

SERMON ON THE MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57103
FEBRUARY 2, 2020
ANABAPTIST WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

THEME: JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE

Even in the midst of deep troubles, we come together from around the world to follow Jesus, who gives us hope.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP
SHARING THE SIGN OF PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, we are here.

We are here in this place dedicated to worship and prayer.

We are here to listen to your voice and experience your power.

Jesus, we are here.

We are here along with the throng of your disciples around the world.

We thank you for sisters and brothers assembled in churches and chapels and homes in cities and villages across the globe.

With them we gather around your word to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Jesus, we are here.

With the apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesian church, we pray that the eyes of our hearts may be opened in order to know the hope to which you have called us, to know the riches of our glorious inheritance as your holy people, and your incomparably great power for us who believe.

(James Schellenberg, pastor, Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

*HYMN	Jesus we are here	SJ 6
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1:15-23 Lamentations 3:21-26	
HYMN	Open my eyes that I may see	HWB 517
SCRITURE	Mark 2:1-12 Psalms 62 Salvation from God	

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Our salvation and honour come from God alone.

He is our refuge, and a Rock of safety.

People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.

*Leader: O my people, trust him at all times.
Pour out your heart to him, for he is our refuge.*

People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.

*Leader: From the greatest to the lowliest – all are nothing in his sight.
If you weigh them on the scales, they are lighter than a puff of air.*

People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.

Leader: Don't try to get rich by extortion or robbery. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the centre of your life.

People: We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation.

*Leader: God has spoken plainly – we have heard it many times.
Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.*

People: We wait quietly before God,
for our hope is in him, our Rock and our Salvation. (Gerald Hildebrand, MWC Regional Representative, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

MESSAGE

*HYMN	My hope is built on nothing less	HWB 343
*OFFERING PRAYER	What gift can we bring	HWB 385

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARING, PRAYER TIME

HYMN	Put peace into each other's hands	SJ 87
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COMMUNION

*HYMN	The Lord is King	HWB 69
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BENEDICTION

As we go from this place of worship and reflection and prayer, let us go with these words of blessing which conclude Paul's letter to the Ephesian church (6:23-24): Peace be to the community of believers around the world, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord, King Jesus, with a love that never dies!
AMEN. (James Schellenberg, pastor, Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's resources were provided by Mennonite World Conference.

TODAY – Movie, “The Bible” part 1, will be shown at the Ensz's after church around 12:30. Pizza lunch will be provided. Please let Jim or Bernette know if you plan to attend. Next movie times are Feb 16th, March 1st, and March 15th.

Feb 3 – P2 Prayer and Peace group 7:30 at SMMC.

Feb 5 – Everence webinar: Stewardship Investing 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Contact melissa.short@everence.com if you would like to join.

Feb 18 – Valentine Banquet will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp starting at 6:00pm on Sunday, February 18th. Please reserve your seating by calling 605 3265690 or emailing camp office at myslcc.com. A free will offering will be taken.

Feb 23 – Potluck and meeting

July 11 – MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

Flandreau Update: We have learned of new families arriving in the Flandreau area. The present need is for **all sizes** of WINTER coats. Food items needed are Spaghetti Sauce, Dry black beans or pinto beans, Diapers of any size, Men/women deodorant, feminine pads. (Drop off in Gary Graber's garage)

Bienvenidos a Brookings continues to take immigrants to immigration court in Minneapolis. Send your gifts to "**Bienvenidos a Brookings**" (Flandreau project in memo) or "**Brookings Foundation**" 501 c 3 (Bienvenidos a Brookings in the memo) and send to **Tom Manzer, 929 4th St.**

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Prayer Request

a. Prayers from MWC members in Canada and USA

- Canada and the USA are both a gathering of many cultures. For example, there are about 200 languages spoken in the city of Toronto, and 800 languages spoken in New York City. The diversity of these communities can be source of anxiety or celebration. As followers of Jesus Christ the Good News transcends nationality, language, culture and ethnicity. Give thanks that "salvation belongs to our God" (Revelation 7).
- The 10 Mennonite and BIC national member churches in Canada and the USA each have unique challenges as they seek to live out the gospel of Christ in their diverse contexts. Pray for these sisters and brothers as they serve their communities in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that the shared desire to follow Jesus overcomes the political and social differences within congregations in Canada and the USA.



Felipe Gonzalia

b. Prayers from MWC

- Give thanks that Anabaptists around the world are united in faith in God's kingdom across language and cultural differences.
- Give thanks for the growing networks in the MWC family – mission, service, health, peace and education.
- Pray that MWC member churches who are suffering persecution and hardship may have courage and hope to persevere.
- Pray for MWC General Secretary César García, and MWC North American Representative Gerald Hildebrand as they lead and minister to the churches in Canada and the USA, and around the world.