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Worship Service

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Worship Leader

Brenda Epp

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the water, all you who thirst—
People: **come drink deeply from the river of life.**
Leader: Come to the water, all you who are weary—
People: **come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**
Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—
People: **come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.**
Leader: For God is here among us,
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.
People: **Let's worship God together.**

Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Water has held us*

StJ #82

Welcome and Announcements

Litany

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord,
For he has refreshed the parched earth.
People: **We praise you, O God.**
Leader: Rejoice for the rain that falls by night,
and soaks at once into the dry ground,
causing half-dried-up roots to swell,
and the deep cracks in the earth to close.
People: **We praise you, O God.**
Leader: Rejoice for the great drops that fall at midday;
rejoice in the small streams,
singing on their way from the hills down into the valleys,
to make the rivers swell and fill the reservoirs
and supply the cities and irrigation channels with water.

People: **We praise you, O God.**
Leader: For the ground, for rain, for seeds and tools,
for strength in arms and backs,
for the will to work and for creative minds.

People: **We praise you, O God.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *God, who touches earth* **HWB #511**

Children's Time – My Coins Count

Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading Isaiah 41:17-20 Pew Bible p. 513

Hymn *O healing river* **HWB #372**

Presentation **"Canadian Foodgrains Bank Learning Tour
Reflections"** **Gaylord & Lois Mierau**

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *Let justice flow like streams* **StJ #65**

*Thank you to the RJC Worship Arts class for today's visuals:
For Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the interwoven and complex nature
of God. The Celtic cross is comprised of knotted ropes of 3 colours:
gold for the Father, red for the Son, and silver for the Holy Spirit. As we
move into 2 Corinthians, our time of renewal has come! "Our inner
nature is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). This new life,
new growth, new season is represented in a eruption of greenery. The
vines that grow from the cross represent how Christ's teachings fertilize
our faith and allow us to grow. The dove remains to remind us of the
fulfilled promise. In Christ, "there is a new creation: everything old has
passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. - Prayer time

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

11:00 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship time - During the coffee time we will
have a special welcome for baby Laura. You are invited to shower them
with blessings of prayer support, words of advice / wisdom, a poem, freezer
baking, baby items, or a contribution to a group gift. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Clothes Basket Annual Meeting at Zoar Mennonite
Church, Waldheim. Each represented church is asked to bring a plate of fruit,
cheese and crackers for lunch to follow. Business includes conference
reports and information on Board appointments. It will also be a time to meet
the new co-manager.

A number of children from the Karen families in our community have signed up to attend camp this summer. Donations to the Campership Fund at YFBC or Shekinah will make this camp experience possible for them. If you wish to help, you may give directly to the camps – clearly mark your donation “Campership,” or you may give through the church offering – again, clearly indicate that your donation is to go to Camperships, and specify the camp. Talk to Marian Jones to learn more.

Camp Elim is currently looking for Cabin Leaders, CIT's, Lifeguard's and Kitchen help for Elim's Summer Camp program this year. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining us out on Lac Pelletier for a couple of weeks, you can go to www.campelim.ca for more information about Camp Elim and on how to apply.

Youth Farm Bible Camp seeks volunteers to help in the kitchen this summer. Anyone aged 14+ is invited. It can be for a week, a few days or even just a day. We have private accommodations for anyone wanting or needing to stay overnight. Contact Holly Epp at holly@yfbc.ca or 1-855-855-9322 ext 1.

YFBC is also seeking donations of cookies for serving campers as night snack. They can be dropped by the camp anytime during the summer weeks (June 24 - August 20) Please no nuts or peanut butter.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Best wishes to students of RHS, who had their graduation ceremony this past Friday.

In May, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for Eigenheim Mennonite Church, and for all who are hungry, sick, and bereaved.

From our Regional Church office:

Carrot River Mennonite Church, together with MC Sask, is excited to announce the Ordination Service for Pastor Daniel Janzen today at 4:00 p.m. followed by a fellowship meal.

Please pray for the youth, sponsors, and leaders who have been attending the Jr. High Retreat at Youth Farm Bible Camp this weekend.

COMING EVENTS:

June 6, 9:00 a.m. – Pepper-nut making bee – peppernuts will be cut, baked, and packaged, here at the church, for the MCC Sale. Talk to Edna Sagrott for more information.

June 8-9 - MCC Relief Sale & Auction at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK.

This year's theme is Rebuilding Lives.

Bake Table organizers invite you to donate baked goods for the MCC Relief Sale & Auction (June 8 & 9). Traditional items like zwieback, portzelky, peppernuts and platz are a real hit. Drop off your goodies at the bake table Friday at 4:00 pm or Saturday morning. For more information contact Bev or Ted Janzen at 306.232.5619.

June 10, 12:30 p.m. – Semi-annual congregational meeting – before the meeting we will have a sandwich lunch together, instead of our usual coffee hour. Please bring sandwiches, pickles or veggies, and cookies. See the letter from our chairperson, Ted Janzen, in the insert.

June 11-15, 18-22 - Canadian School of Peace-building at Canadian Mennonite University - see posted information.

June 20, 6:00 p.m. – Pulled pork supper and Cowboy Campfire Evenin' Concert at YFBC, with Larry Krause, country gospel. Admission by donation. This is a fund-raiser for the planned indoor riding arena. See the poster.

June 22, 23, 7:00 p.m. - RJC is pleased to present “Godspell” as its June musical. Tickets are \$20 each, \$10 for 16 and under, and can be reserved by calling the RJC Office at 306 232-4222 or emailing office@rjc.sk.ca.

June 23, 5:30 p.m. - RJC invites all alumni and friends to the RJC dining hall for the alumni supper. Adults \$14.00, children 5-12 \$10.00, 5 and under FREE. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) to register by June 15.

July 26 - Join your MC Sask friends for Way Back: Re-learning the Ways of Peace, at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. This will be a day of entertainment, learning, and community building around the work of reconciliation. Traditional dance performance at 2:00 p.m.; professional theatre performance from Ted & Co Theatreworks: Discovery: A Comic Lament, at 7:00 p.m.; storytelling, hiking, and bring-your-own-picnic supper in between. Go to <http://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/discovery-comic-lament/> to learn more. Join us for all or part of the day!

Oct. 19 – 31 - MCC Saskatchewan learning tour to Palestine and Israel! Explore ancient historical sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, while experiencing "on the ground" realities, and gaining a better understanding of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Please visit mccsk.ca/Palestine-Israel-learning-tour or call our office at 306.665.2555, For more information.