

Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit,
to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy,
and walking humbly with God.



Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. The nursery at the back of the sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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World Communion Sunday: A Global Table of Grace

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (Eithun)
Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Raylene Hinz-Penner

*Hymn *What is This Place* VT 22

Children and Youth Conversation Esther Kreider Eash

Worship Music *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (Waldron) Chancel Bells

Scripture Reading Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Brett Gaeddert

*Hymn *Seed, Scattered and Sown* VT 477

Sermon *Table of Grace* Joanna Harader

Communion (liturgy from Global Ministries World Communion Resources)

*Hymn *In the Quiet Consecration* VT 484

Prayer of Confession (from South Africa)

One: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

Many: God forgive us.

One: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

Many: God forgive us.

One: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,

Many: We ask your mercy.

One: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,

Many: We ask your mercy.

One: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

All: God forgive us.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (from Bangladesh)

Call to Communion

One: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions. We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us, carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—we come as one people.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Some come rejoicing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Hymns during Meal	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	VT 461
	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>	VT 391

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of God’s People

*Hymn	<i>Come with Joy</i>	VT 478
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*Benediction

Postlude	<i>Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major</i> (J.S. Bach)	Will Wiebe-Friesen
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* You are invited to stand	VT— <i>Voices Together</i>
Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen	Audio visual—John Thiesen

The Week at BCMC: October 4—11, 2026

Sunday, October 4

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/ZKqDq6RXR4Y?feature=share>

10:45 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 5

9 a.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board meets at Lois Goertzen's home

Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Life Enrichment in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Training in Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, October 8

11 a.m. Revelation Study in the Chapel

4 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee meeting in Room 14

6 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

Saturday, October 10

4 p.m. Memorial for Marvin Dirks in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; music by Chancel Choir

Pastor Nathan will be on a retreat from Oct. 4-8.

Everyone is invited to join us for our next Open Table on Wed., Oct. 14, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a pizza supper and then an interactive, all-age, Bible study as we continue exploring the monsters of the Bible.

Our Wednesday Suppers will begin on Oct. 21 and continue for five weeks--through Nov. 18. All are invited to come at 6 p.m. for fellowship and a meal provided by Brenda Turner and Ben Lichti. There are no programs planned for after the meals except for the meal on Nov. 11, which will be followed by our Open Table all-age Bible study. There is no charge to attend the Wednesday evening meals. Financial contributions toward meal costs are welcome and appreciated.

Bethel College Mennonite Church is an open and affirming congregation centered in the life and teachings of Jesus. Embracing the divine within each person, we warmly welcome any and all into fellowship without regard to race, ethnic background, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, marital status, or age.

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