

Sermon

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RESPONDING

*Hymn: SJ # 81

“Take, O take me as I am”

*Benediction

*Please rise

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

Remember in Prayer:

Tena Kruger and Ed Epp (Frieda’s brother); both are at St. Paul’s.

THIS WEEK

- **Yard Maintenance** – Kevin Boldt, Dennis Boldt, Steven Rowan
- **Next Sunday** is loose change Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MDS Summer Project in Shaunavon, Sask.:

July 25-31 OMC Youth’s week to serve. We have room for 8-10 youth and adults. **Call or talk to Dave Feick for details and to sign up. If we cannot fill 8 spots we will lose this opportunity.**

VBS Starts tomorrow!

Finally! Vacation Bible School starts with registration at 9:00 am tomorrow, and runs Monday to Friday this week (July 12-16) from 9:00am to 11:30am. All children age 4 to Grade 6 are welcome! Come for fun, games, drama, singing and more, and "Meet God on the Mountain"!

Parents and Caregivers can register their children at 9:00am Monday.

A BIG THANKS to all volunteers who will be helping to make this week possible. All Monday volunteers are asked to be at the church by 8:30 Monday morning for instructions and to set up for registration.

VBS Giving Project:

VBS programs all across Canada and the USA this summer will be designating offerings to go a "Meet God in South Africa" project. Mennonite Church Canada Witness is one of the sponsors of this mission project, supporting the ministries of South African churches, including theological education, community development work and support of AIDS ministries and more. Our congregation is also invited to share donations in love for many who live in the midst of poverty. Please see the display and donation jar in the church foyer.

RJC NEWS:

***Youth: What are you doing next year?** If you are entering grade 10, 11 or 12, there is still room for you at Rosthern Junior College, the High School for you! Call 306 232-4222 to talk to Dave or email dave@rjc.sk.ca to begin the application process or to learn more about RJC. Remember to ask about bursaries too. You can also find lots of information on our website www.rjc.sk.ca. RJC, Where Life meets Learning!

Litany of Dedication for VBS

Leader: Come, join the journey to meet God on the mountain. As VBS staff, you have been called by God and this congregation to take our children on a trip to the mountain of God.

VBS workers: We are committed to walk with the children to the mountain to meet God. Together we will listen to God and learn of God's ways.

Leader: People of the congregation, go in spirit with the children and leaders and volunteers as they meet Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, and hear their stories of God's awesome nature.

Congregation: We will keep you in our prayers this week. We thank God for the gifts of time and talent that are being offered by our leaders. May they be blessed for their ministries.

Leader: Children, are you ready to climb the mountain and meet God? Welcome to our Bible school program! Bring your friends on this journey. And remember, we will be praying for you.

Prayer::

God, with joy we dedicate and bless the children and adults who participate in our Bible school. We pray for the children from our community who will journey with us to meet you. May we receive everyone who comes with joy and acceptance. Bless us all as we embark on this journey with you up the mountain.

Amen

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Luke 10:25-37 (not read); Colossians 1:1-14.

Deuteronomy 30:9 - 14 (NRSV) 9and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10when you obey the

LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Colossians 1:1 - 14 (NRSV) 1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.