

Fort Garry Evangelical
Mennonite Church
Sunday March 15, 2020



THIRD SUNDAY
In Lent
WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Len Harms
Song Leader: Muehling PG
Soundperson: Bretton Reimer
Power point: Ethan Reimer

Prelude

Congregational Singing

- We Are Gathered
- Do it Again

Call to Worship Psalm 95

Prayer and Candle Extinguishing

Announcements

Congregational Singing

- What Wondrous Love is This #137
- Come as You Are

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Sharing

Justin Cheng

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" **4** So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

John 4:7-10, 15-22, 25-26. 39-42

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." **16** Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." **17** The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" **19** The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." **21** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." **26** Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Johannes du Plooy

Romans 5:1-2, 6-11

1Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2**through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7**Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. **8**But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

9Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. **10**For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

11But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon "Living Water: Jesus Awaits by an Ancient Well"

Terry Smith

Congregational Singing

- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayers of the People

Offering & Offertory

Doxology

Congregational Singing

- Come Thou Fount #28

Benediction

Postlude

As you are aware, the global spread of COVID19 has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. Manitoba has, as of this writing, 3 presumptive cases. As a church we want to do our part to limit and slow the spread of the virus - especially regarding the more vulnerable around us.

At this time, we will continue to hold services as usual, with some adjustments made in response to government recommendations. At this moment, we are taking the following steps:

- We will ensure that hand sanitizer is available at all stations around the church.
- Additional hand sanitizer will be provided during communion for use prior to taking the elements.
- Coffee and tea will not be served in the foyer after the service.

- Offering baskets will be placed by the sanctuary doors, rather than being passed around. The drop slot by the church office is also available, and we continue to accept donations online on our website.
- We continue to ensure janitorial services are thorough and frequent in an effort to maintain a clean environment, however caution and common sense is always encouraged when occupying a space within the building.
- For the time being, Sunday School for adults and children will be cancelled to minimize the close contact involved.

We also ask that congregants take precautions for the health of others:

- Please follow handwashing and hygiene recommendations.
- Avoid unnecessary close contact with others - instead of a handshake or a hug, let's greet with a friendly wave or cheerful "hello".
- If you are feeling unwell or if you have travelled outside of the country in the last 2 weeks, please stay home.
- If you have a close contact who is ill or has travelled outside the province, monitor closely for any symptoms of cough and cold.
- If you are elderly, have underlying medical conditions, please consider whether you choose to attend larger gatherings. Should you decide not to attend, please let friends, staff or deacons know so that we can reach out in other ways to stay in touch!

To emphasize the last points - regardless of your function in the service, if you are unwell, stay home. No one is so crucial to the service that a substitution cannot be made. For those choosing to not attend service, the audio for service will be posted online, as usual on our website. Use the password "listen" to access recordings.

Let us all be diligent and mindful of praying for those who are affected physically, emotionally, and financially by these events.

Remembering One Another

- Please pray for Irma McKenzie and Council as they continue to lead and guide us. Give them much wisdom, patience and energy for all the work that is done behind the scene when our congregation goes through major changes.
- Pray for our world leaders, our Prime Minister's family and our city officials as they deal with all the important issues and health concerns related to covid-19. Pray for peace for those experiencing much anxiety during this time of unknowns. May the church provide hope and love to those struggling.

Fort Garry News



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!!

- **Meet Dreydon Reimer and Donita Reimer by the Pastors' offices to have your photo taken for our new 2020 Pictorial Directory. Or, you can still send in your own picture to the office. fortgarryemc@mymts.net**

- Spiritual Direction is a place to explore your relationship with God, to talk about your faith in a safe, nonjudgmental environment, to explore how to grow in that relationship. If you are interested in individual or group spiritual direction, please contact Ruth Friesen.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING FOR A PART-TIME LEAD PASTOR

Stay Tuned: Council anticipates that in following COVID-19 health recommendations we will need to cancel the **March 22** service and consequently delay the Lead Pastor vote.

Budget Update:

February 29, 2020	Actual to date	Budget to date	Actual 2019
Total Donations	\$ 49,492	\$ 58,337	\$ 46,871
Total Expenses	\$ 34,608	\$ 41,012	\$ 48,199

At the end of February, we are under our donation budget by \$8,800 and our expenses are under by \$6,400. We require an average of \$29,168 in donations per month to cover our budget.

This Week

Our weekly activities including, Cubs, College & Career, Wednesday Lent Service, Youth, English classes and Friday Prayer Hour will all be cancelled this week.

We will keep you updated regarding the future of these programs.

Coming Events

Monday, Mar. 23 7:30pm
Department Heads Meeting in the College & Career Room downstairs.

Thursday, Mar. 26 7:30pm
Congregational Meeting

Thursday, April 2 7pm
Youth family bowling night at Dakota Bowling, 1085 St. Mary's Rd.
Please rsvp to Bethany Klassen by March 30th.

Friday, April 10 9am
Good-Friday Breakfast and Tenebrae Service.

Thursday, May 21 7:30pm
Congregational Meeting

Friday, May 22 - Sunday May 24
Fort Garry Church family weekend retreat at Winkler Bible Camp.

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