

An affirmation of faith

We believe in the goodness and value of women,
 in our strength and health,
 in our capacity to cry,
 in our capacity to sustain each other instead of being rivals,
 in our capacity to respond to the demands of children
 and carry the weight of daily life,
 in our openness and desire to continue working,
 in our spiritual and earthly being,
 full of life – birth, death and resurrection.
 We affirm the history of women
 as the history of humanity.
 We are gatherers of fruits,
 peasants, farmers, sewers, workers,
 mothers, scientists, doctors, housewives and economists.

We give our life, we are hidden workers,
 without wages at home and breadwinners in society.
 We recognize this diversity and versatility.
 We rejoice in our intuition and our thinking.
 We confess our faults and fragility,
 because we have accepted violence and injustice
 in relationships between men and women.

We expect a future of faith and hope,
 working for the day to come in which we and all our sisters
 will no longer have to adapt to a stereotype
 because we will be free
 to express ourselves as we are
 and we will be free
 to share in all the benefits of human life and work.

We hope for a time of peace,
 when violence will disappear
 and men and women can love and be loved,
 and the work and riches of our world can be justly shared.

(Written by women of the Presbyterian Church in Colombia, sourced on
 OLSH [website](#))

*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.*



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

May 9, 2021
Mother's Day

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
 Accompanist: Sharon Klassen
 Song Leader: Nicole Tiessen
 Ushers: Bob and Margaret Neufeldt

Welcome , Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Here in This Place

VT 10

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confession and Affirmation

printed in bulletin

Hymn

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

VT 518

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children's Time

Hymn

Loving Spirit

VT 697

Scripture

Exodus 2:1-10

Isaiah 49:13-17

Sermon

Mothering God

Susanne

Hymn

The Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

Spoken Benediction

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## Announcements

**NPMC Students:** Post Secondary bursaries are available - deadline is June 30th. For a list of bursaries and the application form, please check the website under Resources / Bursaries. Once completed, you can forward the application form to [npmc@npmc.net](mailto:npmc@npmc.net).

**MCC Connects:** Within our communities and families we have seen how division and polarization can cause injustice, broken relationships and violence. This practical online class will provide peace skills to a cohort of amazing individuals with the goal of equipping participants for the courageous act of conflict transformation. This course is appropriate for anyone who would like to practice peace skills to make a difference in their families and communities. All sessions will be held via zoom. Register at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationPracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace> or email [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca) with any questions.

### Updates from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

**\*\*MC Sask** is pleased to be able to offer students enrolled in the eligible schools or service programs scholarships. Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry>.

**\*\*Mega Menno Games Night – May 19 and June 16, on Gather.** Join us for some online games and fun on Gather. No registration required. Just fun, friends, and fellowship! Gather link: <https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca)) for more information.

**\*\*Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director**, starting ASAP. This is a full time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to [www.campelim.ca](http://www.campelim.ca). Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca).

Elaine Enns & Ched Myers' new book, *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*, looks at issues of Indigenous justice and settler "response-ability" through the lens of Elaine's Mennonite family narrative, tracing "Landlines, Bloodlines, and Songlines" like a braided river. Available from Common Word Bookstore at [www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/23857](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/23857).

### Shekinah Retreat Centre:

**\*\*Spring is coming, and Shekinah is looking for "weekend at the cabin / lake" items.** In particular, we are looking for BBQs in good working order, outdoor Adirondack style chairs (wood or composite / resin), and counter depth fridges. We also wouldn't say no to composting toilets. Have other ideas about what we might need? Contact Ron at [ron@shekinah.ca](mailto:ron@shekinah.ca).

**\*\*June 6 - 2:30pm. Experience the glory and presence of God in outdoor worship with forest church at Shekinah.** With creation as our sanctuary, we will worship God outside with music, scripture, community, and time to encounter the beauty of Shekinah. With enough interest, this may be the first in a monthly series. All are welcome. Check back for more information coming soon to the Shekinah website.

### Rosthern Junior College:

**\*\*RJC Virtual Info Night:** Prospective students and their families are invited to a virtual information evening on **May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm (SK CST)**, featuring a Q & A with staff and students. Register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca).

**\*\*15th Annual RJC Golf Classic:** Join us on **May 29, 2021** at Valley Regional Park Golf Course, Rosthern for our annual golf classic fundraiser! Registration deadline is **May 22, 2021**. More info and registration information can be found at [rjc.sk.ca/golf](http://rjc.sk.ca/golf).

### Many of our congregational events have switched to being held on Zoom.

If Zoom is new to you or you'd like a refresher in how to set it up and sign into a Zoom meeting, see this how-to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3gPeQ0E> or contact the church office for help. If you are also needing help with access to worship service on Sunday's please also contact the church office for direction. Thanks!

## Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, May 9 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream**

**Sunday, May 9 at 3:00 pm: NPMC Coffee Hour on Zoom**

**Tuesday, May 11 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study Tea on Zoom**

**Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom**

**Friday, May 14: Peace Club – Peace with Creation on Zoom**

**Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 pm: Memorial for Allan Klassen on Livestream**

**Sunday, May 16 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream**