

# *Trees of the Bible*



“Dancing Tree” by Lynda Toews

*During our Epiphany season (Jan. 10-Feb. 14), our theme will be trees of the Bible. Rooted in rich symbolism, trees offer life-giving signs deepening our collective discipleship.*

January 24, 2021

Bethel  
Mennonite  
Church

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Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Music                      “Primaveral” by Alicia de Larrocha

Prayer of the Church

Voices Together                      *Light Dawns on a Weary World (VT 205)*

Children’s Story

Scripture                              Isaiah 55:1-13

Sermon                                 “In Community with Creation”

Congregational Song                *You Shall Go Out with Joy*  
*(VT 847/HWB 427)*

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

*VT – Voices Together (purple)*

*HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue)*

*We affirm that the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Metis Nation. Imitating the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.*

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## Life at Bethel

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### Thank you

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“To our friends at Bethel Mennonite, on behalf of MCC, thank you so much for gifting us the beautiful centennial quilt! We are humbled & grateful for the outpouring of love that went into this stunning quilt. We are so eager to find a place in our office to showcase it! Thank you so much for your support of MCC in many ways, from inviting in speakers from MCC’s projects to your financial gifts and more. You are a key part of MCC’s 100-year legacy!” *Signed, Darryl Loewen.*

### Finance Update

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**From Church Council** | Re: 2021 draft budget. Please review the draft budget and budget notes (on Bethel’s website) and send comments or questions to the chair of our finance committee. Those members who have received the draft budget by mail may call the church office. Given the inability during this pandemic time to physically gather in a congregational meeting, there will be another mailing toward the end of January/beginning of February inviting a formal ballot vote to accept the proposed budget.

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## This Week at Bethel

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### Sunday (Jan 24)

Worship Service live-streamed at 10:00 am: Kathy McCamis preaching

### Monday (Jan 25)

Harvest Manitoba, 4:00 pm

### Tuesday (Jan 26)

Bethel Kidz Club planning meeting, 7:00 pm (*Zoom*)

### Wednesday (Jan 27)

Gift Discernment meeting, 1:30 pm (*Zoom*) | Personnel meeting, 4:45 pm (*Zoom*) | Congregational meeting, 7:00-8:30 pm (*Zoom*)

### Thursday (Jan 28)

“Coffee Time”, 10:00-11:00 am (*Zoom*)

### Next Sunday (Jan 31)

Worship Service live-streamed at 10:00 am: John Braun preaching | Adult Ed, 11:15 am (*Zoom*)

The tree paintings on display in the Sanctuary are courtesy of Bethel’s Artist in Residence, Lynda Toews.

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Loving God, each other, and our neighbours.