

WELCOME TO PORTLAND MENNONITE CHURCH

At Portland Mennonite Church we are striving to take seriously the challenge of the prophet Jeremiah to “seek the peace of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7)

Viola Memorial



We gathered online June 17 to remember Viola and celebrate her life...

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WELCOME!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. The season in the church year after Pentecost is sometimes called 'ordinary time.' This hasn't been an ordinary year, though, has it? This morning as we sing our gratitude, listen to the scriptures, and lift up our prayers, I hope that we will all find the grace and faith to imbue these hours and days with the extraordinary lovingkindness of God.

Peace to you, Rod Stafford

On Sunday please join us via **Facebook Live** www.facebook.com/portlandmennonite/ and follow along with scriptures and songs in the following pages. Worship begins at 10:45 am through June — 9:30 am in July and August.

THE LORD'S DAY

FACILITATORS

Prelude/Postlude:

PMC archives

Worship Leader:

Christina Moss

Song Leader:

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Children's Time:

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Sermon:

Rod Stafford

Prayers:

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Prelude

Greeting

Psalm 89:1-5

♪ 'The Lord is my light' — *Sing the Journey*, 97

Children's Time

Jeremiah 28:5-9

♪ 'Be thou my vision' — *Hymnal, A Worship Book*, 545

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon: 'Transition Points'

♪ 'Teach me thy truth' — *Hymnal, A Worship Book*, 548

Prayers

Offering

Sending Words

Sharing from Pacific NW Mennonite Conference

Benediction

Today's Worship

Prelude

Greeting

Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah
Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

🎵 — The Lord is my light — SJ 97

1. The Lord is my light, and my salvation,
The Lord is my light, and my salvation,
The Lord is my light, and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

*Whom shall I fear,
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength
Of my life;
Whom shall I fear?*

2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me,
O in the time of trouble, he shall hide me,
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me;
Whom shall I fear?

3. Wait on the Lord, and be of good courage,
O wait on the Lord, and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord, and be of good courage;
He shall strengthen thine heart.

Text/Music: Lilian Bouknight, arr Paul Gainer

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Children's Time

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

♪ — Be thou my vision — WB 545

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great father, and I, thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: ancient Irish, translated Mary Elizabeth Byrn, 1905, versified by Eleanor Hull.

Music: Irish melody, published 1909. Harmonization in WB © Oxford University Press.

Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Sermon: ‘Transition Points’

♪ — Teach me thy truth — WB 548

Teach me thy truth, O mighty One,
from sin, O, make me free.
Prepare my life to fill its place
in service, Lord, for thee.

Accept my talents, great or small,
choose thou the path for me,
where I shall labor joyously
in service, Lord, for thee.

Help me to show the glorious way
that leads in hope to thee,
till other souls their joy shall find,
in service, Lord, for thee.

Grant me thy grace for ev’ry task
until thy face I see,
then ever new shall be that joy
in service, Lord, for thee.

*Text: Edith Witmer. Music: Walter E. Yoder
Life Songs No. 2, 1938. Text and music © 1938 Mennonite Publishing House.*

Prayer (ending with the Lord’s Prayer)

Please Pray For...

- **Burt Kolinsky**, who is recovering from heart valve surgery last Monday;
- **The life and ministries of the 29 congregations of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference**, spread over five states, as we bear witness to the love and justice of God.

Offering
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Sending Words

Sharing from Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference

Benediction

Announcements

Summertime Worship at PMC July-Aug / 9:30 am

In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, the Table has decided that we will not meet for in-person worship during the summer months. **In July and August, the services will start at 9:30 am. We will continue to stream our services and recordings of the services will continue to be posted on our website and to our Facebook page. A decision about the Fall will be made in mid-August.**

On Sabbatical Leave

"Tomorrow I will begin a seven week sabbatical leave. I am deeply grateful to the congregation for this gift of time for rest and renewal. I will be focusing on developing a clearer understanding of the challenges and rewards of long-term pastoral ministry. I am also hoping to do significant reading this summer, as well as spending time with my family and getting out for hikes and bike rides. While I am away Curt Weaver and Britt Carlson will continue to give pastoral leadership to PMC, and along with Rachel Joy, our Congregational Administrator, will support the life and ministries of our congregation. Thanks so much!" - Rod Stafford

Collecting Stories of Living Through this Pandemic

With the help of Gloria Nussbaum, we are starting a podcast called *COVID Chronicles*. Our hope is that this will be a way to listen to and get to know each other during this time of being asked to stay apart. Gloria will be contacting individuals for interviews and we will be letting you know how to listen when they begin to be compiled.

Remembering Viola Nussbaum

Earlier this month, we held an online gathering to share in the grief of Viola's death and to remember with gratitude the life she lived among us. If you missed it, her obituary, community sharing, and a slideshow of moments from her life are on our website at: <https://www.portlandmennonite.org/viola-nussbaum.html>.

