



**May 1, 2016**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Focus statement:** *Revelation's vision reassures us that God is making a new heaven and a new earth, that God's good power ultimately can set right what is wrong with our world.*

**GATHERING**

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Congregational Singing    HWB 154 This is my Father's world  
   HWB 324 Seek ye first the kingdom

**HEARING**

Special Music                    Bev /Ron  
Scripture Reading            John 14:23-29  
   Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
Congregational Singing    STJ 23 Slowly turning, ever turning  
Sermon                            John

**RESPONDING**

Congregational Singing    HWB 323 Beyond a dying sun  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Benediction  
Sending Song                    HWB 322 For we are strangers no  
   more

Worship Leader: Rudy  
Song Leader: Mo  
Accompanist: Esther

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us, and bless us,  
and cover us with the radiance of grace.

**May your way be known everywhere, God:  
in the hidden places of our hearts;  
in the comfort of our homes;  
in every corner of our world;  
in the farthest reaches of creation.  
You transform us; you heal our lives;  
you renew the earth and every creature:  
Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy!**

**Invocation** (in unison)

God, we remember with wonder and joy  
that your spirit is reaching everywhere:  
rejoicing in the liveliness of all living things;  
touching what is wounded or ill with healing power;  
gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least;  
soothing ancient animosities;  
creating and recreating a vision of hope.

Come now, Holy Spirit.  
Let our worship rejoice in you,  
and lift our hearts,  
and bind us in one family of loving grace.  
We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.

**Highlights from Worship and Education Committee Meeting**  
~Teresa was welcomed as a committee member.  
~Summer schedule was planned. Individuals will be recruited to be in charge of one Sunday each throughout July and August.  
~ Brainstorming about adult Sunday School resulted in possible topics: understanding the Middle East, faiths in our neighborhood and a bible book study.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for the members and supporters of L'Arche Winnipeg, as they walk this afternoon to raise money, and as they work each day to build caring communities.
- Pray for youth, parents and community leaders in the Attawapiskat community. MCC Ontario has heard the desire from the Mennonite community (and beyond) to do something practical to show support for those in Attawapiskat. The Youth Council of the community has asked that we begin to weave authentic relationships with one another; Mennonites and Attawapiskat First Nation. They invite us to send a word of encouragement, postcard or brief letter: **Youth In Attawapiskat, P.O. Box 248, Attawapiskat, ON P0L 108**

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **Food Bank** - Next meets on May 14 and 28
- **May 29** – Church picnic at Gesell's
- **EMC Convention** – July 1-3 in Steinbach



Coffee for May 8 – John and Kathy  
Upcoming Coffee for May 15 – Kan and Sorn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Sunnie is away this weekend.
- Ministerial is pleased to recommend Jeremy and Teresa Zehr for Associate Membership here at Aberdeen. Teresa was baptised at Zion Mennonite Church and will also maintain her membership at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. Jeremy was baptised at Calvary Mennonite Church, Illinois and will continue his participation in Bethlehem Aboriginal Fellowship. This service of acceptance and communion will be **next Sunday, May 8**.
- There will be a worship service on the May long weekend.
- **EMC Convention 2016** will be held **July 1-3** in Steinbach. Registration forms are on the back table by the mailbox.

### **John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

### **Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.