

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

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11:00 a.m.

No. 7

Worship Leader: Joel Driedger
Accompanist: Jenn Regier
Special Music: Deanna Stockdale Winder and Jared Regier
Children's Song Leaders: Bonnie Dahl and Kathleen Regier
Greeters: Betty & Frank Bailey
Ushers: Lorene & Arnie Nickel

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements  
Call to Worship

**Reader:** The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all that dwell therein.

**All: We live in God's world; we are not alone.**

**Reader:** We share this life with the heavens and the Earth, with the air, the waters, and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters.

**All: How good and lovely it is to live in unity.**

**Reader:** God saw all that was made, and behold, it was very good.

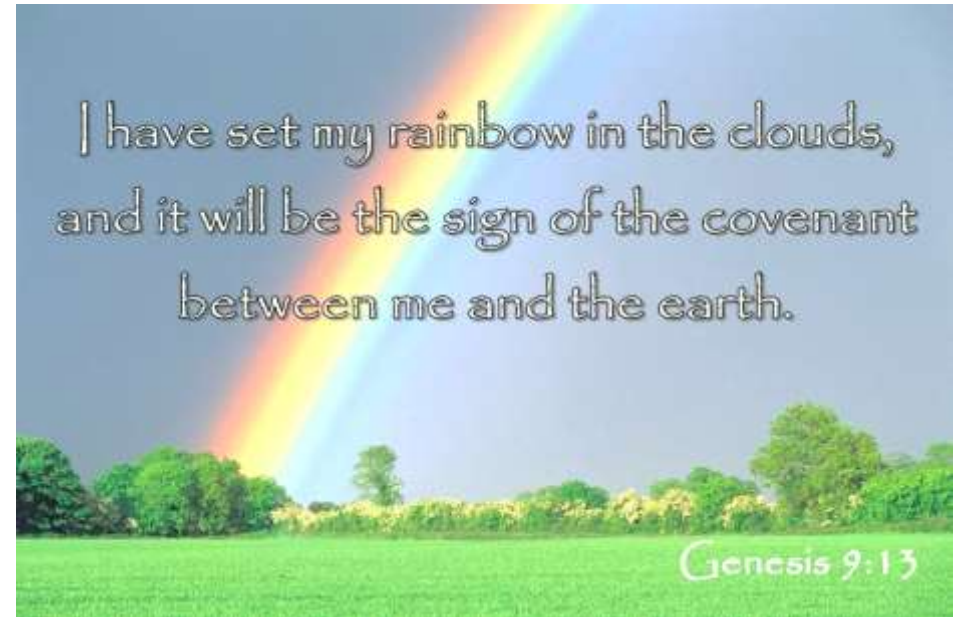
**All: Love and faith come together; justice and peace join hands.**

**Reader:** O God, open our lips.

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

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| Hymn of Praise             | <b>Let The Whole Creation Cry</b>      | HWB No. 51      |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                        |                 |
| Hymn                       | <b>All Things Bright And Beautiful</b> | HWB No. 156     |
| Scripture                  |                                        | Genesis 9:8-17  |
| Children's Time/Song       | <b>Tree Song</b>                       | insert          |
| Offering/Offertory         |                                        |                 |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                        |                 |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                        |                 |
| Special Music              |                                        |                 |
| Sermon                     | <b>Covenants</b>                       | Patrick Preheim |
| Hymn of Response           | <b>Praise The Lord</b>                 | HWB No.50       |
| Benediction                |                                        |                 |
| Sending Hymn               | <b>You Shall Go Out With Joy</b>       | HWB No. 427     |

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Spotlight on Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Online Seminary Course: Join us for a seminary short course "Biblical Foundations for Creation Care: from Feb. 15 – March 28. Online, six weeks, non-credit. Instructor: Ben Ollenburger, Ph.D., professor of biblical theology. See the bulletin board for more information. Patrick will pay for registration of those interested (using some of his continuing education funds as needed). Register at www.ambse.edu/shortcourses.

This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less: Do Justice</i> . Patrick Preheim and Gordon Enns facilitating.
	11:00 am	Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking. Creative Church in education wing.
	Noon	Care Group #3 potluck - visitors are welcome to join us.
	Noon	Young Families/Adults/Career Age Group: Come join us for a potluck after church followed by sledding/skating at Harold Tatler park near the church.
	3:00 pm	Russia/Ukraine TourMagination Tour: Patty Friesen and Don and Edna Froese will be sharing their pictures and stories in the NPMC lounge. Bring your own Vespa/faspa if you want to stay and visit.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study; lounge.
	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation; lounge.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less: Learn from the world community</i> . Valerie Epp facilitating.
Feb. 20	11:00 am	Worship; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
	Noon	Care Group #1 potluck. Shekinah Winter Fun Day will include tubing, skiing, skating, broomball, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and a wiener roast. The whole day is free. What a great opportunity for refugee families to have some Canadian winter fun! Halal options will be available for lunch.
Feb. 25		The Bridge "Coldest Night of the Year" walkathon on Saturday evening. It is a fun, family friendly event that raises support for The Bridge and The Lighthouse. Brave the cold together on our 2km, 5km, or 10km route followed by a hot chili meal. To sign up, participate or volunteer, go to https://canada.cnoy.org/location/saskatoon .

