

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

July 28, 2019

Vol. LIV

10:00 a.m.

No. 30

Worship Leader: James Friesen
Accompaniment: Fern Stockdale Winder, Lynn Driedger
Greeters: Renata & Allan Klassen
Ushers: Denelda & Larry Fast

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Listen! If you are thirsty, come to these waters.

People: Where is the water that will quench our thirst?

Leader: Listen! If you are hungry, come to this feast.

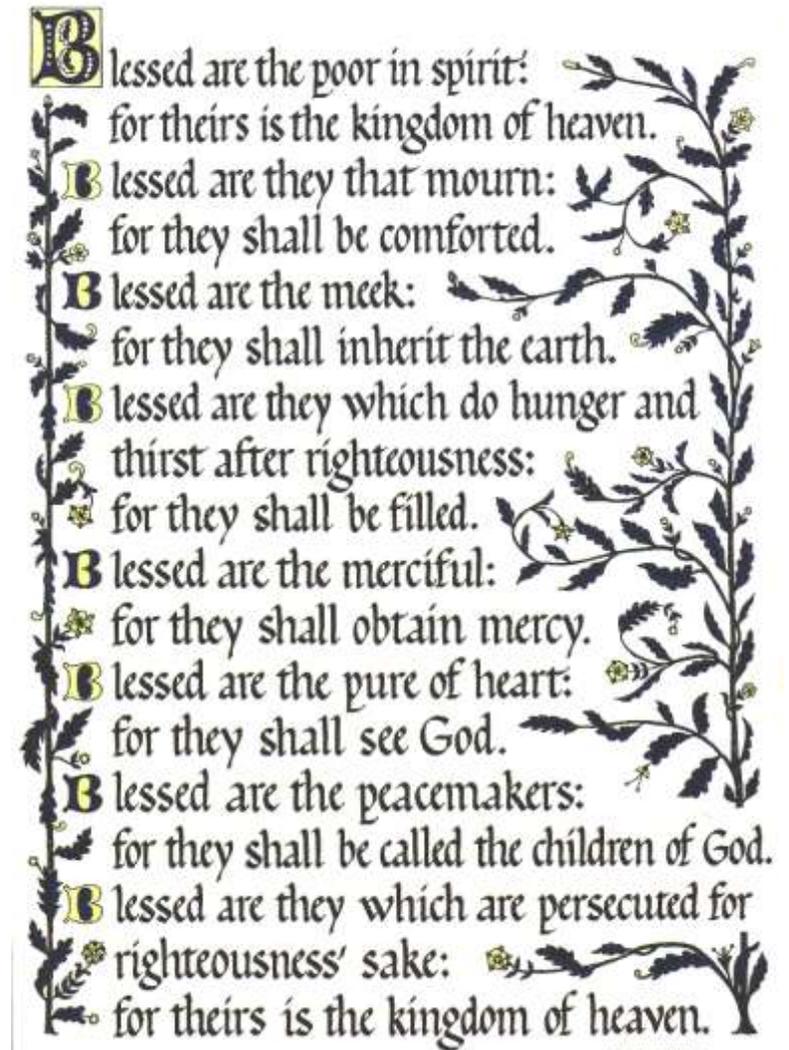
People: How much will it cost us to eat and be satisfied?

Leader: No need to travel far. Leave your money behind.

Open your heart, and open your soul, and you will be filled.

All: We are here, ready for all that the Spirit has to offer.

