

- **SpringFest 2017** - Save the date for MCC's annual SpringFest held on May 25 and 26 this year. Join us at 134 Plaza Drive for a plant sale, BBQ, quilts and more—proceeds will provide relief kits to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict and disasters around the world. For more information visit [mccmb.ca/SpringFest](http://mccmb.ca/SpringFest).

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **Our Church family**

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they heal.
- Pray for Marlene Wiebe as she prepares for her new role as chaplain.
- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.

### **Our Community**

- Pray for MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin and MC Canada Executive Director – Willard Metzger.

### **Our World**

- Tensions are growing in Burnaby, BC—the untreated territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam, Skwx7mesh, and Kwikwetlem—as host peoples seek to protect the land, waters and the well-being of future generations from the attempted twinning of the Trans Mountain pipeline. The new pipeline would increase the system's capacity from 300,000 barrels of oil a day to 890,000. The project does not have the consent of local First Nations, and many (including the auditor general) believe that it would prevent Canada from meeting our Paris climate commitments. Please lift up prayers, asking God to speak peace into this situation. Pray as well that our church might discern how we might respond to this and like situations as we contemplate the significant commitments that we have made over the years to respect Indigenous peoples rights. *In 2007, Mennonite Church Canada affirmed "A New Covenant," a landmark ecumenical statement recognizing the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples (originally drafted in 1987) - [commonword.ca/go/1518](http://commonword.ca/go/1518). In 2016, Mennonite Church Canada passed a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery—that set of theological and legal concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples - [commonword.ca/go/1519](http://commonword.ca/go/1519).*

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

## **From the Pastor:**

The following poem by British priest and poet, Malcolm Guite captures the essence of Easter. It is offered in hopes that it will bring a turning of your night to day. Thanks to Tim Wiebe who shared it.

### **Easter Dawn**

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
'They took my love away, my day is night'  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2012/04/08/easter-dawn/>

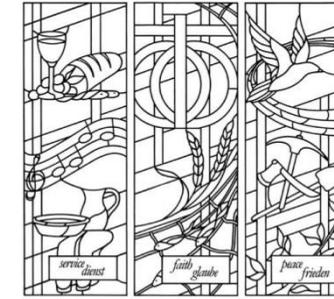
### **Altona Mennonite Church**

#### **Vision**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

#### **Purpose**

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.  
We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.  
We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

Christian Formation & Education - all ages: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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## **Great Day of Singing**

### **Sing Praise**

Prelude  
HWB #285 All hail the power of Jesus' name

### **Call to worship**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: We come with songs in our hearts and on our lips;  
Songs of joy and songs of sorrow;

**People: Songs of celebration, and songs of lament.**

Leader: God delights in our music, and rejoices over us with singing.

**People: We will not offer to God praise that costs us nothing.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship God with our whole heart, mind, and strength,**

**For our God is a great God, and worthy of praise.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Prayer of Invocation

Resonate booklet #1 Sing to God a New Song -  
NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU - Indonesia

Heart Song - Jonathan Mullet

Resonate booklet #2 Sing a New World Into Being

Resonate booklet #3 Let us build a house

### **Sing - Those Who Sing 'Pray Twice'**

Resonate booklet #4 Stop By, Lord

Heart Song - Mary Costen

HWB #545 Be thou my vision

Heart Song - Jonathan Mullet

Prayer of Confession

with Resonate booklet #6 Bless the Lord, My Soul

Resonate booklet #5 Touch the Earth Lightly

### **Sing VISION, Sing HOPE**

Resonate booklet #6 We are people of God's peace

Words of Affirmation: SJ #181

Resonate booklet #7 Spirit, open my heart

Prayers of the People

with Resonate booklet #8 Ya Rabba ssalami (God of peace)

### **Sing LIFE, Sing JOY**

Heart Song - Jonathan Mullet

Offering SS #184

HWB #427 You shall go out with joy

Benediction

Song of Sending - Heart Song - Jonathan Mullet

Postlude

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dave and Hildie Regehr are at the Mennonite Center in Ukraine. Follow their work at [regehrsukraine.blogspot.com](http://regehrsukraine.blogspot.com).

