

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

**July 23, 2017**

Vol. LII **10:00 a.m.** No. 30

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer  
 Accompanist: Evelyn Roden  
 Greeters: Christine & Mark Epp  
 Ushers: Marlene & Dave Froese

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Invocation

Hymn of Praise **Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken** HWB No. 619

Lighting of the Peace Lamp **Be Still And Know**  
**Lord, Open Us To Your Future**  
**Be Still And Know**

Hymn **Dear Lord, Thou Life Of Humankind** HWB No. 523

Children's Time

Offering

Confession and Affirmation Psalm 4

Hymn **I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say** HWB No. 493

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn **I Will Come To You** StS No. 49

Scripture 1 Kings 19:11-13

Habakkuk 2:18-20

Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon **Sounds of Sheer Silence** Patrick Preheim

Sending Hymn **The Peace Of The Earth** StJ No. 77

Spoken Benediction

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*From "Word into Silence" by John Mains*

*The silence is there within us.  
 What we have to do is enter into it...  
 to become the silence...  
 Silence is the language of the spirit.*

## Spotlight on Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers

*As Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, we have always relied on the Spirit to guide us toward a peaceful, harmonious life, and a close and sacred relationship with the land.*

*With the myriad of challenges facing humanity - climate change, violence and war, mental health and addiction crises, the ongoing marginalization and poverty among First Peoples - we need more than our sharpest minds to solve the problems before us.*

*We need the Spirit.*

*As First Peoples of this land, Indigenous Elders invite citizens of all religious and spiritual traditions to come together for a National Day of Prayer and Mindfulness and to pray together in solidarity and unity.*

**The Day of Prayer begins on August 6th at 9:00am at the East Coast of Canada and follows the path of the sun traveling from East to West. Please join us with your moment of prayer, ceremony or mindfulness at 9:00am local time in your region.**

*Stand with us and pray with us!*

### This Week

**Today 10:00 am Worship;** Patrick Preheim speaking.

### Coming Up

**Next Sunday 10:00 am Worship;** Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.

**11:00 am Brunch** following worship: A-H, bring muffins, bagels, rolls and cheese; help clean-up. I-Z, bring muffins, bagels, rolls and fruit, help set-up.

**August 12 10:00 am The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival** take place at the Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Highway 2). To volunteer, contact Heather Driedger 306.763.6224 or [parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com](mailto:parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com).

**August 20 3:00 pm Shared Land/Shared Song: Music under the Arbor** at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and dance; followed by a potluck. Meat will be provided, but please bring a salad and desert to share. Bring lawn chairs. For more information contact Valerie Wiebe [dvwiebe@yourlink.ca](mailto:dvwiebe@yourlink.ca) /306-283-4340.

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

**MC Sask in on the move!** At the end of August. MC Sask will be moving to the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Center, located at **600 45th St. West** in Saskatoon. In light of our move, we are selling filing cabinets, chairs, microwave, mini-fridge, and more! Go to <http://mcsask.ca/contact-us>. Questions? Call 306-249-4844.

**MCC Connects:** MCCS partners with restorative justice organizations throughout the province who work at breaking cycles of harm. These organizations are volunteer-based and are currently seeking new volunteers to meet the growing demands of their programs. If you are interested in being involved in this important work contact MCCS Restorative Justice Coordinator, Heather Peters at [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca)

**Shekinah is looking for a new Program Director!** We are looking for someone who has experience in organised camping or education to oversee the Summer Camp and School Programmes! The position is full-time year-round and if you think you might be a good fit or you know someone who would be great here let them know so that they can apply! Details are online at [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org). Applications close July 31.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia.** People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.

The **SMYO Committee** is looking for 3-5 youth who are interested in growing their faith and developing leadership skills to join our group! Applications are open to anyone in grades 10-12 connected to an MC Sask congregation or school. Visit the MC Sask Facebook page or contact Kirsten ([youthminster@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminster@mcsask.ca)) for details.

**Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights** has produced an incredible, 30-minute, documentary about the 600km walk to raise awareness for Indigenous human rights and Bill C-262. It can be found at [www.pfir.ca](http://www.pfir.ca), please take the time to watch it and share within your communities.

**MC Canada Special Assembly** registration is now open. This is an important event for our Church family, and all are encouraged to participate and learn more. See poster and the MC Canada website ([home.mennonitechurch.ca](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca)) for more details.

**Scholarships available for youth and young adults.** MC Sask and Mennonite Trust Ltd. are pleased to offer funding for persons attending Christian schools. Deadline is July 31, 2017, visit [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry) to learn more.

The **Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra** June concert can be found at Sasktel's Max TV Local on demand, #348 under Entertainment; Music, third square. **Bea & Arnold Wichert** play in this orchestra.

**Help needed!!** For 12 years, slightly used soap bars from Saskatoon local hotels have been collected by volunteers from many denominations for refugee camps and other needy areas. **A garage or empty building** (preferably heated in winter) is now needed for storing and sorting the soap...as well as **volunteers** to sort! Please contact: [allangrundahl@gmail.com](mailto:allangrundahl@gmail.com) or leave a message at [306-244-3748](tel:306-244-3748).

**Mennonite Church Canada** is inviting congregations across the country to ride or walk for **Ride for Refuge** in support of its Witness program to be held across Canada on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Register at <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>.

### 1 Kings 19:11-13

11 He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

### Habakkuk 2:18-20

<sup>18</sup> What use is an idol once its maker has shaped it -- a cast image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in what has been made, though the product is only an idol that cannot speak! <sup>19</sup> Alas for you who say to the wood, 'Wake up!' to silent stone 'Rouse yourself!' Can it teach? See, it is plated with gold and silver, and there is no breath in it at all. <sup>20</sup> But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!

### Matthew 11:28-30

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Canned soups, Canned fruit**