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and the mute to **SPEAK.**”

Mark 7:37, NRSV

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Sept 9, 2018

Worship Leader: **Len Harms**  
Song Leader: **Muehling**  
Soundperson: **Kurt Friesen**  
Power Point: **Aaron Friesen**

**Prelude** **Todd Friesen**

**Congregational Singing**

- Joyful, Joyful (#25)
- Mighty to Save
- What a Beautiful Name

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

“A person’s name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.”

- Dale Carnegie

**Scripture Reading** **Corinne Klassen**  
**James 2:1-10, 14-17**

**Warning against Partiality**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God

chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

**Faith without Works Is Dead**

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

The Lord God says, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live.” (Ezekiel 33:11)

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness,

but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

### Congregational Singing

*\* Children, please come to the front to make some joyful noises!*

- If You Want to
- Amazing Grace (#288)

### Scripture Reading Corinne Klassen Mark 7:24-37

#### The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**Sermon Karen Schellenberg**

### Congregational Singing

- Open the Eyes of my Heart

### Summer Ministry Reports

**Camille Plett**

**Carmen Friesen**

**Liana Fonseca**

**Kids Club Report Ruth Friesen**

### Prayers of the People

### Offering & Offertory

### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Announcements

### Benediction

### Postlude

**\*Make sure to stay for the Fort Garry EMC community BBQ taking place directly after the service from 11:30-2:30pm. Come for bouncers, a dunk tank, carnival games, food & more!**



◆ Sunday School Kickoff on Sept. 16.

## REMEMBERING ONE ANOTHER

- Pray for the leaders and participants in the library.
- Pray for International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) and their Winnipeg staff person, Joseph Seidu and Twylla Plett, their national staff person.
- Please continue to pray for the following individuals and families as they deal with ongoing health challenges:
  - ❖ William Cheng, Tao, Aihua and Justin

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Tuesday, 7pm*  
Membership Orientation at the church.

*Wednesday, 7:30pm*  
College & Career - Relationship/Team Building at Matt Barkman's house.

*Thursday, 7:30pm*  
Youth - Fall Kickoff at the church.

*Friday, 9-10am*  
An "Hour of Prayer" takes place each Friday morning at the church. Everyone welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fort Garry News:

- **Fall Worship Focus -**

Beginning **today** our worship themes will focus on themes and stories as found in the Gospel of Mark. Together in the coming 6 weeks - we will listen for God's voice, as we sing, pray, and learn. Each **Sunday** following the sermon, we will be led in a time of confession, silence and commitment. Edward A. White reminds us that there are 3 major tasks that confront congregations in a time of pastoral transition. All of them have to do with trusting God.

1. Will you learn to trust God with the past?
2. Will you learn to trust God with the present?
3. Will you learn to trust God with the future?

Please read through the book of Mark at home as we together rekindle our love for Jesus, and grow in trust of our God.

- **Kids Club** is in need of 4-5 more volunteers to be able to run this year. Contact Ruth Friesen if you are interested.

- FGEMC is in **need of PowerPoint techs** for **Sunday** mornings. Please contact one of the trustees if you are able to serve in this way.

- Save the date! **Fort Garry's Thanksgiving meal** will take place at noon on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> in the basement. Watch for a signup sheet coming soon to save yourself a spot!

- If you are interested in **listening to the services off our website**, please contact the church office or wait for an upcoming email regarding the password.

- **We need Sunday School teachers!** Positions are ½ time and curriculum is supplied. Talk to Jen

Friesen, Nathan Hoepfner, or Kim Muehling, or email Kim at [jkmuehling@shaw.ca](mailto:jkmuehling@shaw.ca) for more information. Please pray for our **Sunday** School ministry; about how you can be involved, and for our children as we embark on a new year.

**We need:**

Elementary opening games - 2 leaders  
Age 2+3 - 1 teacher  
Age 4 - 2 teachers  
Kindergarten (in 2 classes) - 4 teachers  
Gr. 1 - 1 teacher  
Gr. 2 - 2 teachers  
Gr. 3-4 - 2 teachers  
Gr. 4-5 - 2 teachers  
Substitutes for all or specific ages.

- The church is a covenant community of believers who are committed to God and to each other. Church membership in a local church formalizes this covenant. A **church membership orientation session** will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (7:00-9:00 pm). If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a member of Fort Garry EMC, please notify one of the pastors by the end of today and prepare to attend the orientation session. A membership acceptance ceremony is planned for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **Home Groups** provide an important context in the church for developing friendships, growing spiritually and providing mutual support. If you would like to join a home group this fall, or would like more information, please contact one of the pastors.

- Fort Garry EMC is interested in promoting Christian, post-secondary, educational or formational experience. The **Scholarship Program** provides funds to applicants who qualify. Copies of the Scholarship Program are available in the foyer and on the church website.

### Community and Beyond:

- **MCC Manitoba Student Awards -** Apply by September 30 if you're interested in work that aligns with MCC areas of focus (like peace, restorative justice, servant leadership and sustainable development). For more information and to apply, visit [mccmb.ca/studentawards](http://mccmb.ca/studentawards)

- Just under 100 **International Students** will be studying at CMU this year. CMU is seeking individuals, families, or congregations willing to welcome an international student into their experience. To inquire about what a welcome might entail, contact Sandra Loeppky (CMU Coordinator of International Students) at [sloeppky@cmu.ca](mailto:sloeppky@cmu.ca) or call 204-487-3300 ext. 340.

## COMING EVENTS

*Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - morning service*  
**Sunday School Kickoff/Karen's Installation**

*Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm*  
**Council Meeting**

*Thursday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm*  
**Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Noon*  
**FGEMC Thanksgiving Meal**

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