

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: God knows us by name, and calls us to follow.

All: The presence of the Lord is with us as we venture out.

Leader: Just as Moses was led by God's goodness, so are we guided.

All: God's ways are sure and lead the faithful to righteousness.

Leader: Together let us seek God's leading in Word and in prayer.

All: Let us worship God together!

What is this place HWB #1

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Leader: Holy God, the mystery of your presence stretches far beyond us, yet we know you draw near to us in Christ, walking beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. Your Spirit encourages us as we follow Christ and gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you. Holy God, we are glad to gather in your presence, to be embraced by your mystery and your mercy. For we confess we do need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we often turn from your ways. We ask for your forgiveness, but we fail to forgive as you forgive. We claim to listen for your Word, but we ignore your wisdom. Hear us as, in this silence, we offer you our personal confessions:

(A time of silence is kept.)

All: Forgive us, God of mystery and mercy, amend who we are and direct who you would have us be for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed Jesus, at your word HWB #13

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Scriptures: John 18:28-40; 8:30-47; 14:1-8

Meditation: "Truth – the Centre of Church Life"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

As tranquil streams STJ #51

North Star Praise and Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of our hearts and our hopes, as the season continues to change and harvests are gathered, We thank you for the beauty around us, for brilliant colours, birds flying south, the crackle of fallen leaves, and the rhythms of this time of year. We are grateful for your steadfast love amid so much that changes. This autumn, we also face unpredictable changes as the pandemic continues. Draw close to those who find

the uncertainty unsettling and help us preserve our connection to you and to each other.

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

God of our imaginations and insights, We thank you for all the ways you inspire human minds to create things which improve the lives of your people.

We are grateful for all the medical efforts taken to manage COVID-19, and for the scientists testing vaccines. Give them perseverance and success. Guide politicians and policy makers so that breakthroughs and resources are shared with the most vulnerable.

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

God of neighbours and neighbourhoods, We praise you for everyone working to build and maintain healthy communities: for teachers and librarians, healthcare workers, coaches, construction workers, farmers and labourers, store clerks and wait staff. So many have had their workplaces changed and their livelihoods threatened by the pandemic. Give them perseverance and encouragement. Make us good neighbours to all who serve our community and remind us to say thank you.

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

God of comfort and compassion, We pray for all those who are struggling this autumn, whatever the reason. We remember before you those facing illness or waiting for treatment...those who have lost income and worry about winter expenses and shelter...those who are grieving the loss of someone close...

and those whose mental health is under pressure these days...Awaken your people around the world to attend to the needs of those at risk in our communities so that they will know your comfort and compassion

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

And now with gratitude for your love poured into the world through Christ Jesus, we pray as he taught us,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and power and the glory, now and forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Going out to Serve...

Let there be light, Lord God

STJ #67

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Offering - \$4850.00 Attendance - 48

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 p.m. – Koinonia night at the Thrift Store. There will be work for husbands as well. Meet at church at 6:45 or, if you prefer, at the store at 7:00.

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 (cheque payable to North Star) and/or Drake & District Recreation Board (cheque payable to Village of Drake).

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, November 1

9:45 a.m. – Mission Sunday with Mark & Candace Wurtz. There will be an informal session from 9:45-10:45 followed by worship at 11:00.

Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m. – Remembrance/Eternity Sunday where we will remember those in our community who have passed away this year – Evelyn Friesen, Anne Penner, Sue Driediger, Marge Bartel, Harold Mierau, Briar Hamilton and Velma Rosenberger. Please let Pastor Dan know if there are others you wish to be remembered.

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 Rosthern Menn. as we continue to look for a Pastor. We are thankful for guest speakers and congregational members that lead us in our Sunday morning worship. We continue to seek ways in which we can minister to those who cannot participate in church community in this time of pandemic.