Thank you very much for your cards, notes, phone calls and other expressions of support for the family of Viola Nussbaum as we experienced her death, service of remembrance and her burial in Idaho. We are very grateful for your support and your ongoing prayers. A special thanks to the PMC staff for their extraordinary efforts to plan and conduct the Zoom service of remembrance and celebration. It was very meaningful for us and for many family members and friends who live at a distance. - Harold & Gloria Nussbaum for Viola's family

Racial Justice

The biblical vision of the Beloved Community calls us to take up the work of doing justice and making peace.

- ◆ Resources on anti-racism, including books, blog posts, and a video of our PMC Conversation on Race and Faith from earlier this month, can be found [here](#).
- ◆ Our congregation is joining the Portland chapter of the NAACP. Thanks to your generosity, more than \$4,000 was raised to support the anti-racist work they are doing. We will post updates and reports of ways we can continue to support and partner with them.
- ◆ The Washington Office of Mennonite Central Committee is encouraging us to contact our US representatives and senators to support the demilitarization of police departments. More information and a sample email can be found [here](#).

Adult Ed Class — Racism: Making a Difference Sundays / 9:30 am (will shift to after worship in July)

Due to current events, the Adult Education class has shifted its focus to *Racism: Making a Difference*. We will explore ways we can make a difference in the injustice our brothers and sisters of color have had to endure. This will be a class of learning about the history, listening to peoples' experiences, and discussing steps we can take to help. As a church seeking the peace of the city, we need to step out and help bring peace to potentially volatile situations. Jane Bateman will be leading the discussion, but she is open to help from anyone who has direct experience in anti-racism, peacemaking, etc. This will be a time to connect with others and find hope in this unprecedented time. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308189218?pwd=L2l0YWMydjAxaEp4Z3VSWERWdS9uQT09>

Protesting with PMC

Due to the fluid, grassroots nature of the protests, we have found that it is hard to organize a group to attend together so we are suspending our Friday night "official" PMC participation in the protests. We know that so many of you are out in your neighborhoods marching, protesting and working toward racial justice, and we are so grateful! Keep it up! We are not alone—we have one another. Also if anyone wants "Black Lives Matters: Portland Mennonite Church" stickers to wear while protesting contact Britt.

Dorcas' Needles and Stitches July 1, 15, 29

Dorcas' Needles & Stitches is meeting again to knot and complete comforters for MCC. Our plans are to meet during the summer, every other Wednesday. Our next gathering is July 1 at 9:30 AM. We will work outdoor, weather permitting, but may be indoors. We will be following social distancing guidelines. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gail Manickam (gail@manickam.net) so that you can be included in the email notification that will go out the Monday prior. Future dates: July 15, 29, August 5, 19. Please wear a mask.

Grad Student from VA Looking for Roommate (Tigard/Beaverton)

"My name is Emma Stutzman. I'll be moving to Portland from Virginia in 5 weeks for grad school (counseling) and am hoping to connect with your church once I arrive. Myself and another first year counseling student are looking for housing in the Tigard/Beaverton area and hoping to find a 3rd roommate to live with us" If you are or know of a young woman interested in talking with Emma further, contact the church office for Emma's contact information.

Staying Connected This Week

You can also find these links on our website at: www.portlandmennonite.org/online-church

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Random Chats of Kindness Round TWO! Sign up by June 28 to get matched the next week

Our chats were so nice, we're doing them twice! By popular demand we are continuing our Random Chats of Kindness for a second round of three weeks. Sign up on our website by June 28, and on Monday June 29, July 6 and July 13 you'll get an email randomly pairing you with another PMCer for a 10 minute random chat for that week. We give you a conversation-starting question and each chat is one-and-done. You'll chat with a different person the next week! All generations welcome. <https://www.portlandmennonite.org/random-chats-of-kindness.html>

Monday Mornings Pastor "Coffee Time" Mondays / 9:00 am

On Mondays, 9:00-9:30 am, Britt will host a "coffee time" via Zoom for anyone who would like to check in together as the week begins. Look for the link in the weekly update, and on our website.

To join: zoom.us/j/368828512

Wednesday Dorcas' Needles and Stitches — Twice a month—contact Gail if interested

This Wednesday, the Dorcas' quilting and comforter tying group will be meeting at PMC and following social distancing guidelines. Contact Gail (gail@manickam.net) for more information if you are interested in participating.

Friday Morning Coffee Group Fridays / 10:00 am

A group of PMCs continues to meet, now via Zoom, every Friday morning for an informal social time. If you'd like to join, contact Linda Rush or the church office for more information.

PMC and COVID-19

Join us on FB Live Sunday Morning at 10:45 am, or check our page for updates throughout the week www.facebook.com/portlandmennonite

Check out our website www.portlandmennonite.org for news, sermons, event information, and ways to stay connected with each other including sharing prayer requests and video greetings.

PMC Staff are minimizing time in the office. Please email us for fastest response. We also check voicemail remotely.

Electronic Giving

We have a variety of options for financial contributions, including by credit card, or direct debit from your bank account. Checks may be mailed to the church office at 1312 SE 35th Ave, Portland OR 97214. Rachel opens the mail once a week. For details and forms, go to www.portlandmennonite.org/give. You can also check with your bank about sending electronic payments. Contact Rachel Joy (office@portlandmennonite.org) if you have any questions.