Gathering Hymn	Here In This Place	HWB No. 6
Welcome and Announcements		
Hymn of Praise	The Lord Is King	HWB No. 69
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		Gordon Peters, James Friesen
MC Canada Report		Anita Retzlaff & Ken Warkentin
Psalm Reading		Psalm 104:1-23
Children's Time		
Joys & Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Special Music	Abide With Me	Fern and Lynn
Scripture		Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 4:1-2 Matthew 5:6; Matthew 12:1-8
Sermon	Hunger, Fasting and Feasting	Patrick Preheim
Hymn of Response	I Hunger And I Thirst	HWB No. 474
Offering		
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	HWB No. 582



Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and
thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart:
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:13-16

Spotlight on Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019

June 28 - July 1, the first delegate assembly for the newly re-organized Mennonite Church Canada. With the new structure, area churches are responsible for appointing delegates, and we had 100% participation. Every area church sent the maximum number of delegates possible, never happened before. A lot of new people came, and many wondered what kind of meeting this would be. The business section took up a small part of Saturday morning. Financially, MC Canada ended the year in the black. The rest of the weekend was spent in worship, singing, hearing about new ideas of what church could look like, and listening to a guest speaker that challenged us all to "think outside the box".

This Week

Today 10:00 am **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Tuesday 10:00 am **Women's Book Study**.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 10:00 am **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Aug. 10 10:00--7:00pm **Spruce River Folk Festival** at the Spruce River farm (just north of PA) is a cultural event to raise awareness for landless First Nations bands in Saskatchewan. **Volunteers** are needed on Thursday, Aug 8, as well as during the event itself. Please connect with Randy Klassen at spruceriver@mccsk.ca if you are able to help.
Aug. 23, 24 9:00-5:00 **Shekinah Work Day**. We'll be working on cabins, staining, cutting wood, trail work, moving the bridge for the Ravine trail, grounds grooming, mowing, cleaning, small repairs, and feeding the volunteers. There is work for all skill levels. Please RSVP so we can feed you, but come anyway.
Aug. 25 10:30 am **Shekinah's 40th Anniversary** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Bring a lawn chair and spend the day! 10:30 am - outdoor church service, followed by lunch (by donation) and an afternoon of games and frivolity. Everyone welcome.
Sept. 14 **Shekinah Bike-Paddle-Hike-Athon**. Raise funds for Shekinah by biking from Saskatoon to Shekinah, paddling from Petrofka to Shekinah, or hiking the trails at Shekinah. Call Bert Klassen or bertklassen.wfq@gmail.com.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

Announcements

MCC Connects: Be a part of MCC Saskatchewan's exciting new project - Grow Hope! You can be a part of Grow Hope by sponsoring a partial acre, full acre or more. As your sponsorship grows and multiplies, so do the seeds planted by the farmer on the Grow Hope field. To sponsor an acre please visit mccsk.ca/grow-hope.

Great opportunity to foster reconciliation. The final **Walking with our Sisters** Art Exhibit will happen at Batoche Aug. 15-18. This art installation is 1800 vamps (moccasin uppers) honoring Canada's Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. Because this is an outdoor exhibit put on by volunteers a lot of help is needed, both financially and manpower wise. To learn more go to the web page <https://m.facebook.com/WWOSBatoche2019/>.

Bethany Manor Assisted Living/Independent Living – two suites available for immediate occupancy. See the bulletin board for details and floor plans.

MC Sask is looking to fill maternity leave positions in the areas of youth programming and church engagement. For position details and application information go to <https://mcsask.ca/we-are-hiring-2/>.

MC Sask is working together with CMU and Susanne Guenther Loewen to offer **Peace, Violence & the Atonement**, a graduate level course that is available for credit through CMU's Mdiv or M.A. Extension Program or for audit. To register, see <https://mcsask.ca/peace-violence-the-atonement-course/>. The course will take place on Thursday evenings at the MCC Building, 6:00pm to 8:45pm, beginning September 5.

Ride for Refuge is on October 5, 2019. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Support a Mennonite Church Canada International Witness Worker. For more information, visit the MC Canada website at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019>.

The **RJC dorms** are getting an overhaul this summer! Please consider volunteering for a day to help with painting, flooring and furniture building. Mel Siemens is coordinating the project. He would welcome up to three volunteers per day. Please bring a water bottle and a lunch. Mel can be reached at 306-232-7147.

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Flour/Rice, Canned vegetables

Isaiah 58:1-9

1 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Matthew 4:1-2

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he hungered.

Matthew 5:6

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 12:1-8

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.” ³He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”