

## **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 our God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.**

Leader: One: O God, satisfy us every morning with your steadfast love,

**All: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let us tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

**All: We offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts. Let us worship God together!**

*I sing the mighty power of God*

*HWB #46*

*Forever*

*Chris Tomlin*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Leader: God, gracious and loving, holy and eternal, Your love is steadfast, your presence ever near, yet you come to us in surprising ways and unexpected places.

Your love is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your patience is unending, your faithfulness to us unmatched. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we offer you our prayers and praise this day In humble expectation, hoping you will surprise us here and refresh our readiness to serve you.

**All: God, gracious and merciful, holy and healing, You know our hearts, the times we have truly loved one another and those times when we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we have truly focused on you and the times when we pursued our own purposes. You know our stories, the times we have followed you faithfully and the times we went our own way.**

**Forgive our wavering discipleship and half-hearted service, and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.**

Assurance of Pardon

### **Sharing the Good News...**

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

*Peace in Christ*

*Claire Ryann Crosby and Dad*

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-16; Isaiah 6:1-13

Meditation: "Awe & Fear – a Church Purpose"

### **Responding with our Whole Hearts...**

*Majesty*

*Marantha! Music*

North Star Praise and Prayers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Faithful God and Holy Friend,

We do not have enough words to thank you for all you have given us and the love you share with us in Christ Jesus. In the silence of this time, help us review the week just past, remembering the ways we encountered you—in the beauty of creation, the support of friends, the wisdom of books, the joy of music, the energy of exercise, through study and prayer.

(Time for silent prayers.)

God of comfort and challenge,

we are grateful for your presence in these uncertain times at home, at work and at school. We give you thanks for your attention to the small details and the large responsibilities we face. Be with us as the months of pandemic continue. Give us patience to keep each other safe and make us attentive to the needs of those around us. In silence we name before you those finding these days especially difficult.

(Time for personal prayers in silence.)

God of persistence and inspiration,

we remember before you the many who struggle to recognize your presence or fail to hear your voice amid all the competing voices in our world. We pray for those feeling depressed or anxious, those facing grief and loneliness, and those who are worried about their health or their security.

(Time for silent prayers of the people.)

Do not forget these people even if they forget you. Comfort them and fill them with peace.

God of justice and leadership,

We pray for our country and all other nations facing immense challenges with COVID-19. Guide decision makers and keep the hearts of those with resources open to those who do not have enough. We pray for places where justice is lacking, where violence threatens, or leaders are untrustworthy. Strengthen voices of wisdom and acts of courageous compassion to tend the needs of people most at risk.

God of grace and guidance,

You call us to be your hands and feet, your voice and comfort in the world, following the example of Jesus. Equip us to respond to the needs around us in his name and make us bold to get started right here and right now. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **Going out to Serve...**

*Go, my children*

*HWB #433*

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

**LAST SUNDAY**

Offering - \$1170.00

Attendance - 44

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

**TODAY:** 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. Visit [rjc.sk.ca/homecoming](http://rjc.sk.ca/homecoming) to watch the event.

**THIS WEEK 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.

**COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Monday, November 2

7:00 p.m. – Lanigan & District Food Bank annual meeting at Knox United. COVID-19 Guidelines. Masks are mandatory. Food bank board of directors needs positions filled to continue operating. Looking for someone with secretarial and bookkeeping skills. If interested or know someone please come out to the AGM. We thank all the people within our community for your very generous donations. Without your help we would not be able to give this service to help feed our hungry families. For more info. about the Food Bank please see notice on Educ. Wing bulletin board.

Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m. – Remembrance/Eternity Sunday where we will remember those in our community who have passed away this year – 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.

**NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- RJC is looking for temporary homestays for international students: The RJC Dormitory currently has 8 international students, 6 boys and 2 girls. These students need a home away from their RJC home during holidays and long weekends as our dormitory buildings are closed. If you would be interested in opening your home and hosting one of our wonderful international students please fill out one of the Holiday & Long Weekend Homestay Forms or contact one of the RJC Dormitory Deans by text, call, or email. Forms can be left in the mailbox of an RJC staff member that attends your church, emailed to us, or mailed to the school. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for Each Other:** Pray for Peace Menn. in Regina and our applications to bring two different refugee families from Africa. One is a family of 4 orphan teens, and the other is the brother of one of our members and his 4 children. In the latter situation, one of the United Church congregations began the process, but with COVID 19 and all of its complications, their coordinator could not continue the process. Also pray for our members who are in vulnerable child caregiving positions in various agencies and for wisdom in our prison & CoSA ministries for persons who are more isolated due to pandemic limitations. May God continue to care for our members in Regina and around the world.