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# Scripture Reading

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## Matthew 4:18-22 (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

## Matthew 8:18-22

<sup>18</sup> Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. <sup>19</sup> A scribe then approached and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>21</sup> Another of his disciples said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

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## Installation Service for Valerie Alipova as half-time interim Associate Pastor

(from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020)

*Introductory comments:* Darrel Toews, Lead Pastor  
Personnel committee chair and Associate Pastors

**Congregational Response:** As a community of faith, our love for one another spurs us on to learn what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus. Valerie, we are glad for your willingness to serve amongst us. Together we desire to build up the life and ministries of the church.

*Member at large on church council*

**Congregational Unison Prayer of Blessing:** Creating God, Head of the Church, Wise Spirit, we acknowledge your gracious loving presence in this place. Thank you for all the gifts amongst us, for each one’s contribution. Thank you for Valerie, who, having discerned together with Christian friends, is dedicating herself toward leadership in your church. Dear God, grant her prayerful strength and grace. May your love expand in the church this day, we pray. Amen.

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## Education

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**Adult Ed** | In the Dining Hall, 11:15 am. Series for September: *Can There Be Peace in Israel/Palestine?* Sept. 8: Gerald Gerbrandt - The Bible and the Current Conflict; Sept. 15: Byron Rempel-Burkholder - The Palestinian Church and their Call for Support; Sept. 22: Esther Epp-Tiessen - A Peace & Justice Response: MC Canada, MCC and what we can do.

**Sunday School** | Classes for the children begin on Sept. 15, in Room #1.

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## Bethel Announcements

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**Mennonite Heritage Week** | Sept. 8-15. *See the bulletin board* for a copy of the speech given by Robert-Falcon Ouellette, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Centre, commemorating Mennonite Heritage Week.

**Bethel Women in Mission** | The first meeting for fall is on Mon., Sept. 9, at 1:30 pm, in the Dining Hall. Guest speaker will present on the theme, “God crowns you with steadfast love.” All women are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Bethel Singers** | Rehearsal is on Wed., Sept. 11, 7:15 pm. Haydn rehearsal begins at 7:45 pm.

**The Men of Song** have practices every Thursday in fall, at 7:00 pm. All men who enjoy singing are very welcome to join. If you have not sung with us before, please contact the church office for more information, or simply come to the rehearsals.

**Young Adults and Young Families** are welcome to attend the first lunch of the school year. When: Sept. 15 at 11:40 am. Where: Lower Lounge. How much: Free!

**Seniors’ Fall Tea** | If you are 75+, you are welcome to attend, Tues., Sept. 26, at 2:30 pm, in the Dining Hall. Guest speaker: Darryl Loewen, executive director of MCC Manitoba. *See the invitation in your mailboxes and on the bulletin board.*

**Bethel Directory 2019-2020** | There is a pink half-sheet in your church mailbox with your contact information for the directory. Please make any needed corrections or updates and **return the sheet to the church office by Sept. 29**. If your name is not in the directory yet, or you don’t have a mailbox, please fill out one of the pink half-sheets on the table by the mailboxes, and return it to the church office.

**Library update** | In preparation for voting in the upcoming federal election, why not read the autobiography of one of Canada’s major political party leaders. The library has *Who We Are* by Elizabeth May, *Common Ground* by Justin Trudeau and *Love and Courage* by Jagmeet Singh.

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# Partners in Ministry

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## Mennonite Church Manitoba

[mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)

**MCM Pastoral Transitions** | Phil Campbell-Enns and Home Street MC covenanting service, Sept. 15. | Licensing toward Ordination: Kathy McCamis, Bethel, Sept. 29. | Valerie Alipova (Sept. 1) and John Braun (Oct. 1), interim Associate Pastors, Bethel. | *See the full list on the bulletin board.*

**Prayers for the Earth** | A time of prayer and then a group walk is planned for the morning of Sept. 27, prior to the afternoon climate action at the Manitoba Legislative building. Details, including walking info, on the MCM website events page. MCM participants are invited to attend the prayers at Broadway Disciples United Church, so we can be together.

**Camp Assiniboia** Barn Dance and Pie Spectacular, Oct. 5. Contact Elizabeth to donate pies: 204-895-2267 or [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) .

