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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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No. 40

Worship Leader: Allan Klassen
Accompanist: Sue Shellenberg
Greeters: Bea & Arnold Wichert
Ushers: Kurt & Pat Sawatsky

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| Prelude                    |                                     |                                              |
| Welcome and Announcements  |                                     |                                              |
| Call to Worship            | <b>A Psalm of Thanksgiving</b>      | Psalm 100                                    |
| Invocation                 |                                     |                                              |
| Hymn                       | <b>O Bless the Lord My Soul</b>     | HWB No. 80                                   |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                     |                                              |
| Hymn                       | <b>How Can I Say</b>                | STS No. 117                                  |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                     |                                              |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                     |                                              |
| With the Children          |                                     |                                              |
| Scripture                  |                                     | Colossians 1:3-14;<br>I Thessalonians 1:2-10 |
| Sermon                     | <b>We Give Thanks for You Often</b> | Bruce Guenther                               |
| Offering                   |                                     |                                              |
| Benediction                |                                     |                                              |
| Sending Hymn               | <b>You Shall Go Out With Joy</b>    | HWB No. 427                                  |

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Today we welcome Bruce Guenther as our speaker. He is Co-director of Disaster Response, for MCC Canada. Bruce's work involves supporting and directing MCC offices and partners in humanitarian and disaster response worldwide. Bruce was raised in this congregation and we warmly welcome him home.



"Potluck" Mural by David Fitcher 1994

Spotlight on . . . Big Brothers Big Sisters

Creates individual and group mentoring relationships amongst adults and youth. Mentorship is two-way, learning and development partnership where the young person needs are placed at the centre. Mentoring is an important way to give youth experience with essential mutual relationships, walking with them as they develop into healthy young people better able to deal with and overcome life's adversities. <http://saskatoon.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>

This Week

Today	9:30 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages. No Adult Ed
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	10:30 am	Coffee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship; Bruce Guenther speaking.
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study Group, lounge
	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation, lounge.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast, Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street
Wed.	6:30 pm	Sonrisa, mixed choir rehearsal
Friday	7:00-10:00 pm	Choir, sanctuary
Fri.-Sat.		RJC Alumni Weekend – Volleyball; Soccer Saturday only

Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:30 am	Adult Ed: Repetitive Prayers - Facilitator: Renata Klassen.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.

Announcements

Mennonite Youth Rake & Run: The Youth Group will be going out on Friday, October 19th to sneakily rake up leaves for some people in our community! If you know of someone who would appreciate this act of service, please e-mail nora@nPMC.net with the name and address and we will clean up as many of the lawns as we are able!

Theatre of the Beat #ChurchToo: Will be performed at Wildwood Mennonite Church on Friday, October 26 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 28 at 10:00 am. This play explores the struggle of wading into realities of sexual assault and examines the difficulties of speaking out in a community where the topic of sex is often considered taboo. *Content Advisory: #ChurchToo deals with sexual misconduct, abuse and assault. Not recommended for audiences under the age of 14. Admission by donation.*

RJC Annual Corporation Meeting: We invite all members of our constituency to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, October 27 at 5pm in the RJC Chapel.

RJC Homecoming Dinner & Auction: RJC invites all alumni, parents and supporters of the school to the annual Fall Homecoming & Fundraising Dinner & Auction on Saturday October 27th at RJC at 6pm. This year's theme is "RJC at the Olympics" where we will be celebrating the Olympic contributions of alumni Wendy Epp, Kelly Grams and Robyn Regehr. In addition to the featured speakers, RJC is excited to have alumnus Chris Epp from CTV Calgary as this year's host, as well as alumni led musical entertainment! Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the school at 306.232.4222 or by email at office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca. Deadline for reservations is October 17th - space will be limited and a sold out crowd is expected!

Emmaus Mennonite Church will have their final worship service on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm. It will be a time of singing, reflection and thanksgiving as they conclude their ministry as a congregation.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls on the church to embrace reconciliation as the way forward in its relationships with Indigenous peoples. Join us for **Face2Face**, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 PM, as Niigaan Sinclair and Hans Werner explore: **Whose Neighbour Am I? Treaty One and Mennonite Privilegium**. This conversation will open insights about these historical agreements and their implications today; and imagine hopeful ways of living together into the future. This event will be live-streamed. See cmu.ca/events.

Care Group Lunches

Oct. 14-Group 3; Oct. 28--Group 1; Nov. 4-Group 4; Nov. 11-Group 5; Nov. 25-Group 1

Colossians 1:3-14

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I Thessalonians 1:2-10

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you. ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction: just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit. ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God. ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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