Feb. 26	Noon	Potluck following worship: A-H, bring casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up.
March 1 - Apr. 12 March 10, 11	8:15 am	Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at St. Martin's United Church. MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at NPMC; we are hosting with Pleasant Point Church. Registration forms are on the mailbox table -- Online registration and online payment are also available at www.mcsask.ca -- registrations page.
March 17-19		Shekinah crafting retreat. The theme is "Love your neighbour" and Leticia Kathumba (IVEP) will be sharing her story. We also encourage you to create and donate something towards the MCC relief sale in June. Register at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call us at 306-945-4929.

Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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Tree Song

Blessed are God's children who will trust in God each day,
No matter where or why or how or what they're doing.

They are like the big trees growing
Right beside the river flowing,
Tall and green and full of fruit,
And rooted deep and strong.

We bear much fruit "chomp"
We fear no drought "ach"
Our leaves are green "wee"
We take the heat "ahh"

**repeat - faster

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.

March 1 - April 12: Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast: Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am at **St. Martin's United Church**. The participating churches are:

March 1 – St. Martin's
March 8 – Calvin Goforth Presbyterian
March 15 – Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.
March 22 – St. Stephen's Anglican
March 29 – St. Philip Neri R.C.
April 5 – Nutana Park Mennonite
April 12 – Redeemer Lutheran

Church Life Events

Care Groups:

February 19 – Group 1; March 5 - Group 4; March 12 - Group 5;
March 19 – Group 1

Bethany Manor Service: March 12.

Garage Sale: May 27

Brides & Babies Shower: June 4

Announcements

Volunteers are needed for the **Annual Delegate sessions** that will be held here at NPMC on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen Friday and Saturday, as well as provide muffins for the morning coffee -- there is a sign-up sheet in the education wing bulletin board. Pleasant Point Mennonite Church is co-hosting with us.

We will also be looking for billets for the weekend, please contact Carolene Funk at cfunk67@sasktel.net if you are able to host billets.

Term 3 for **Children's education and worship** is open now for volunteers. There is a schedule ready for your name in the Education wing on the Families bulletin board close to the kitchen. Please sign up early and often. We need to staff 5 Creative Church sessions, 2 Explore sessions and 1 In-worship time. If you need any information on your role, please talk to Susan Ens Funk.

MCC Connects: Uprooted 2017 Learn | Advocate | Explore | Shift | Reconcile - Join MCC on a 3-week learning tour for young adults to travel with your peers and explore the southern and northern borders of Mexico. You will gain first-hand knowledge of migration issues, encounter people in a different cultural context, and learn about MCC's peacebuilding work. Plus get University credit through CMU! Apply today to be on this year's team May 1 - 25! Visit mcccanada.ca/uprooted

Muslim friends of NPMC event – In light of recent violence against Muslims in Quebec City and elsewhere, we would like to host a potluck to connect with our Muslim friends – including families we have recently sponsored as refugees – to let them know we're glad they're our neighbours and friends. Watch the bulletin for further details.

New documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.



Messages from The Bridge:

--We are in need of warm mittens for our clothing room and bus tickets to give to those in need occasionally.
--Also looking for Accountant/Bookkeeper(Part-time) and Women's Ministry Assistant (Full-time)

PETER AND THE WOLFETTES BASSOON QUARTET will present a concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 26th at 7:30 PM. The bassoon is known for its distinctive tone colour, wide range, variety of character and agility. Listeners often compare its warm, dark, reedy timbre to that of a male baritone voice. Don't miss it! Admission is by freewill offering, with all proceeds going to St. Andrew's ministry, 436 Spadina Crescent E in Saskatoon @ 20th Street.

Bethany Manor is accepting applications for the position of **Executive Director**. Responsible for the day-to-day operation of Bethany Manor, the successful candidate will report to the Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. board of directors. Qualifications: Strong leadership, proven management skills, strong communication skills, experience working with government agencies, post-secondary education, supportive of the Anabaptist faith. Please submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations to Bethany Manor, Attn: Selection Committee, 110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon SK S7K 7H8. Closing date is February 28, 2017.

Are you called to serve? The MC Sask Nominations Committee is seeking persons for the Ministries Commission, Shekinah Retreat Centre Board, and Camp Elim Board. These are all important parts of our programming, and we ask that you consider saying yes to this call. Please contact Leona Ewert if you are interested; b.ewert@sasktel.net 306-363-4804.

InterChurch Health Ministries is presenting a Parish Nurse Information Night at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave on Wed, Feb. 15th. Registration is 6:30 PM; program is at 7:00 PM. Refreshments provided. Questions and RSVP to Laura at 306-931-6790 or email p.nursing@sasktel.net.

Youth Announcements

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:30pm - discussion night for junior and senior youth.

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Breakfast cereal, baked beans
(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)