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### Rosthern Mennonite Church

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### Worship Service May 10, 2020, Number 19

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Worship Leader David Epp  
Pianist Cara Epp  
Vocalists Erik Epp, Ryan Epp, Kenna Forrester

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#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

*We gather together to worship  
our loving, nurturing God,  
who, like a mother,  
knows us intimately,  
loves us unconditionally,  
teaches us the way we should go,  
and comforts us in times of need.  
Praise God,  
the Source and Sustainer of life!*

#### Opening Prayer

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB #37

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Mother's Day Litany

##### Creator

*Creator God, we remember that we are all created in your image.*

Scripture Reading Proverbs 31: 10-31  
Silence

*We honour and respect all women in our midst, mothers and aunts  
and sisters and friends. We honour and remember these great  
women, loving God, whom you have sent into our lives.*

Hymn Under your soft wings (Wehrlos und verlassen) StJ #93

#### Teacher

*Teaching God, you have taught us to honour our mothers, and to follow  
their ways of love.*

Scripture Reading Proverbs 1: 1-8  
Silence

*God, we honour and respect those who have been like mothers to us,  
giving us wisdom and guidance in our lives.*

Hymn My soul is filled with joy StJ #13

#### Mother

*Mothering God, you bring forth new life in our midst. Your presence  
beside us is a constant source of nurturing care.*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7  
Silence

*We honour and respect the mothers around us,  
and all who care for and love children.*

Hymn Nothing is lost on the breath of God StS #121

#### Midwife

*Midwifing God, the Prophet Isaiah declared that you are the one  
who delivers us.*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 66: 12-14, 18  
Silence

*We honour and respect the women, at home and around the world,  
who are working towards justice, liberation, health, and safety.*

Hymn My soul cries out StS #124

#### Sending Blessing

#### Special Music

**Ode to Mothers** - When the service is over, please stay on the Facebook page for 'Ode to Mothers' which you can open to hear members of congregation share. You may hear memories of their mothers and how they lived their faith and passed it on to their children, or some might share how their faith helps them as they raise children and grandchildren. Like coffee time conversation after church, you may have something to share about your mother or parenting - enter into the comment section. We look forward to gathering "together" with you in worship.

**THIS WEEK:**

We will continue to present a worship service on Facebook each Sunday, with a small group of people involved. The church office remains open for an hour or two each day, and Claire is always available by phone, email or text.

**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.** - RJC Virtual Open House - Prospective students & families are invited to learn more about RJC from the comfort of their own home! Experience a virtual school tour, a brief presentation, as well as hearing from current students and teachers. The event will be held over Zoom. Please register at admissions@rjc.sk.ca to be sent the Zoom link.

**Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.** – An online adult Sunday School class continues. We will be using the curriculum Beyond our Fears: Following Jesus in times of Crises. We will use a Zoom platform to be able to interact. Contact Delilah (306-212-7825) or Jeanette (306-212-8999) for more information.

**Friday, 11:00 a.m.** - YFBC LIVE! is every Friday at 11:00 a.m. They will be broadcasting episodes on their Facebook page. To stay connected, make sure you like the Facebook page and get notified when they go live.

**Saturday** – Coins Count Bottle Drive: Place your refundable cans and bottles into garbage bags at the end of your driveway every Saturday in May before 3:00 p.m. and we will pick them up. If you are missed, or if you can help with pickup, please text or call (306-212-8999). All monies from refunds will go to MCC. Cash or cheque donations to MCC My Coins Count may also be made, at the church office.

**Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m.** – Worship service will again be on Facebook, with a message by Pastor Claire.

