

Sermon: "Creation Care" Mark Bigland-Pritchard

RESPONDING

*Hymn: SJ #73 "The Lord lift you up"

*Benediction

***Please rise**

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

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

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

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

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, April 24** – RJC/CMU joint concert at our church:
Banquet 6:00pm, followed by Concert: 7:30pm
 - **Thursday, April 26, 7:30 pm**, Missions & Service Committee meeting
 - **Friday, April 27, 7:00pm, Youth - Creation Care Night** at the church – learn about purple martins and put up a bird house.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Chamber Choir fundraising Banquet and Concert will be **held April 24th at Osler Mennonite Church**. Join us for the banquet at 6:00 pm and/or the concert to follow at 7:30 pm. Reservations are needed for the banquet, but not the concert. Banquet tickets should have already been reserved. For late enquiries, call RJC at 306-232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca. Please join us for an inspiring evening of music! An offering in support of both schools will be taken at the concert.

***Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day**, Saturday, April 28. See poster on the bulletin board for many more details.

*** Assembly 2012 Registration:**

The Early Bird registration deadline approaches! Plan to attend *Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century*, Mennonite Church Canada's 2012 Assembly in Vancouver. There will be music, inspiration, friends, faith, and food. Save by signing up by May 15th! Details at www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012.

***May 1: Lunch & Learn** at Cornerstone Church (hosted by Christian Counselling Services) from 11:30am-1:00pm. The keynote speaker for this event will be Dr. Bruce Pringle speaking on the "Healing Power of Christ in Counselling". This seminar will benefit both helping professionals, as well as those who find themselves in a helping role in their life. See the Bulletin Board poster. **RSVP is requested by Monday, April 23rd**. (244-9890)

***May 5: 2012 Touring Mission Fest** departing from Wildwood Mennonite Church and Bethany Manor to visit: Laird Mennonite Church, RJC, Rosthern's Mennonite Heritage Museum and Osler Mennonite Church. Cost is \$50 which includes coach transportation, lunch and supper. (Snack paid by donation) **Everyone is invited to attend the supper meal here at OMC at 5:30pm**. Cost is \$10 and a sign up sheet for supper is now on the bulletin board. Find Registration forms and more information on the bulletin board. **The Touring Mission Fest bus has room for several more participants**. Consider a day trip in the valley area, discovering how God is working in these congregations. Phone the Mennonite Church Sask office for more information or to register: 249-4844.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, on May 26, 2012. Information and registration forms can be downloaded from the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Early bird registration is April 27; final golf & banquet reservations by May 17.

***The latest update from MDS** is now posted on the bulletin board.

***Motorcycle Rally Fundraiser** together with RJC, on Saturday, June 9. Registration 10 am- Noon, rally starts at 1:00 pm. See the bulletin board poster for more information.

*Don't forget to listen to *Church Matters*, our radio podcast exploring why the church matters in the world today. Download episodes from <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/206> or iTunes, or listen live at 8:45 am CST on the third Sunday of each month. It is broadcast via the Golden West Southern Manitoba radio network on CFAM 950, Altona, AM 1250, Steinbach, and CJRB 1220 Boissevain.

***RJC Prospective Student Family Picnic, June 3, 2012 at 2:00pm.** If you are considering attending RJC this fall and would like to know more, we would like to invite you and your family to this picnic. Staff and students will be available to answer questions, and there will be good food and fun for the entire family. Please email val@rjc.sk.ca or call the RJC Office at 306-232-4222 by May 11.

***Canadian Mennonite University** www.cmu.ca

*CMU invites your prayers as 80 students prepare to graduate on April 22.

*It's not too late to apply for **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 18 – 22 and June 25 – 29. Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – and participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 2:4 – 9, 15-17 (NRSV) ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put

the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Romans 8:18 - 28 (NRSV) ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Luke 10:25 - 28 (NRSV) ²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ²⁶“Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”