

Holyrood Mennonite Church

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Speaker: Pastor Elizabeth Sahr

Worship Leader: Joseph Chokpelleh

Children's Church: In Sanctuary

Music Group: Amie, Esther, Grace, Evanna, Gizzie, Thomas, Josh

Tech Support: Edward, Dixon, Emmanuel

Our Vision:

Training Apprentices of Jesus to share God's abundant hospitality with people of all ages and cultures through the power of the spirit.

Welcome to Worship Service at 10:30 am
Sunday, July 19, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome

Gathering Song: You've Got a Place At the Welcome Table #4 STJ

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- Come Let Us All Unite to Sing #12 HWB
- When We Walk With the Lord #544 HWB
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus (in Swahili)

Offering:

Can be made by e-transfer to holyroodmchurch@gmail.com

Offertory: Eun Jin

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Nathaniel Bimba

Scripture: John 2:1-11, read by Blessing

Reflection, by Pastor Elizabeth

Transition Song: You are Alpha and Omega

SHARE AND PRAYER

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: Bwana Awabariki #422 HWB

Announcements

From Holyrood

- **Wednesday, July 22:** Bible Study at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 23:** Music lessons and practice from 2:30 p.m.

Next Sunday Worship, July 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Pastor Nathaniel Bimba

Worship Leader: Dorathy Chokpelleh

Scripture: Luke 8:1-3

Children's Feature: Ronky Snogba

Mennonite Life and Church Activities

- Want to learn more about volunteering with **Mennonite Disaster Service**? Join our Zoom call on Aug. 24 at 7:30pm EST. Register at <https://mds.org/event/ways-to-get-involved-with-mds-2/>
- **We're Better Together:** MCC's new campaign is advocating to keep Canada a country of welcome for refugees. Read about it here: <https://mcc.org/campaign/keep-canada-country-welcome>

Fundraising Projects for Summer 2026

- **Ready, get set and GO!** Start up a personal challenge - ride, walk, sew, play, read, for MCC Alberta's community fundraiser. Tell us what you are doing on your summer vacation! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHXNFtN9hac>
- **Make School Kits:** Who wants to learn how to sew nice bags for school supplies? Shall we plan an afternoon at church? Check out these information sites: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>
<https://mcc.org/media/document/142831>

Our Shared Prayer

▪ Prayer of the People

God of all creation, the works of your hands are worthy of our attention and care. You created all things--the mountains and the trees, the rivers and the sunshine, the rainbows and the earthworms; all things that you have called good. You gave this good creation to humanity, who you made in your image, and gave us the job of caring for the earth and one another. Give us what we need to be good stewards of all that you have created for us and let us experience life anew.

Help us to see the world through your eyes, seeing the beauty in all that you have made, so that we may be compelled to love and care for all you have made. Help us to see your face in every person you have created, see your love in every rainbow, and see your hand in every sunset. Amen.

Written by Debbie Bledsoe, Pastor, First Mennonite Church, Edmonton.

Our Shared Bible Study # 23

We continued to study The Book of Job every Wednesday.

Shall we accept good from God and not trouble? Job cries out to God, but he never blames God for his circumstances. He laments his fate: he cursed the day he was born; he mourns that he leaves no legacy of his former life, he wishes for death, and he complains bitterly that he cannot prove his innocence before God. He pleads for God's mercy in the anguish of his spirit.

Job's friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, are convinced that sin is the cause of his suffering, and that he must repent to be healed and become prosperous again. They repeat their wisdom - as they know it: *Those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.* Job feels abandoned by his friends who express this judgement rather than compassion. Their long monologues are not helpful to him but rather bring Job deep despair. He knows he is blameless and will not put the blame on others. Job's integrity and faith in the Almighty God does not waver.

As we study the book of Job, we are identifying what it means to be compassionate in the most difficult situations. We learn that offering "How can I help" or "What do you need from me right now" is more useful than giving advice and explanations.