**MCC Connects:** MCC Saskatchewan is looking to respond to a request put out by the OTC (Office of the Treaty Commissioner) and we need your help! As COVID-19 continues to impact communities in northern Saskatchewan, the need for masks becomes more urgent. If you are willing and able to sew, we ask that you join us in helping to meet this need. For more information please visit [mccsk.ca/make-a-mask](http://mccsk.ca/make-a-mask) or call our office at 306.665.2555

Welcome to:

## Rosthern Mennonite Church



*Followers of Jesus Christ  
Called by God  
Empowered by the Spirit  
To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace  
So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World*

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Worship Service            10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School            11:15 a.m.  
Office Hours    Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

	Worship service #18		Year to date		Surplus/Deficit	
	Weekly	Weekly	Actual	Budget		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 3,440.00					
Direct deposit	\$ 1,690.00					
BUDGET	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 43,253.85	\$ 62,010.00	\$ (18,756.15)
Hymnbooks	\$ 63.00					
Total	\$ 5,193.00					

## **PRAISE AND CONCERNS:**

**Pray for the people of Northern Saskatchewan** as the COVID-19 virus spreads in their communities. Crowded living conditions and limited services often make physical distancing very difficult, and there are no easy solutions. Pray for guidance for leaders and health care workers as they help those affected.

**Please continue to pray for residents of our nursing home**, and other seniors, who are truly 'shut-in' at this time. Pray that staff at care homes will continue to have strength and perseverance for their work, and that all will remain in good health. Pray for the families of these seniors as well, during this time of separation.

**Please continue to pray for organizations** connected to our congregation, that may be experiencing lower donations, as well as major changes to their programming and future plans, at this time, including RJC, Clothes Basket, Shekinah, Youth Farm Bible Camp, MCC, and the Good Neighbours Food Centre. Some organizations have laid off staff – pray for all who are without work at this time.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Annual subscriptions to *Rejoice***, the daily devotional published by MennoMedia, are now due. To reorder, or subscribe for the first time, please contact the church office by June 1. The cost for one year is \$43.30.

**Due to the current gathering restrictions**, the Good Samaritan Club has suspended their meetings. They hope to start up again in the fall.

**The MC Canada service** will be presented by MC Saskatchewan this Sunday. **Mount Royal Mennonite Church welcomes you to join their worship service.** This coming Sunday focusses on the spiritual practice of blessing as they consider Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 5:3-11. Val Regier will lead worship along with a music team led by Darrell Bueckert. Claire Ewert Fisher will encourage us to consider our role in blessing. The service will be posted at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>

**Parkland Restorative Justice** in Prince Albert is seeking an Executive Director (1 FTE). For job description and more info on the organization please see [parklandrestorativejustice.com](http://parklandrestorativejustice.com) or contact Board Chair, Jacquelyn Janzen at [jacqjanzen@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqjanzen@hotmail.com). Closing date: July 1, 2020. Parkland Restorative Justice is a ministry partner of MC SK, and facilitates the P2P prison visitation program and Circles of Support and Accountability.

**RJC High School** is accepting applications for the position of Dean in the Girls' Dormitory beginning in the fall of 2020. The successful candidate will work with a team of RJC deans and school administration to provide a

supportive environment where students can live, learn, and grow both personally and as a community. For more information contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) Come and join our team!

**June 4 - 7-** The North American Institute for Theological Studies (NAITS) is moving its annual symposium online, bringing Indigenous and settler peoples together to explore "Community Health and Well-Being: Conversations on Wholeness." Indigenous-Settler Relations would love to see a good number of participants from each of our regional church bodies join in this rich learning. We have several scholarships to help cover the cost of registration. For more information, visit <https://www.naiits.com/sym2020.html>. Contact Steve Heinrichs if you would like to receive support from Mennonite Church Canada ([sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca)).

**As we spend time apart** during this pandemic, it can be easy to forget that our faith communities still rely on our financial giving. Our pastors are busy preparing sermons and worship services. Our lay leaders and others within our congregations work to serve and support those who are vulnerable during this time. Our regional and nationwide churches implement and support numerous programs that seek to bring God's healing and hope to the world. Please remember your local congregation, your regional church, and Mennonite Church Canada in your giving. Thank you to all for your continued support of our church!