

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Eternity Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering in the Spirit...**

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

On this day of memory we gather to worship and to pray,

**we remember the past and look to the future.**

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**we come before you God, seeking Your peace.**

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**we come before you God, praying with all our hearts:**

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

**Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations**

**to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.**

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

**may we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace.**

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

**All: And so we echo the old prayers, Make us channels of your peace.**

**Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us!**

Prayer of Intercession

*Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah (Songs of Faith)*

Prayer of Commitment

**God of Love, God of Peace, this fractured world cries out in pain,  
Burns deep into my soul and challenges me to make a difference.**

**God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world, scarred by grief and tears,  
Ignorance and fear, soften hearts of stone and begin with mine.**

**God of Love, God of Peace, create within me a heart for people,**

**A desire for change, for new beginnings to start this day.**

Prayer for Peace

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

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

*I can give with joy (My Money Talks)*

Prayer/Litany of Remembrance and Celebration. We remember those in our community who have passed away this year.

Scripture: Hebrews 2:

Meditation: "Spiritual Truths About Death"

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

*My Lord is comin' in the morning (Best of the Boyz)*

North Star Praise and Prayers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of each life and all lives, in every generation you have been present with your people: in times of poverty and prosperity, in times of sorrow and joy, in times of health and pandemic, in times of war and peace. Today, we remember your gracious care in times of crisis, God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of promise and peace, we thank you for the places where conflicts have ended, peace has been restored and where citizens can enjoy secure freedoms and human rights. Where people are oppressed and dissent restricted, encourage those who witness and work for justice to be established. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness and hope, we thank you for those called to serve others in their home communities, wherever they call home. Especially we give thanks for those in our communities working hard in the face of COVID-19. May they know your protection and show your love in all they do. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of commitment and courage, we thank you for the many organizations in Canada and around the world, working to bring hope to people facing social exclusion, discrimination or exploitation. Inspire leaders in our communities to provide access to the support they need to thrive. May all your beloved children enjoy the life you desire for them. We pray for protection for them.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Christ in community, we thank you for the dedication of those who serve in the church. May your church always be a place of vision, hope, healing, joy and welcome. Guide our congregation and denomination through these challenging days so that those who turn to us will find us faithful. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, your promises endure from generation to generation. Knowing your steadfast love, we trust you to answer our prayers according to your generous mercy and infinite wisdom, offering ourselves in service with the words Jesus taught us to pray: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

*It is Well with my Soul (Jeremiah Appleton)*

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

#### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$1550.00 Attendance – 48

Klassen concert – Drake & District Recreation Board \$580.00

Lanigan Foodbank \$500.00

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Recognition of Cheerful Mission story

**TODAY:** 7:00 p.m. - Baby shower for Ruby and Dean. We are limited to 15 people in a public space. If you would like to leave a gift and not attend, please leave gifts in the basement. Wear your mask.

**THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Thursday, November 12

4:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at the Thrift Store for our Nov. meeting. Please remember to bring your Christmas greetings for Brad, Cassidy and family.

**COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Monday, November 16-Thursday, December 17

Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary. See poster for more information.

**NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Maria Driediger and family on the passing of her husband, Isaac, on Sunday, November 1. Service of committal was held on Friday, November 6 at Bethany Cemetery.

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for Each Other:** Nutana Park Menn. is grateful for the care that has been taken in reopening safely for worship and in some small groups, as well as establishing their worship livestream. We pray for their pastors Patrick Preheim and Susanne Guenther Loewen, and for continued creativity and patience in their efforts to remain connected as a community through what will feel to many like a long winter.

**MCC Connects:** The deadline to sponsor Grow Hope acres has been extended to Nov. 13. Join four farmers in Sk who have committed a total of 305 acres to this annual venture. Your tax-receiptable donation provides the input supplies needed to grow the crop and 125 acres are still available! Funds raised are matched up to 4:1 to provide people around the world with emergency food supplies and long-term food security due to Covid-related shortages this year. Visit [www.growhopesk.ca](http://www.growhopesk.ca) or call 306.665.2555.

**CMU Connects:** CommonWord remains open to the public during Winnipeg's Code Red. CW staff remain available to serve congregations across the country and to connect you with Anabaptist and related materials. Browse [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) to find thousands of free digital resources or to place your online retail or loan order. Don't go without your fair-trade coffee, local specialty foods, or a good book to read!

Face2Face | From Violence to Peace: Stories can change the world – CMU's next Face2Face conversation draws upon a CMU Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies class, 'Cultures of Violence, Cultures of Peace'. This class of 27 includes 11 students from the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) in the Philippines. The weekly learning, relationships, and stories shared by these students and peace practitioners have been transformative. Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00–9:30 PM (CST) Online, somewhat later than normal in order to accommodate participants in the Philippines, given a 13-hour time difference. Visit [www.cmu.ca/face2face](http://www.cmu.ca/face2face) to participate.