) will be cancelled until further notice. We will continue to send weekly bulletins and information will also be posted on the church website. If you have any questions or comments please call or email the church.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

June 7

Outdoor worship service. Details to follow.

August 17-20

VBS at North Star (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- FoodBank donations can be dropped off in the church bins or at the Foodbank collection box at the Lanigan Coop. Cash donations can be made by cheque to North Star and marked FoodBank and Joyce will forward them to the Lanigan and District Foodbank.
- Rejoice subscriptions are now due. Cost is \$43.30. Cheques should be made to North Star and placed in Esther's mailbox by **April 30** or contact Esther to make arrangements for payment.
- In light of the current State of Emergency in Sask., MC Sask will be taking the 2020 Annual Delegate Sessions online on Sat., April 25 at 10 a.m. and will be limited to 100 participants. We will let others participate on a first signed up basis. **If you would like to attend, but not be a delegate, please email the office ASAP and I will register your address.** The meeting will also be recorded.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 26

7:00 p.m. – RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes: Join us online on the RJC website for our newly imagined online fundraising event. The event will feature music by the RJC Concert Choir, a Virtual Alumni Choir, student and alumni reflections on community support during COVID-19, and an online auction. Visit rjc.sk.ca the day of the event to watch and to make your donation.

PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- Our congratulations to Melissa and Craig Virostek on the birth of their son, Porter Glen, born on Sunday, April 12. Proud grandparents are Glen and Sheri Gibney.
- Pray for Dennis Peters (father of Tim Peters, Pastor at Christian Fellowship Church) who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has been moved from Winkler to Winnipeg for treatment.
- For business leaders making difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees: God, give these women and men wisdom, and help them to lead self-sacrificially.
- For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregants and love their cities well.
- For college and university students, whose courses of study are changing, whose placements are cancelled, whose graduation is uncertain: God, show them that while life is uncertain, their trust is in you.

- For Christians in every neighborhood, community, and city: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified around the world.
- For frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. We also pray: God, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy. God, help them to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this disease, as well as the changing protocols. God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic. God, deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones (aging parents, children, spouses, roommates). God, give them compassion for every patient in their care. God, provide for them financially, especially if they fall ill and are unable to work. God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel.
- God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: When Thomas heard the news about the resurrected Jesus, he needed to see and touch him to believe. Thomas needed Jesus' actual physical presence (I'm not sure a Zoomed in Jesus would have been sufficient for him!). As we continue to remain socially distant from one another, pray for strength, patience and endurance as we wait for the day to be physically present with those we love, with one another, and those within our communities. While we are grateful for Zoom to hold the 2020 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions on Saturday, April 25, we lament that we cannot be together in person to sing, eat, worship and fellowship together. Nonetheless we pray for God's presence and guidance as we continue to deepen our walk with each other and the world.

MC Canada Connects: The MC Canada service will be presented by MCBC this week and will be available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/>

MCC Connects: In a time of uncertainty and social distancing, we want to offer you a selection of educational and engaging resources. From prayers to recipes and cooking videos, from colouring pages to stories that give you a glimpse of life across the world, we hope you can find something just for you. Visit mcccanada.ca/resources-time-uncertainty-covid-19. To access a colouring page specifically suited for the Easter season, visit mcccanada.ca/stories/colour-your-own-easter-egg. Enjoy!