

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Many of our church family are dealing with health concerns. Keep each other in your prayers.
- Keep our university students in your prayers as they write final exams and make plans for the summer and fall.

Our Community

- MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin
- Pray for Canada General Secretary – Willard Metzger
- Eden Health Care Services is looking for a new CEO as James Friesen has retired. Pray for this search.

Our World

- Pray for Mennonite Church Canada congregations and leaders as they relate to their Indigenous neighbours. May all peoples, together, release old patterns of relationship and behaviour and find new and life-giving ways to connect.

- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Pastor:

Nobody Wants the Rain

Poem taken from Dancing With Elephants by Jarem Sawatsky

(Chorus) *Everybody wants green scenery
Nobody wants the rain
Everybody wants food on the table
Nobody wants the rain
Everybody wants the colourful rainbow
Nobody wants the rain
Everybody wants water in their bodies
Nobody wants the rain.*

*I went to the prairie
The Expander of Horizons
To ask about the rain
I stood on the edge of the world
And watched the rain coming all around
And the prairie proclaimed a vision
Each time the gift of rain was offered
the people ran in fear
Heart's fear perverts darkness into evil*

Missing the gift of life hidden in the cloud

Let it rain down, let it rain down

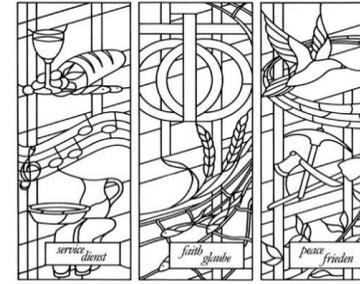
Let it rain down on me

Chorus

*I went to the mountain
The Giver of Wisdom
To ask about the rain
I knelt on ancient rocks
Fifty billion years awake
and the rocks spoke to me
The rain shapes and molds us
and turns us into sand
These rain-shaped rocks
Feed the earth as their dust becomes soil
The mighty mountains are transformed
By but a tiny drop of rain
Let it rain down, let it rain down
Let it rain down on me*

Chorus

*I went to the ocean
The Alpha and Omega
To ask about the rain
I sat on the ocean's edge
As but a tiny grain of sand
And the ocean questioned me
Where is my beginning and
where is my end?
Ocean's edge is hard to find
On shore? In sky? Inside my body?
The ocean's end is its own beginning
Let it rain down, let it rain down
Let it rain down on me*



Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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Prelude

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn HWB #267 Christ has arisen

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Praising

Hymn of Praise HWB #275 Lift your glad voices

Psalm of Praise Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Praise for the work of God's people

Offering

Reflecting

Hymn HWB #343 My hope is built

Children's Time

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-25

Hymn STS #98 On the journey to Emmaus

Message What happens on the road? Dan Kehler

Responding

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Prayers of the Congregation

Sending

Hymn HWB #614 v 1 & 2 In the bulb there is a flower

Benediction

HWB #614 v 3

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Postlude

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen
Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld
Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

May 3 7:00 pm Coffee at Hilda & Cornie Elias's
May 7 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10 *Theme:* With gladness and simplicity *Worship Leader:* Lori Hiebert *Song Leader:* Lori Hiebert
Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Perry Batchelor
Coffee: Ray & Marilyn Hamm
May 8 7:00 pm Education Meeting
May 14 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baptism** with water is an indication of one's desire to identify with the life giving way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the symbol of our covenant with God and other followers of Jesus made in community signifying desired participation in the Body of Christ. If you would like to explore Baptism as an expression of your faith contact Pastor Dan.

- Hilda & Cornie Elias will host another AMC coffee event at the lounge in their apartment building (#110 The Poplars) on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Birthdays: May 1 – Wayne Bergen, Albert Bergen; May 3 – Michael Tarnick, Jean Tarnick; May 4 – Genevieve Krahn

Anniversaries: May 3 – Robert & Peggy Martens; May 4 – Jim & Marlene Dyck

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Grow Hope with us!

Spring is on the way—will you sign up today to help end hunger by sponsoring an acre on the Grow Hope field? Find out more at <http://mccmb.ca/growhope> or by calling (204)261-6381.

- **Faith & Life Choirs Spring Concert this afternoon** at 3 pm @ Morden Mennonite Church, Morden

- **MHC Gallery:** "160 Acres: the Geography of Home," a multimedia exhibition by Darlene Derksen. **Opening May 5 at 7:30 pm.** Runs May 5 to June 17. 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Wpg.

- **Mennonite Family History Workshop** – Saturday, May 6, 2 pm at Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, 1310 Taylor Ave. Wpg. with Dr. Glenn Penner and Archivist Conrad Stoesz. Book your spot online at office@tourmagination.com or call 204-669-6575

- Consider enrolling in a one-week, spring course through CMU's **Graduate School of Theology and Ministry** or **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**. Among others, course options include *Sustainable Business Models, Stewardship, Innovation and Social entrepreneurship; Human Rights and Indigenous Legal Traditions, and Practices for Transforming the Peacebuilder*. For more details go to cmu.ca/gradcourses or cmu.ca/csop.

- **Laughter is Sacred Space; The Human Faces Tour is coming to Winnipeg!** Saturday May 13th 7:00pm at the Douglas Mennonite Church. Free admission with offering taken for Eden Mental Health. Hosted by MCM Youth Groups and Leadership Ministries this Ted&Co production tells the true story about the joy and pain of a life full of paradoxes as Ted walks us through his journey working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder; and after Lee's death, performing Biblical stories while experiencing the profound absence of God. Evening includes; Performance, Q&A with Ted and Youth Group Hosted Snack Tables.

- **Camps with Meaning** is seeking volunteers as health officer, kitchen help, or maintenance help for a week this summer. Please email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or call (204) 895-2267 if you are interested.

- **Camp Assiniboia** is looking for people to join our Volunteer Maintenance Crew. If you would like to help us with woodworking projects, carpentry projects, repairs, grounds keeping, or gardening (vegetable and flower) then please contact David Hogue [204 864 2159 ext 100](tel:2048642159). Join us in building our vision for Camp.

- **Spring Fest at MCC Manitoba** – May 26, 27 at Ten Thousand Villages on 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg. See poster.

- **Cycle Clear Lake** - Calling all cyclists! Come out to Riding Mountain National Park for a beautiful trail ride in support of MCC's education work in Haiti on Saturday, July 1. Registration deadline is June 13. For more information and to register online visit <http://mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake> or phone Reinhold at 204-729-8335. – Poster on bulletin board

- **MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament - July 12, 2017, 10 River Road, Starbuck** Join us at Bridges Golf Course for our 15th annual golf tournament in support of MCC's local work with vulnerable youth. For more information and to register, visit <http://mccmb.ca/golf> or call 204-261-6381. Register by June 12 to meet our early bird deadline. – Poster on bulletin board

- MCI (Gretna) invites applicants for the following term positions available for the 2017-2018 school year: ½ time Art teacher, ¼ time Dance instruction. Ability to contribute to co-curricular programmes, including our musical theatre production, is an asset. Please send resume and cover letter to Cheryl Braun at principal@mciblues.net or Box 250 Gretna, ROG 0V0, due date May 15. For more information call MCI @ [204-327-5891](tel:2043275891).

- MCI is also seeking applicants for Male Dean. This full-time position is part of the Residence Staff Team. Primary responsibilities involve supervising the res. life of the school and fostering spiritual, personal, and social growth of students. The successful candidate will have demonstrated ability to relate to teenagers, willingness to learn and enjoy team work. Experience in Camp, Youth or Discipleship Ministries is an asset. For more information, contact Director of Student Life, haroldschlegel@mciblues.net or call MCI @ [204-327-5891](tel:2043275891).

Check the bulletin board for more info on these...

- Newsletters / updates
- THE ALZHEIMER JOURNEY – Gardens on 10th, next session on May 25 @ 2pm
- May 7 – Eastman Male Choir for MCC
- MDS Family Project information re Camp Wildwood, NB