

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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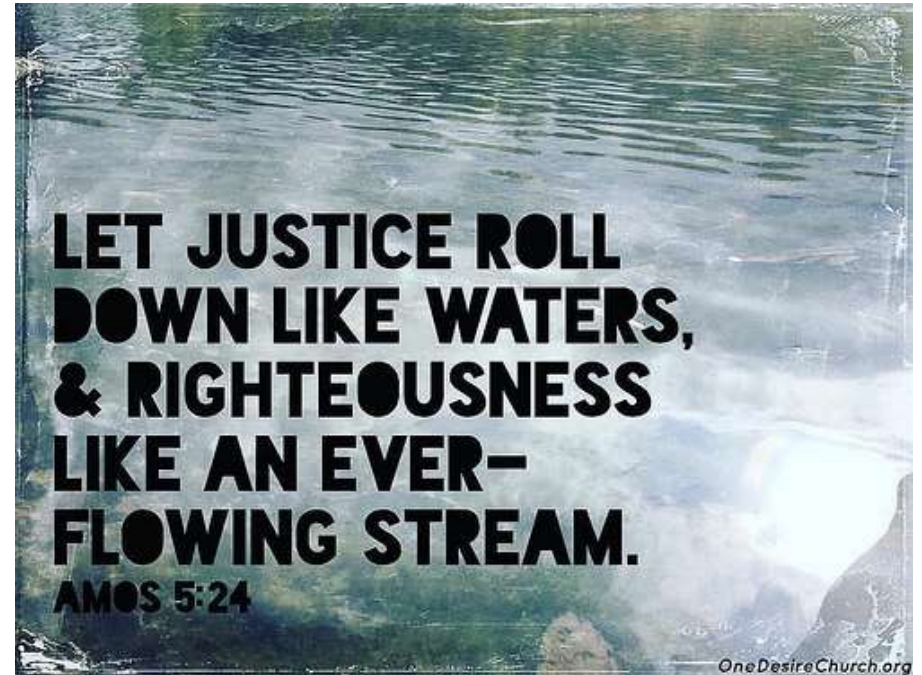
Worship Leader: Brent Guenther
 Accompanists/Special Music: Susan Ens Funk, Jake Ens,
 Bea & Arnold Wichert
 Greeters: Joanne & Ted Ewert
 Ushers: Val & Darryl Epp

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| Welcome and Announcements  |                                       |                                |
| Invocation                 |                                       |                                |
| Gathering Hymn             | <b>Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing</b> | HWB No. 12                     |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp | <b>Be Still And Know</b>              |                                |
| Litany                     |                                       | insert                         |
|                            | <b>Be Still And Know</b>              |                                |
| Special Music              | <b>Blessed Assurance</b>              | Bea, Arnold,<br>Susan and Jake |
| Hymn                       | <b>O Healing River</b>                | HWB No. 372                    |
| Children's Time            |                                       |                                |
| Offering                   | <b>How Great Thou Art</b>             | Bea, Arnold,<br>Susan and Jake |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                       |                                |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                       |                                |
| Hymn                       | <b>O Let All Who Thirst</b>           | HWB No. 495                    |
| Scripture                  |                                       | Amos 5:21-24<br>John 4:1-26    |
| Sermon                     | <b>Thirsting for Reconciliation</b>   | Susanne<br>Guenther Loewen     |
| Hymn                       | <b>Rain Down</b>                      | StJ No. 49                     |
| Spoken Benediction         |                                       |                                |
| Sung Benediction           | <b>God Be With You</b>                | HWB No. 430                    |

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Please join us for brunch following the worship service.



Susanne will be away this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **Patrick** will be away on Thursday and Friday. **Helen** will be away Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee

Please help displaced people in DR Congo: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcccanada.ca/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-622-6337; mail cheques to your local MCC office. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

This Week

Today **10:00 am** **Worship**; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
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.
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 dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs. For more information contact Valerie Wiebe [/dvwiebe@yourlink.ca](mailto:dvwiebe@yourlink.ca) /306-283-4340.

Coming Up

Next Sunday **10:00 am** **Worship**; Annette Epp speaking.
1:30 pm We are invited to join in the Saskatoon Health Region Palliative Care Services **Walk of Memories** to remember loved ones; from Kiwanis Memorial Park-North (near Delta Bessborough) to the Edwards Family Centre. Refreshments follow the walk.
Sept. 17 **2:30 pm** **Rosthern Junior College Opening Program**; RJC gymnasium. Please join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.
Sept. 15, 16 **Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini Retreat** at Wildwood Mennonite Church.
Sept. 22-24 Come join us for a **weekend of crafting at Shekinah's (not just a) Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat**. Online registration: shekinahretreatcentre.org or 306-945-4929.

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.

Amos 5:21-24

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look

upon. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

John 4:1-26

1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'—² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will

become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Announcements

Eigenheim Mennonite Church is celebrating their 125th anniversary this weekend. We rejoice with them and thank God for their years of faithful service.

You have an opportunity to be a **delegate to the MC Canada Delegate Gathering** in Winnipeg on October 13-15. Work with planning our future. Information and registration on the MC Canada web site. Contact Denelda Fast at 306-221-2846 if you can go. Contact Ken Warkentin at 306-373-3472 with questions.

MCC Connects: MCC Relief Kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted. Please consider purchasing contents for one kit this summer. For a list of items, visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief. Drop off your Relief Kit at the MCC Saskatchewan office, 600 – 45th St W, Saskatoon. Call Graham MacDonald, Material Resources Coordinator, at 306.665.2555 for more information.

Canadian Blood Services is in need of new donors; to keep up with patient demands they need 5,000 new donors alone just in Saskatoon. Please contact Mike Fisher, Territory Manager at 306-651-6683 or cell 306-371-7712. Visit www.blood.ca.

Please Note: The church does NOT collect eyeglasses.

RJC REGISTRATION DAY, Monday, September 4: Applications are still being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year at Rosthern Junior College. Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or admissions@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information. **Registration Day** is Monday, September 4, 1:00-5:00 pm for all students. Classes begin Tuesday, September 5.

Music Library Update. Beginning August 1, 2017, the First Mennonite Church office hours will change. They will be open Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan has moved. They are located in the MCC Sask building at 600 – 45th Street West on the second floor. The phone number and email remain the same. Drop by for a visit!

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Peanut Butter, Fruit juice

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.