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No worship services due to COVID 19

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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**Worship Leader Aaron P.
Songs chosen by Marcia M.**

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #25 *Jesus, stand among us*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

And now we come to worship
And now we are gathered as one
And now we turn our hearts
And now we bless the God of all
who everywhere works great wonders.
Great God we long for your deliverance
from this world's sorrows and troubles.
In your mercy give us gladness and peace.

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #301 *Joys are flowing like a river*
HWB #274 *O sons and daughters, let us sing*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

Song HWB #356 *Breathe on me, breath of God*

Sharing and Prayer

Song HWB #570 *We walk by faith*

Scripture Readings Acts 2:14a,22-32; Psalm 16;
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**Joel R.
Jennifer D.
Lois Bukar**

Message *The Beautiful Complexity of Belief*

Song SS (purple) #101 *The risen Christ*

Benediction

Sending Song SJ (green) #74 *Now go in peace*

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: Zion Mennonite Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Fields of Hope Mennonite Church (Hoffnungsfelder) Glenbush, no pastor
- reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, and perseverance in keeping safe and physically separated

We are working at creating weekly audio recordings. When they become available they can be found on our [website](#). A CD will also be made and put in the **church library** to be borrowed.

Your **Offerings** may be **dropped off** at any time in the church mailbox (large brown box beside kitchen door) or in the offering plate beside the bulletins. For e-transfers the address is zion.pay@sasktel.net.

Also **food donations** may be dropped off in the box in the foyer.

(on back of bulletin)

Most of us never imagined we would be standing four thousand feet above sea level on the side of a Costa Rican mountain. Yet, there we were – thirteen friends and graduate school classmates – planting trees to protect local water spring and offset some of the carbon dioxide emitted just to get us there.

We spent most of that day on a nearly 45-degree slope, forging paths through rows of coffee plants, stepping over muddy ravines, watching out for snakes and fire ants and giant furry spiders, clearing away over-grown brush, throwing our weight behind shovels, unwrapping tree saplings, and getting our hands grubby in the dirt. At one point, on uneven footing, I felt my center of gravity shift as I turned to talk to a colleague. My body pitched backward, and panic washed over me for a moment as I imagined myself rolling down the mountain to the valley below.

The experience was messy, hard, and overwhelming at times. But each one of us also experienced a fullness of joy. The day was a reminder of this amazing heritage that God has given us. And, it was a reminder of our call to be responsible stewards of this beautiful creation, now and into the future, so that others might also forge a path and be filled with joy in God's presence.

Madalyn Metzger
Bristol, Indiana

The Beautiful Complexity of Belief

Intro: Trying to get someone to believe something can be extremely difficult, and on the other hand we find people extremely naïve in their willingness to believe things which are patently false. But we have seen that crises can often push us to re-examine what we believe.

A. The Path to Belief

- See it – believe it – John 20:19-31, Acts 2:22-26, 32
- Don't see it – blessed belief 20:29, I Peter 1:8
- Childlike humble belief – Mark 18:3
- Desiring yet wavering belief – Mark 9:24
- Reasonable and persuasive arguments – but no belief Act 19:8,9

The journey of belief can be like a light switch, or it can be like a path of stepping stones, or for some it is as the air we breathe. But Jesus encourages Thomas- do not doubt, but believe.

B. The Corollary of Belief

- Peace – John 20:19, 21, 26
- The Holy Spirit – v. 22, Acts 19:5-6
- Sent with the good news of forgiveness– John 20:21-23

Corollary is something which follows with little or no proof necessary.

C. Fruit of Belief

- I Peter 1:9 you are receiving the outcome of your faith (present tense)
- living hope v.3
- inheritance waiting for us v.4
- protected through trials v.5,6
- praise glory, honour v.7
- love, indescribable and glorious joy v.8

Without belief, none of these are possible, but with belief all things are possible.