**Birthdays:** April 16 – Kareena Loewen; April 19 – Sean Hildebrand, Lori Hiebert

**Anniversaries:** April 18 – Lloyd & Lorrie Wiebe

### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

April 16-18 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts – Piano

April 22 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service

*Scripture:* Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6, Mark 12:41-44

*Theme:* Paradox of Generosity: In giving we receive *Worship*

*Leader:* Elaine Loewen *Song Leader:* Gina Enns

*Accompanist(s):* Sylvia Klassen *Sound:* Kevin Neufeld *Coffee:*

Ken & Carol Penner

April 26 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

April 29 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service

May 2 10:00 am Men's Coffee

### **COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Need some help around the house? Yard work, house work... Steve Wiebe is looking for odd jobs to do this spring. Email Steve at [wiebesteven6@gmail.com](mailto:wiebesteven6@gmail.com)

- **CM Now:** Stay up to date with Mennonites in Canada and beyond by signing up for *CM Now*, a free newsletter that comes directly to your email inbox every two weeks. You'll find quick links to recent *Canadian Mennonite* web stories, plus items for you and your church to pray about. Go to <http://www.canadianmennonite.org/subscribe/cmnow>.

- **April 15, 3:30 pm** - Salem Foundation invites you to enjoy an afternoon of "Faspa, Fellowship and Song" at the Winkler Bergthaler Church. Music by Winkler Community Male Choir. Faspa follows the concert at 4:30 pm. Proceeds from the freewill offering are for Salem Home Resident Room Blinds – All Care Areas.

- **April 15, 7 pm - Seven Whole Days book signing event with Faye Hall and Malcolm Guite**, attending from Cambridge, England. MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd.com).

- **April 17th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m** - Annual Palliative Care Soup & Pie Fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, Altona Bergthaler Church. Bring a friend. All are welcome! All proceeds go towards Palliative Care. SIGN UP sheet (for bringing soup, etc or serving) is in the lobby.

- **April 17, 7 pm** - The Station YFC is having their annual dessert night. Doors open at 6:30 with the program to start at 7, Marty and Sheridan will be sharing at the evening. If you

would like tickets or to fill a table or want to donate desserts please contact us at the office at 204-324-5659 or email us at [stationyfc@gmail.com](mailto:stationyfc@gmail.com) tickets are free. Thank you.

- **April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm** Homemade chicken noodle soup, borscht, and broccoli cheese soup, fresh buns and pies!! Join us for The Gardens on Tenth Spring Soup & Pie Supper in The Gardens dining room at 140 10<sup>th</sup>Avenue NE. Admission is by donation. Donations will be used for a new Century Tub for The Apartments. All are invited to attend! To also arrange for a tour please call 204-324-8945.

- **Artist talk, Mennonite and Catholic perspectives on art**, featuring Anthony Chiarella and Ray Dirks. Thurs, April 19, 7pm, MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd.com).

- **Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm - Special Event: The Bible, justice, and the Palestine-Israel conflict** *2299 Grant Ave, Winnipeg* Join Canadian Friends of Sabeel and Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek at Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University for the Manitoba launch of Rev. Ateek's most recent book addressing the theology of land in Palestine and Israel from a non-violent and reconciliatory perspective.

- **April 26, 2:30 pm** - Eastview Place Volunteer Appreciation in the Altona Health Centre multi-purpose room. All volunteers are encouraged to join us for an afternoon of coffee, cake and music by Music Therapist, Joel Klassen.

- **April 28 – and April 29 - Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concert: "Send Forth Thy Spirit"** on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg and on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba.

- **April 28 - Mennonite Women Manitoba** invite you to Resilience Road: struggles, steps and strategies, a day for women. April 28, 9:30-3:00 at the Charleswood Mennonite Church. Resource person; Dr. Moira Somers Ph.D Clinical Neuropsychologist. To register email or call Kathy Giesbrecht [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca) or call [204-896-1616](tel:204-896-1616) ext; 268 by April 20th. Registration fee; \$50.00 (which includes lunch). For more information see the event at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca)

- **May 4, 10 am – Retirement Tea for Peter Bartel** at The Gardens MPR.

- **The Altona Community Garden**, under new management, is now accepting applications to reserve a half-plot (\$8), a whole plot (\$16) or multiple plots (+\$8). For more information or to apply call Jack at 204-304-0656.