

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Thanksgiving Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Leader: God crowns the year with bounty;

All: Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

Leader: Valleys deck themselves with grain;

All: they shout and sing together for joy.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all God's praise?

All: Let us praise God together for all God's goodness to us.

Psalms 65

Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Generous and forgiving God, you are the first and the last, the giver of all good things.

Your glory is endless; your power, incomparable. Your love stretches wider than the universe, your mercy reaches beyond the heights of heaven. We gather with hearts thankful for the abundance of your creation to worship and adore you. Inspired by this time of worship, may our hearts overflow with praise each and every day, and may our lives reflect our gratitude to you in the ways we share your abundant love. Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

All: Generous and loving God, we confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we enjoy more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we become indifferent to despair and grumble about small things. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives to shine with the generosity, peace and hope you offer us in Christ Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

To be Content

Offering

Meditation: "Five Core Balanced Purposes of Church"

Acts 2:42-47; Matthew 22:36-40; Matthew 28:16-20

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Our God, He is Alive

North Star Praise and Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all things that make life good, and pray that all people will share in the blessings we know. For the world, for the wonders of earth, sea and sky; for beauty in nature and wildlife; for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For waters that refresh and sustain life; for soil that is fertile and rich; for those who tend crops and care for harvests; for those who produce, deliver and market our food and especially for those working tirelessly during the pandemic;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For days to work and strength to do it; for the many different gifts and talents you have given us; for challenges met, especially during months of pandemic relief; and for moments of leisure and rest when you restore us;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For human life; for talking and thinking together, working on problems and plans; for burdens and joys shared; for relationships that give life meaning, whether enjoyed face to face or at a distance;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For our circle of family and friends; for children and their curiosity and joy; for the insight that comes with patience and experience; and for events shared and memories cherished;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For your care and grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief; for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress; for rejuvenating strength and vision in times of renewal; for scientific knowledge and discovery to confront disease and improve health;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: For the trust we have that you hear each prayer and know every need; that you love and care for each soul and body; and that you walk with us through all our days and seasons;

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Leader: And we offer thanks, O God, for this and every congregation. Being church is a team activity that nurtures, supports and equips us for following Jesus.

All: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people share such blessings.

Going out to Serve...

God Will Take Care of You

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Offering - \$1460.00 Attendance - 44

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, October 23

7:30 p.m. – The Klassens (Paraguayan folk harp & keyboard) in Concert at North Star. Admission by donation to the Lanigan Food Bank and/or Drake & District Recreation Board.

Sunday, November 1

9:45 a.m. – Mission Sunday with Mark & Candace Wurtz. Details to follow.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We are so excited to announce the safe arrival of Katie Sara Marie Epp on October 6. Katie's parents are Cara and Erik. Thrilled Papa and Nana are Herman and Gayle.
- Thank-you to the entire congregation for your on-going support for the work of the Foodgrains Bank. We are thankful that people from Saskatchewan have remained generous during this uncertain time – Rick & Jacquie Block

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Thursdays, Oct. 22 to Nov. 19

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Gathering God's Harvest: An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series. See poster in Educ. Wing for details.

Saturday, October 24

Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?" See MC Canada website for details.

Saturday, October 24

11:00 a.m.-Noon – RJC High School's Annual Report Book is available in the office. This year's AGM (Corporation Meeting) will be held via Zoom. Pre-registration will be required in order to send the Zoom meeting invitation. Please register by emailing the office (office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca) by Wednesday, October 21. Visit the website rjc.sk.ca for further details or call the school at (306) 232-4222.

Sunday, October 25

7:00 p.m. - RJC Homecoming Fundraiser: This Hour Has 115 Years! Join us virtually for an evening of entertainment, playing off the CBC program of a similar name. The evening will feature: an online auction, alumni interviews, musical performances, and more! Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to watch the event.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Please pray for Warman Menn. as we continue to look for a Pastor. We are blessed to have guest speakers or lay ministry lead our Sunday worship, with some members participating from home through social media. In times of trouble, we are anchored to the Lord of our salvation and hope. Praise the Lord!

MCC Connects: This Thanksgiving, we invite you to join us for our fourth annual Buckets of Thanks event! In celebration of MCC's 100th birthday we are attempting to pack 2020 kits (1010 relief kits and 1010 hygiene kits) and we need your help! Join us at one of our public kit packing events or sponsor a kit online! Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/30LpcQV> or call the office at 306.665.2555 for more information!