**Faith in Form** | New annual arts festival, Oct. 5, 12:00-9:30 pm, at Douglas Mennonite Church. More information at: [faithinformwinnipeg.com/](http://faithinformwinnipeg.com/) .

**MCM Congregational Profile Announcement Series** | Morden Mennonite Church's motto is, "On a journey with Jesus." Our journey with Jesus this past year has led us through some rocky terrain, but we continue to be committed to walking with Jesus in his way of love toward greater peace and justice. We partner with local churches in youth ministry, refugee support, and reconciliation conversations with area First Nations. We sew blankets for MCC distribution and host fundraisers for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. These ministries and more are fueled by our wonderful times of worship and learning and fellowship together. Pray for a renewed sense of identity as a church and a fresh vision for mission within Morden and beyond.

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## Mennonite Church Canada

[mennonitechurch.ca](http://mennonitechurch.ca)

**Global Climate Strike Sept. 27.** This is an opportunity to join others across the Earth who are concerned about climate change and humanity's dependence on fossil fuels. Go to <https://act.globalclimateshrike.net/> or search Facebook to sign-up and check for local events near you.

**MC Canada invites applications** for *Youth representatives* to Global Youth Summit, July 2-5, 2021, in Salatiga, Indonesia. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30/19. More information at: [home.mennonitechurch.ca/GYS2021](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/GYS2021).

**Ride for Refuge** | Support International Witness through this event, Oct. 5. Go to: [home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019) for details.

**Anabaptist Witness** | Submit your poetry, art, songs, and prophetic visions for this Anabaptist journal, co-published by MC Canada. Deadline is Nov. 1. See: <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/calls-for-submissions/>.

**Witness Worker news, Featured resources, Prayer requests, and more** on the MC Manitoba Update on the bulletin board.

**Volunteers needed** at CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre. More information at: [info@commonword.ca](mailto:info@commonword.ca).

**Events** | *Face2Face*, Sept. 18, 7:00 pm, “It’s Time to Vote: Climate, Politics and the Federal Election.” | *Fall@CMU*, Sept. 27-28; see: [cmu.ca/fall](http://cmu.ca/fall) for details.

**Xplore** | Courses for 55+. Details at: [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore) or *on the bulletin board*.

**Hutterite History & Art.** *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War & Our (Hutterite) Life in Art* OPEN at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Sept. 20, 7:30 pm, with historian Dora Maendel & Kauffman Museum curator Chuck Regier. PLUS, Oct. 18, 7:30 pm, MHC Gallery annual fundraiser featuring Hutterite music, speakers and food, RSVP to: [swolfe@cmu.ca](mailto:swolfe@cmu.ca).

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**Mennonite Central Committee****mccmb.ca**

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**Upcoming Events** | *We are all Treaty People Celebration* – Sept 15; *MCC Canada Annual General Meeting* – Sat., Sept 21; *MCC Manitoba AGM* – Sept. 26; *Brandon Relief Sale* – Sept 28, [mccmb.ca/ReliefSales](http://mccmb.ca/ReliefSales).

**Dinner date with the world** | MCC invites individuals or families to host 3-7 International Visitor Exchange Program workers for supper on Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, or 24. *See the details on the bulletin board.*

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**Other**

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**Learn to “talk” with your hands!** | American Sign Language (ASL) Classes are again available at Bethel Place (445 Stafford St.) for “Hand-Talk” instruction. Classes will be held on Mondays for 10 weeks, starting Sept. 23. For more information, call Kathleen Driedger at (204)489-9264 or Leonore Peters at (204)256-5156, or *see the poster on the bulletin board.*

**Bethania and Pembina Place Annual Spiritual Care Fundraising Dinner** | Mon., Sept. 23, at Douglas MC, 6:00 pm. *See details on the bulletin board.*

**Mennonite Disaster Service** is requesting your help to rebuild a home destroyed by fire in Marquette. *See details on the bulletin board.*

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** | September 2019 announcements *are on the bulletin board.*

# They'll know we are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord  
we are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side  
We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each other's pride  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father  
from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
All praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

# **I have decided to follow Jesus** (*folk melody from India*)

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.