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The Beatitudes: Blessed Are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Our Journey on the Mountain with Jesus Susan Allison Jones

Call to Worship & Prayer

Song Let's Walk Together VT#6 (CD 1-01)
sung by Hesston College Ben Canto Singers

Prayer for Peace ~ written by Sister Joan Chittister,
Benedictine Sister of Erie

Scripture Matthew 4:23-5:12 OD Gingerich

Song We are People of God's Peace VT 797
sung by members of MCEC churches

Meditation Kevin Peters Unrah

Song The Water is Ready VT 458
Music by Julie Armes

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Announcements

Song Sword into a Plowshare VT 798
sung by Camps with a Meaning.

Blessing & Benediction

May God bless you with peace to be a peacemaker.

As you go from this place go with the words from the prophet Micah -

Go - act justly

love mercy

and walk humbly with your God.

Questions for Discussion

What does "peace" mean to you?

What does it look like to be a peacemaker in your stage of life?

Do you agree that there can't be peace until there is justice? Why or why not?

What skills have you acquired during your lifetime that help you to be a peacemaker in your own community? What would help you going forward?

Protocol Reminders - In Person Worship

We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather to worship. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We ask that you are mindful of these protocols.

- Maintain a six foot distance between you and others when possible in all areas of the building. Please be mindful of this at the end of the service when exiting our worship space and avoid congestion in the foyer. As much as possible visit with each other outside.
- Wear a mask at all times unless you have breathing issues.
- Hum or quietly sing for hymns.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Do not move chairs in the sanctuary. Ushers will rearrange the chairs if needed.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.
- Signing in is not necessary

Protocols Reminders - Access to Church Building

- Sign in and out on the papers located in the foyer and the side entrance. Please wear a mask.
- If others are in the building maintain a six foot distance between each other.
- Please wear a mask if others are in the building.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.

Upcoming Worship Service

August 15 Blessed are the peacemakers (Mt 5:9) Kevin Peters Unrau
August 22 Blessed are the persecuted (Mt 5:10) Gary Knarr
August 29 Blessed are you when... (Mt 5:11,12) Bob Thaler
September 5 Coming Down the Mountain (Matthew 4:23-5:12)

Upcoming Events

Sun. August 15 Celebration of Life for Ralph Heipel 11:00 am

Prayer Requests:

Give thanks with Jean Schwartzentruber for 90 years of living! Jean's birthday is Monday, August 23rd.

From Mennonite Church Canada Witness As Werner and Joanne De Jong prepare for service with Mennonite Church Canada International Witness in Ethiopia with Meserete Kristos Seminary, they must juggle moving, ending jobs, visa paperwork and travel plans. Pray that God's peace and joy will guide them. Pray for the seminary as it prepares for the new school year in September.

Congregational Notes:

Summer Worship series Our worship series will focus on the Beatitudes (Matthew 4:23–5:12). Worship resources are a collaborative effort of Wilmot Ignited Churches with joint Zoom worship services on the Long Weekends. Our **worship services** will be pre-recorded and the link will be sent to you by Saturday evening. Please note that worship services on the Long weekends will be held on Zoom. You will not get a pre-recorded service for those weeks.

Change to in person worship. The Pandemic and Worship Committee have agreed to a hybrid indoor worship service for the month of August using the pre-recorded worship service. This will include sharing time. The service will begin at our regular meeting time of 9:45 am. Everyone will continue to get the link to the pre-recorded worship service on Saturday. And we will continue to deliver the tablets. If you are planning to attend in person please reacquaint yourself with our guidelines for meeting in person.

There will not be a time of sharing on Zoom this Sunday Aug 15.

From MCC Thank you for the generous donation of \$9000 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and \$150 to Where Most Needed. Your support helps to provide emergency food assistance, improve nutrition and help people grow food, making a lasting impact on families and communities.

From MCC Thanks for your recent gift of \$762 towards the work of MCC. Your gift allows MCC to share God's love and compassion with others in the name of Christ.

Rejoice! magazines are in mailboxes. Please pick yours up when it's convenient. Any left by the end of August will be delivered.

Wilmot Forest Church meets monthly on the last Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday, August 29 at 1:30 pm at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. This month's theme: In Praise of Trees. People of all ages are invited. Pre-registration is not required.

Beyond The Congregation:

MCC@100: Mennonites, Service, and the Humanitarian Impulse
Sept 30–Oct 2, 2021

A Virtual Mennonite Studies Conference at The University of Winnipeg. In 1920, Mennonites in Canada and the U.S. formed Mennonite Central Committee to aid famine-ravaged Mennonite communities in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine). Over the ensuing century, MCC has grown to embrace service in more than 60 countries. This centennial conference presents papers that examine the past, present, and future of MCC. Visit mcco.ca/events to learn more.

Undercurrents Podcast: We must own the whole story

As we grieve the growing number of unmarked graves at residential schools across Canada, we are doing a special early release of our first episode of Undercurrents, Season 2. In this episode we talk about the Mennonite church's participation in the residential school system. We hear from Merle, a former residential school worker who has spent the majority of his adult life working to be accountable for that legacy, and encouraging fellow Christians and settlers to hold themselves accountable, too. [Listen to the episode.](#)