

May 2, 2021

Service of Worship

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| Prelude | Kent Gowler |
| Welcome and Announcements | Brent Lyons |
| CBAC Launch | Sheila Mitchell-Dueck |
| Call to Worship | Brent Lyons |
| <i>"From you comes my praise in the great congregation." -Psalm 22:25a</i> | |
| Song | <i>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</i> |
| Prayers of the People | Brent Lyons |
| <i>"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God." -1 John 4: 7a</i> | |
| Hymn | <i>God is Love Let Heaven Adore Him</i> |
| Scripture | <i>1 John 4: 7-21</i> Raymond Sokalski |
| Hymn | <i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i> |
| Message | <i>Love's Source and Implications</i> Mark Doerksen |
| Hymn | <i>Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i> |
| Communion - led by Bob Griffin and Kent Gowler | <i>Serving of the Bread Serving of the Cup</i> |
| Benediction | Mark Doerksen |
| Choral Amen | |

***We welcome all of you to our Zoom Service of Worship.
May God bless you through our time together.***

CBAC Launch

The Deacons have been struggling and are uncertain of what steps to take and many news articles we read are that church membership is shrinking, churches are closing, there are no young people, people are too busy, there are no volunteers, offerings are down...the sky is falling. This creates a sense of despair or passivity that blocks us from taking action.

During our research we have found some hope for the future. Kevin Vincent, Associate Executive Minister and Director, Centre for New Congregations Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada has developed a course entitled The Launch. He is passionate that Jesus is building his Church. The Launch is a church resource created for churches to grapple hard questions such as: Could it be possible that being the church in 2021 will look different than the church we grew up in? Is it possible to create some new congregations that don't look like church as we might have defined it? Could some look more like the New Testament Church in the book of Acts? Could we continue to celebrate what God is doing and strengthen our church's Sunday morning congregation while multiplying other congregational gatherings such as cafes, gyms, seniors complexes, clothing depot etc. There may be hard decisions and choices regarding the future that we do not personally like. Is the future of the church more important than our personal preferences?

The Launch is a two-phase video driven course. In Phase 1 there are 13 sessions. The deacons have committed to taking this course and would encourage each of you to make this 13 week commitment with us. (Phase 2, should we decide to continue, is logistics and implementation.)

A short introductory video will be shown the next two Sundays and you are encouraged to pray and make this initial 13 week commitment with us. It will be held on Wednesdays by zoom starting on **May 12th at 7pm**. Let us know you want to be part of this exciting journey and we will send you a participants guide, yes there is homework!

New Public Health Regulations

New provincial public health orders have been enacted in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. These orders will be in effect until May 26, unless they are altered during that time.

On-site worship services are affected in that we are permitted to have **only 10 people** in the Sanctuary. We will be restricting attendance to only the presenters and technical people to broadcast a "live" service on Zoom.

There will be room for 3 other people to be in the congregation **each Sunday**, but you must pre-register by emailing bfbc@mymts.net or leaving a message on the church phone (204-783-4413) by 5 PM on Saturday, as there otherwise may not be room to attend in person.

Otherwise, please stay home and stay healthy as we continue to worship God and be a community by using on-line ways.

Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 2021/22 will take place immediately following the Service **on May 30. Tomorrow, May 2** is the deadline for submissions for the Annual Report. Please send them in an electronic format to Lloyd Talbot at lptalbot@mymts.net

Next M.O.B. Meeting

May 8 at 9 AM is the next M.O.B. meeting, to be held live on Zoom. The Speaker will be Jason Peters. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out by email and posted on the church website shortly.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer

The Wednesday evening bible study is on hiatus at present. Announcements will be made when the bible study is to resume.