

# Hear Our Prayer

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer:

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: for the bruised and bro - ken let hope be a -

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: wo - ken. Hear our prayer.

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## Scripture Reading

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### Luke 12:22-34 (NRSV)

<sup>22</sup> He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

<sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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## Education

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**Kids Connecting** (age 3-11) | Children's Story at about 10:30 in the foyer, followed by singing, worship, fun games, and activities, in the basement. The end time is 11:30 am.

**Adult Ed** | Mar. 15: IVEP participants will share about the program. | Mar. 22: "Come Bethel, Be our Guest" Carter Early Learning Centre invites Bethel to a morning of catching up on what is happening in this very vibrant learning environment. We will begin in the dining hall for a short presentation and then proceed to the centre for a time of conversation with some of the educators and parents. You will not be able to resist the famous Carter banana bread or trying some of the appealing learning materials. All are welcome! (For anyone using a wheelchair we apologize for the only accessible entrance being only 25" wide.)

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## Bethel Announcements

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**Young Adults and Young Families** are invited for the lunch **today, March 15**. Join us in the lower lounge at 11:40. Food will be provided. Feel free to bring your friends!

**Bethel Triathlon today, March 15**. Schedule: 1:30: come to the parking lot if you are taking the bus, which will leave at 1:40 at the latest; 2:00-3:00: Bingo bowling at St. James lanes, 1805 Portage Ave; 3:30-4:30: Crokinole in the Dining Hall; 5:00: Faspa.

**A weekly Bible study series** called *Living the Questions* starts at Bethel on Mar. 16, at 7:00-9:00, and will continue on Monday evenings through to April 27. This series, sponsored by the Deacon Executive, consists of seven sessions (Part 2 of the entire *Living the Questions* curriculum). This study does not seek to provide easy answers, but is a resource for people who are in the midst of a life-long conversation about the mysteries of faith and life. Each session will start with a 20-minute video, followed by an hour (or more) of discussion. Participants will be offered a written guide for the discussion. Please come and join us in the Choir Room in the basement.

**Bethel Singers** | Rehearsal on Wed., Mar. 18, at 7:15 pm.

**MC Manitoba** | Report from the Mar. 7 Gathering is in your mailboxes.

**Sat., March 21 | Pancake breakfast fundraiser** | Bethel Dining Hall, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Proceeds support the Mukanzo Orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo, founded by a Bethel member. A short program after breakfast will be followed by home-made Congolese donuts. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the breakfast, or online.

[mukanzofoundation.org/sponsorship](http://mukanzofoundation.org/sponsorship). Please advise whether you are coming so we know how many people to cook for: [olucie3@gmail.com](mailto:olucie3@gmail.com) or 204 451 6245 text message or WhatsApp msg. Thank you for your support!

**Riverton Fellowship** | The month of April is Bethel's turn to visit the Riverton Fellowship Circle congregation and participate in their Sunday morning worship service. The date is negotiable. Please contact the church office if you are able to go.

**The Gift Discernment Committee** has prepared a questionnaire for each person at Bethel to fill out. There is one copy in each mailbox, with extras on the table next to the mailboxes. Please take enough copies for each member of your family to fill out, and return the completed forms to the church office **by March 22**. Thank you!

**Potluck lunch** | In light of ongoing concerns about the coronavirus, we are going to err on the side of caution and **cancel the March 29 potluck lunch**.

**Sarah Ens Book Launch** | Sarah will be reading from her new book of poetry, "The World is Mostly Sky", at McNally Robinson on Tues., Apr. 14, at 7:00 pm in the Atrium. All are welcome.

**Healing Prayer** | Bethel Mennonite Church offers confidential Healing Prayer. Whether your needs are physical, emotional, spiritual or relational, our team of 2 or 3 members commits to meet with you for prayer, an hour a week for up to 4 weeks. If you would like to meet with the team, please call our Church Office or speak with Pastor Darrel.

**Library update** | In *Tattoos on the Heart*, author Gregory Boyle tells the story of the gang-intervention program he has been running in Los Angeles for the last twenty years. Each essay in the book is about the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. | A Bethel member donated the lively and colourful *Our Daily Bread for Kids*, an illustrated child-friendly anthology of the popular devotional series for adults.

**Voices Together** | We anticipate the publication of *Voices Together*, a new hymnal for churches of MC Canada and MC USA, some time in summer this year. The official launch for MC Canada will occur at Bethel on the first weekend of November. Bethel has already put in its order for these books to replace our present *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, but payment is not required until April. If you wish to purchase one of these books, and if you wish to take advantage of the discounted price to which Bethel is entitled, please use the order form in your mailboxes and on the table beside the mailboxes. **Orders and payment must be in the church office by Apr. 1.**

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## Partners in Ministry

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### Mennonite Church Manitoba

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

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**Summer camp** | Staff applications due Mar. 31; volunteers still needed.

**Jubilee Mennonite** announces Ken Warkentin will begin as their transitional pastor in August 2020.

**Two Treaty-related events**, and more news on MC Manitoba update.

### Mennonite Church Canada

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

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**MC Canada offers pandemic preparedness web resources for congregations:**

[mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources](http://mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources) . See more details on the news release on the bulletin board.

### Canadian Mennonite University

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

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**CMU Events** | **Check the CMU website for cancellations due to COVID-19.**

| *Mennonite Community Orchestra concert*, “Heroes and Helpers”, Mar. 15, 2:00 pm, Jubilee Place. | *Spring at CMU* fundraising evening, Apr. 3:

[cmu.ca/springatcmu](http://cmu.ca/springatcmu). | *John & Margaret Friesen lecture*: Dr. Piet Visser, “What if Mennonites had Never Left the Netherlands?” Mar. 19, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. | *Open House* for prospective students, Mar. 31, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

**Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence 2** | Opening, Mar. 20, 7:30pm, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. March 20-May 2.

### Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

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

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**Westgate Spring Bursary Banquet** | May 11, 5:30 pm, Canad Inns, Polo Park. See details on bulletin board.

### Mennonite Central Committee

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

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**Lenten resources** | See the bulletin board for this week’s resource.

**May 22-23** | Spring Fest and Quilt Show and Sale.

**Summerbridge program:** an 8-12-week summer opportunity for young adults. More info at: [mccmb.ca/summerbridge](http://mccmb.ca/summerbridge).

See more MCC Manitoba announcements on the bulletin board.

### Other

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See the many event posters and other information on the bulletin board.