

From the Pastor:

In the cycle of the Christian calendar, Ordinary Time is the time other than Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Easter. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. While called "ordinary" it is not meant to be viewed as the opposite of special or "extraordinary." Every day is a gift from God and therefore special and holy time. The Ordinariness of this time refers to the time of everyday living of the Christian life. In the Latin title, *Tempus Ordinarium*, means "measured time." For the Church, all of the days of Ordinary Time are for hallowing the everyday life of Christians. Our worship calls us to reflect on our Christian living in Ordinary time.

You are invited to participate in our ordinary time worship by bringing an item from your ordinary life that reflects how you experience the presence of God's spirit in your ordinary average daily life. Time will be given to share about your item and it can join the other items on the communion table as our visual element for worship.

Poem based on Luke 9:57-62

But first
But first just
But first just let me...
just let me find one more reason
 I can't do
that which I really want
 to do
one more reason to avoid
 change
one more reason to know
 have
 hold
 plan
 control
tomorrow
one more reason to lay my life
 in my hands
and still say I trust you
 with my words
Jesus simply said
 follow me

Prayer:

May you be found today, in unexpected places by unsuspecting people going about their daily lives.

May you be found today, in predictable places by inquisitive people searching for a different life. May you be found today, Lord!

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory

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Ordinary Time

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome, Opening and Announcements

Hymn HWB #6 Here in this place

Call to Worship

UNITY

L: Let us come together with humility.

P: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

L: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness.

P: How good a thing it is when all God's people live together in unity.

L: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
let us come together with patience.

P: How good a thing it is when all God's people live together in unity.

L: Although the world around us often encourages hate
let us come together in love.

P: How good a thing it is when all God's people live together in unity.

L: In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity,

All: let us worship the God who has called us together.

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture reading: Psalm 16

Hymn STS #114 God has chosen me

Listening

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Hymn STJ #49 Rain down

Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon I'm Right! You're Wrong!

Dan Kehler

Responding

Hymn STS #117 How can I say

Prayers of the People

Offering

Sending

Benediction

Hymn STJ #52 Jesus, help us live in peace

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen

Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

July 7 8:30 pm Centering Prayer Service

July 14 10:30 am Worship Service

Scripture: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 *Theme:* The Harvest is Plentiful *Worship Leader:* Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:* Loren Braul *Accompanist(s):* Marilyn Houser

Hamm Sound: Dale Klassen

July 21 10:30 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Service moves to 10:30 am until after the September long weekend.**

- Ushers have not been scheduled for the summer months. We would ask that any usher in attendance on any given Sunday to fulfill this role. Thank you!

- Marianne Braun's new address is 209 – 235 – 5th St. NE.

Birthdays: July 10 – Rachel Bergen; July 12 – Harry Klassen

Anniversaries: July 7 – Harry & Susan Klassen; July 11 – Ken & Marianne Braun

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wednesdays until the end of September** – The Station (YFC) has a fundraising BBQ, 11:30 – 1:30 pm, across from Canadian Lumber Timber Mart. Combos begin at \$5.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Learning Tour:** This fall, join MCC on an eye-opening opportunity to hear from grassroots peacebuilders within the Palestinian and Israeli community.

Dates are Nov. 1-13, 2019. Find out more by contacting Brad Reimer at 204-261-6381 or bradreimer@mccmb.ca.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS / BIKE-A-THONS/TREKS

- **July 13 – Visit the Villages Tractor Trek** – fundraising for Eden Foundation. www.edenhealthcare.ca or 325-5355. Poster on bulletin board.

- On **Saturday, July 20th** participate or support a cyclist in the 35km Cycle Clear Lake fundraising event that tackles the trail encircling Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/CycleClearLake.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with care.
- Marianne Braun moved to Ebenezer.
- Ken Penner had 2 small stents placed in an artery this week. He is back in the Altona Hospital for monitoring.
- Pray for our elderly members who are lonely and would appreciate visits.

Our Community

- Pray for Ken Warkentin (MCM's Executive Minister), and all our church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (Mennonite Church Canada's Executive Minister). Surrounded by friends and colleagues, he was installed as Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada on June 29, 2019. Recalling his baptismal vows in Vineland, ON many years ago, Doug expressed excitement and hope in moving together as a nationwide community of faith. "What an incredible honour it is to link arms with all of you and to walk together in to the future of Mennonite Church Canada." - Doug Klassen

Our World

- Pray for the **new Jesus followers from the Bru tribe** in Laos who recently were baptized. Much celebration and worship as well preaching and prayer were part of this recent gathering to welcome new members into the church community. Pray that these disciples will grow in grace, love, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for **Mike and Cheryl Nimz** who have recently returned to Canada, initially settling in Cochrane, Alberta. The Nimzs concluded their five-and-a-half-year assignment in the United Kingdom this month. We join in prayer for the couple that they may find meaningful work and fellowship within a local church community.

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