

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

June 7, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Offering Reminder and Announcements

Scripture: Psalm 62:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38

Meditation: "Rest to Prepare"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

- Prayer requests
- MC Canada Call to Prayer: "This nationwide call to prayer is a call for the church to boldly stand against racism that rips apart the social fabric of both of our countries. As a church, we speak for a God who made all persons in the image of the Creator's likeness. We are called to raise our voices and prayers and denounce the evil that racism inflicts upon our fellow human beings."
- Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is asking all congregations to set aside a specific time of prayer on Sunday, June 7, to join our sister churches in Mennonite Church USA as they lament the injustice and violence suffered by people of colour in the U.S. Read the full nationwide call here: [Nationwide Call to Prayer](#)

God of our past and our future, God of healing and hope,
We come before you with grateful hearts,
trusting that you walk with us through all the times of our lives,
including this strange time of illness and isolation.
You are still the God of our history and God of the world you love,
so hear us as we pray for your world and the people around us.

We remember today those who face danger and despair in these times:
Those who suffer the effects of coronavirus in their lives and in the lives of
loved ones; those living with hunger while the world is distracted,
those caught up in unrest and violence despite the pandemic,
and all whose lives are directed by forces beyond their control...

Hear our prayer.

(Time for our silent prayers)

We pray for all those working to relieve suffering of many different kinds
and bring justice and peace to those most vulnerable.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

(Time for our silent prayer)

We pray for all those facing fear or frustration,
and those wrestling with sorrow or discouragement.

We remember those who live with illness, disability or pain day by day,
and all who know the grief and change of bereavement...

(Silence)

We pray for all those who work to bring healing and comfort to those who
suffer, remembering those who put their own health and life at risk during the
pandemic.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

(Time for our silent prayers)

We pray for all who feel helpless or hopeless in this present time of such
uncertainty:

For those facing unemployment or struggling to make ends meet,
For those caught up in misunderstanding or broken relationships
And for those working through situations of conflict at home or at work...

(Time for our silent prayers)

Racism

(Time for our silent prayers)

We pray for all who offer guidance and support in the midst of such
difficulties.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

(Time for our silent prayers)

God of our past and our future, God of healing and hope,
Even as we cancel many meetings and activities this summer.

Help us as we hold meetings through technological means.

Help us to continue to respond to the pandemic, nearby and around the
world.

Hold each congregation and each denomination and your world wide church
together in the days ahead and remind us of our common faith in Christ.

Help us learn from the challenges we are going through new ways of living
out our faith.

Support our denomination and our local churches to engage questions and choices with respect and faithfulness, trusting that you can do new things for us and with us.

Keep us loving and gracious, in the example of Jesus, our Lord and friend.

Hear our prayer.

(Time for our silent prayers)

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

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:

Monday, August 17-Thursday, August 20

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Hello church friends! We are excited to announce that the Community Gift & Thrift will be re-opening as of June 9th! Our new shop hours will be Tuesday/Wed/Friday/Saturday from 10am-5pm. Donations will be accepted on Monday (10am-1pm) and Thursday (1-4pm). Please call ahead if you have furniture or larger items. We look forward to seeing our volunteers and customers soon! Cheers, Heidi.
- To see the video of the sermon, please click on the sermon title on the North Star web site (northstarmc.ca)
- We are looking for pictures for our church website. These could include worship, church activities, Sunday School, clubs, etc. Please email any suitable photos to the church as soon as possible.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, June 8-Tuesday, June 30

14th Annual RJC Golf Classic - As golf courses begin to reopen with distancing rules, RJC invites you to participate in an 18-hole round of scramble at any course in support of the school from June 8-30. This event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more information and rules.

Sunday, June 21

RJC Graduation Exercises. A virtual baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by a virtual graduation ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Decade

grads are encouraged to connect with their classes virtually or in a way that adheres to provincial physical distancing rules. Visit rjc.sk.ca for links, information, and updates. Please pray for Kylee as she participates in these graduation ceremonies.

Sunday, June 28

Shekinah Retreat Centre is having its (virtual) Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser. Please save the date and watch for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCC Connects: As we look to re-open our MCC Thrift Shops throughout the province we are in need of VOLUNTEERS. If you are looking for something to do that serves the community and the world, this is a great opportunity! Some of our volunteers are unable to come back at this time, and we need some new hands to help! If you are interested in volunteering in your local MCC Thrift Shop, please contact the MCC Saskatchewan office at 306-665-2555 or e-mail saskoffice@mccsk.ca for more information.

CMU Connects: CMU Open House – The next CMU Virtual Open House will include a virtual tour of CMU's campus, along with live conversation with staff, faculty and current students. Prospective students, parents, teachers, and school counsellors all welcome. If you are unable to make the scheduled time, sign up as an attendee to receive the recording. Wednesday, June 10, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT cmu.ca/campusvisit

Public Lecture – This year's annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding lecture will be delivered by Dr. William Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, known widely for his work in political theology and Christian ethics. His lecture, entitled The Myth of Religious Violence, will be delivered online on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM CDT. cmu.ca/events

CMU Fall Planning – CMU's educational commitment is distinguished by the quality of personal relationships that characterize staff, faculty, and student interaction and learning—whether these be on-campus or via online learning formats. CMU is actively planning a 'mixed model' for 2020–21 fall and winter terms, with many classes combining both in-person and online elements. Every class will engage professors and students with one another in a real learning community. Check out CMU's plans for fall at cmu.ca/covid-19

Consider Music at CMU and explore many vocational possibilities through a Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts in Music or Music Therapy degree. Join this webinar on Wednesday, June 17, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT to find out more. cmu.ca/campusvisit