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**Mennonite  
Church**

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Office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Primary and Youth **Sunday School** 9:30 AM  
**We gather to Worship each Sunday 10:45 AM**

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**Songs chosen by Marcia M.**

### *show us* Lent 5

**We hold in tension the truth that Jesus is the resurrection,  
and the reality that death does have some sting.  
Jesus, we need you to show us  
you have power over death itself.**

#### **Prelude**

**Gathering Song** HWB #16 *God is here among us*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: In ancient times, Yahweh asked the prophet,  
“Do you believe these dead bones can live again?”

**People: The prophet answered, “O God, you know!”**

Leader: In the time of Jesus, he asked Martha, “Do you  
believe I am the resurrection and the life?”

**People: Martha answered, “Yes, Lord, I believe.”**

Leader: Today God asks, “Do you trust that mourning can  
turn into joy? That your weary bones will live again?”

**People: We answer, “O God, show us!”**

#### **Prayer**

**Praise Songs** HWB #46 *I sing the mighty power of God*  
HWB #584 *They that wait upon the Lord*

#### **Giving our Tithes & Offerings**

**Song** SJ (green) #5 *Come and be light for our eyes*

#### **Sharing and Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;  
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**Message** *Show us your power over death itself* **Lois Bukar**

**Song** SS (purple) #111 *For me to live is Christ*  
**Benediction** on back of bulletin  
**Sending Song** SJ (green) #35 *O Breath of Life*  
**Postlude**

#### **Pray for:**

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team
- Swift Current: The Salvation Army
- Mennonite Church Sask: Carrot River Mennonite Church, pastor Kevin Koop
- reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus

**MCC Connects:** MCC’s **Centennial webinar** for donors and supporters is a great opportunity to ‘meet’ (virtually) with reps from three of our key Centennial project locations: Lebanon, DR Congo and Chad, on Wednesday, April 15 at 11am CST. For more information call the MCC office at 306.665.2555.

I just want to **thank** the congregation for their generous gifts. The Tims card was such a wonderful surprise and fulfills my coffee needs every morning before church starts. The card with all of your signatures and kinds notes was also such a nice gesture. I hope everyone is doing well. Hannah Derksen

**Thank you,** Zion, for the Tim Card and the card with all those lovely notes. I’m so thankful that I have a wonderful congregation at home who’s thinking about me! -Naomi Derksen

A list of **worship services** that can be viewed is available on the MC Sask website [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca).

Our worship leaders are working at creating recordings. When they become available they can be found on our website.

Your **Offerings** may be **dropped off** in the church mailbox (large brown box beside kitchen door) at any time. For **e-transfers** the address is [zion.pay@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.pay@sasktel.net) (must set up on your banking website) or check with Brian.

Also **food donations** may be dropped off in the *Be Thankful* box. Grace will take them to Mental Health at the beginning of the month.

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## *God's New Life*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Into the silence of the void our Creator spoke, bringing life.  
The Cosmic Christ and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters  
matter from nothing,  
flesh from dust,  
life from lifelessness.

We believe Jesus can bring life out of nothing,  
but three days is a long time to wait.

Jesus, in our waiting for new life, give us hope.  
Show us your resurrection power that we may fully believe.

### **Benediction**

“Come out!” Jesus cries, calling us from our tombs  
Into a world full of grace and possibility.  
“Go out!” Jesus commands, calling us into the world  
to live as God’s resurrected people.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6

Garth Ewert Fisher quoted this  
in his sermon for last Sunday:

**Wash your hands and say your prayers  
‘Cause Jesus and germs are everywhere.**

**Congregations across Mennonite Church Canada offer  
online worship services during pandemic**

*Regional churches to offer live-stream and recorded services  
until and including Easter*

## **Show us, God, your power over death itself**

**Intro:** Ezekiel, Romans and John not written to us. Only lazy readers always read literally. Appreciate the scope of history. The word of God to others, how is this message relevant to us?

- A. Ezekiel Show us – Spirit-led vision – to landless, homeless, hopeless refugees
  - life out of what is absolutely dead v.2
  - can they live? v 3 God only knows!
  - strong emphasis on ‘ruah’ – spirit-Spirit-breath v.5, v.6, v.8-10, \*v14 – see Romans 8:6-11
  - lengthy interpretation v.11-14 I will and you will know
- B. John Show us – Jesus-led action – not in the abstract
  - v1 full of detail, real people, real place, certain man, certain place, with a sister we already know v.2, v18
  - v. 4 long explanation – don’t miss it. Walk in the light v9-10 and \*Rom 8:6-11
  - human emotion in Jesus v. 5, v15, v.33, v.35, v38. See. Psa 56:8
- C. Paul to the Romans Show us – the interpretation of the life we lead in light of what we’ve been shown
  - choices to make v.5 ‘those who..., but those who...’
  - consequences of our choices v. 6 on the flesh is death, on the Spirit is life and peace.
  - life in the face of death v.10 the Spirit IS life, Christ WILL give life
  - see Col. 2:8-15 especially verse 12!!

**Conclusion:** Do you believe this? The evidence is in, the case has been made. We are invited to pray for God to show us an area in our lives that needs this resurrection power. In response plant a flower see or a small plant seed, as a symbol of trust and hope that Jesus will bring new life. We’ll share them together when we gather again.