
Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Psalms 51:1-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence

- and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
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Education

Bethel Kids Connecting invites your children to join us for a weekly virtual gathering for the season of Lent. The plan is to gather every Sunday at 11:15 am over Zoom for a 30 minute session, until April 4. With the intention of emulating an in-person gathering, each session will include a game, story, scripture verse, prayer time and craft tutorial. Similar to Advent, we are preparing craft bags with supplies for each week's activities. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Valerie at valerie@bethelmennonite.ca.

Bethel Announcements

Bethel Young Adults | Join us to explore a new praying technique, "Praying in Colours," this Sunday (March 21) at 1:00 pm on Zoom. All you need is a piece of paper and some colouring pencils 🎨
Topic: YA - Praying in Colours; Time: Mar 21, 2021 01:00 PM
Winnipeg; to join the Zoom meeting: contact Pastor Valerie at valerie@bethelmennonite.ca.

Thursday Coffee Time (updated) | We will continue to meet for Thursday morning coffee time until March 25. Please join us at 10:00 am for informal fellowship time. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Faith Community Nurse (FCN) | Joan Drosdoski, our FCN, and the Advisory Committee prepared a pamphlet "*Your Guide to a Faith Community Nurse.*" It will come to your home mailbox soon. Please keep it in a safe place for easy reference. Joan welcomes your calls.

Maundy Thursday Zoom Service, April 1, at 7:00 pm | This year for Maundy Thursday, we will join Jesus at his table for a service of communion and storytelling. We will imagine ourselves seated with him at the table of his last supper to pray, share in communion, and hear reflections from some of his friends and followers. Whether we are long-time followers or just curious about Jesus; whether we are sure in our faith or have doubts; whether we come needing forgiveness, or healing, or rest, we are all invited to Jesus' table.

This will be a **communion service**, and we ask that you prepare your own elements and have them ready to participate. To enter into the spirit of the service, we encourage you to set up your computer or tablet at your table, if you can. (*Zoom link to come.*)

Library Update | During a recent worship service, Maureen Wilson-Penner read a wonderful story to the congregation's children called *Our Tree Named Steve*, by Alan Zweibel. The book, which shows how the lives of a family and a tree are intertwined, is now in the library's children's section. | Another recent addition to the children's section is *Who was Jesus?*, by Ellen Morgan and Stephen Marchesi. In straightforward language, the book introduces the historical Jesus and the world in which he lived. The book has some 80 illustrations and clearly explains the origins of Christianity in a kid-friendly way. *Please call the church office to make an appointment to access the library.*

Cook the Books | If you ordered a printed copy, please call Lois Bergen (204-453-2199) to make an appointment to pick it up at the church.

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Canada

mennonitechurch.ca

Job opportunity | Executive assistant, full-time, in Winnipeg, beginning May, 2021. See the MC Canada website for details.

Prayer requests | MC Alberta Annual Delegate Sessions this weekend. | Myanmar, where violence continues. | Colombia Mennonite Church, supporting congregations in areas of violence. | PeaceBuilders Community in Philippines, as they plan a sustainable future of training for peace, reconciliation, and economic development with marginalized communities.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

mennochurch.mb.ca

Amplifying Jesus: Sunday night worship ...a 6 week series of Lent Worship Services for MCM Youth, 8:00 pm; contact:

kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca .

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Break Every Yoke | On March 24, MCM and First MC are co-sponsoring a conversation about working towards a just and dignified society. Speakers include David Driedger; Winnipeg Centre MP Leah Gazana; and author, John Clarke. See: firstmennonitechurch.ca/break-every-yoke/.

MCM invites applications for the position of Director of Church Engagement. Information at: mennochurch.mb.ca/news.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Webinar | Mar. 23, 7:00 pm. Register at: enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar.

Spring at CMU | April 13, 7:00 pm, at cmu.ca/springatcmu. Hear stories from students, faculty and alumni; CMU Singers' premiere of *Breathe* by Leonard Enns; and more. Optional Part Two: Conversation with President Cheryl Pauls and others at 8:00 pm. RSVP to development@cmu.ca by April 9 to receive the conversation Zoom link.

CMU Financial Aid Webinar | Wed., Mar. 24, 4:00 pm. Learn about options for financial support. Register at: www.cmu.ca/webinar.

ReNew: Resources for Preaching | Wed., Mar. 31, 11:00 am. Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Assoc. Prof. of New Testament, will talk about the commentary on the book of James that she is writing, as part of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series. Register: cmu.ca/renew.

Mennonite Central Committee mccmb.ca

MCC's Grow Hope farmers are starting to work their fields for the planting season. Learn how you can help: mccmb.ca/GrowHope.

Other

Lindenwood Villa | Suite available. Church member open house March 21, 1:00-2:00 pm. Public open house March 21, 2:00-4:00 pm. For more information please call D'Anne Hansen 204-979-0432.