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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

July 2, 2017

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10:00 a.m.

No. 27

Worship Leader: Allan Klassen
Accompanist: Lorene Nickel
Greeters: Lydia & Carl Wiens
Ushers: Pat & Kurt Sawatzky

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Prelude

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Invocation

Gathering Hymn **Our Father God, Thy Name We Praise**

HWB No. 32

Lighting of the Peace Lamp **Be Still And Know**  
**A Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany**  
**Be Still And Know**

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Children's Time **Whose icon are you?**

Offering

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn **God Of Our Strength**

HWB No. 36

Scripture

Sermon

**Canada 150 and Christianity**

1 Peter 2:11-17

Patrick Preheim

Hymn of Response **God Is Working His Purpose Out**

HWB No. 638

Benediction

Sending Hymn

**Go, My Friends, In Grace**

StS No. 57

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Canada 150 and Christianity

From MCC: Your donations, purchases and volunteer work at the **2017 MCC Relief Sale & Auction** helped to raise over \$100,000.00 for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Many will experience hope because of your generosity - thank you!

Spotlight on Canada Day

As Canada celebrates 150 years, we remember the Indigenous peoples who have called this land home for much longer. Mennonite Church Canada has recently published a book of poetry and prayer entitled

Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry.

In this book: "two poets — one Indigenous, one Settler — come together to breathe life into the seemingly dry bones of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. And as we contemplate, wrestle with, and pray their words, we discover an invitation to renewed relationships with each other, the land, and Spirit."

To borrow or purchase a copy, visit:

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/19399>

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 fruit, help set-up. I-Z, bring muffins, bagels, rolls and cheese, help clean-up.

August 12 **The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival** take place at the Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Highway 2). Pipe ceremony and stories at 10 am; music from 1-6 pm. Performers include Sparky and the Plugs, Joseph Naytowhow, and Well Sister. Food available on site. To volunteer, contact Heather Driedger 306.763.6224 or email parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com.

1 Peter 2:11-17

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. 12 Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. 13 For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human

institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, 14 or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. 16 As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. 17 Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

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: MCCS is hosting "Raise the Peace Camp" August 21 – 25. The camp will provide an opportunity for youth to learn about peacebuilding. We are looking for volunteers to help cook meals and supervise kids. We would like to borrow 30 sleeping bags and pillows for the week. If your church is looking for a summer service opportunity, consider serving MCC locally by sponsoring the camp monetarily or with food donations. Please contact Gabby Martin at 306.665.2555 for more information.

Urgent request: The **Mennonite Disaster Service site in Hague, SK** working on Fort McMurray rebuilding is asking for an experienced person for drywall work as soon as possible. Contact Carl Wiens 306-230-0690 or Ida Buhler 431-777-4820.

From Mennonite Church Saskatchewan -- Save the dates:

September 15 & 16: *Refresh, Refocus, Renew Fall Mini Retreat*

October 13-15: *MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg*

October 28: *MC Sask Equipping Day*

Summer camp volunteers needed. Shekinah is currently looking for Bible Leaders, Cooks, and Male CITs (Counsellors in Training) to help run the 2017 summer camp program. If you're interested, sign up on the Shekinah website www.shekinahretreatcentre.org, or call 306-945-4929 and talk to Matt Schellenberg.

Job Opportunities:

****Executive Assistant to President and Academic Dean at **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**; email mtroyer@ambs.edu for information. To apply, send resume to jobs@ambs.edu.

******Rosthern Junior College** opening in Admissions and Constituent Relations, beginning Monday, September 18. Please contact office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222.

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

A Refresh, Refocus, Renew litany (by George Epp)

Leader: Lord God, creator of everything, father and mother to us all, hear our prayers today.

People: Lord, open our hearts to receive you.

Leader: We admit that our affections and our attentions are divided, and that we often listen to other voices more attentively than to yours. Open our hearts and our ears, Lord.

People: Lord, open us to your healing.

Leader: We admit that we deny our need to be healed, that it's only other people who are ill. Lord, grant us a longing for the health only you can bring.

People: Lord, open us to your future.

Leader: Some days the future frightens us; it appears so different from our past. And yet, you are the Lord of the ages and whatever future is in store, assure us that you will walk with us.

People: Lord, what are you calling us to embrace?

Leader: We confess our reluctance to welcome what must be added to us in changing times. Lord, what are we missing that you'd have us welcome into our hearts, into our families, into our church, into our community?

People: Lord, of what are you calling us to let go?

Leader: We hang onto what's familiar as if our lives depended on it. If there are things we'd be better off giving up, teach us Lord what they are and give us courage to let go.

People: Lord, what are you calling us to live into?

Leader: We can't see what the future looks like. Nor can we imagine how we will live if this or that happens. Since you know the future as well as the past, we confess our need of your guidance and companionship as we navigate unfamiliar vistas.

People: Lord, refresh our tired minds and hearts, refocus our eyes on what is good, what is holy, what is centered on you. Renew our flagging spirits and give us abiding hope for whatever tomorrow you have in mind for us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.