



Zion
Mennonite
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Worship happening everywhere

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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**Worship Leader Emily R.
Songs chosen by Marcia M.**

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #43 *Christ is our cornerstone*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship on back of bulletin

One: Come! Come all of you. God is inviting
each of us to this time of worship.

Many: In worship we sing, we pray, we meditate.

We confess, testifying to God's goodness.

We are nurtured, strengthened by the word.

One: In worship we grow. In faith we trust.
Come and be fed! Taste that the Lord is good.

**All: We are God's people. Let us praise God
for the wonderful acts of mercy and salvation.**

Carol Spicher Waggy

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #89 *For the beauty of the earth*

SJ(green) #14 *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

Song HWB #339 *Thou art the way*

The Lord's Prayer

Songs SJ (green) #105 *Don't be afraid*

#106 *Just a closer walk with thee*

Scripture Readings Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;

Acts 7:55-60; John 14:1-14

- Vic R., Erwin R., Fred H.

Message *Stones on the Way*

Lois Bukar

Song HWB #576 *If you but trust in God*

Benediction

Sending Song SS (purple) #57 *Go, my friends, in grace*

Postlude

Zion will have the **Sunday morning** service on CKSW at 11 am. **TODAY May 10**, Mothers' Day. It will be a rebroadcast from a previous Mothers' Day service.

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: Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish
- Mennonite Church Sask: Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert, pastor Ed Olfert
- reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, and perseverance in keeping safe and physically separated
- guidance and patience as we try out Phase 1 of re-opening the province

We are creating weekly audio recordings, they can be found on our church [website](http://www.zionmennonite.ca). A CD will also be made of each of these and put in the **church library** to be borrowed.

Food donations may be dropped off in the box in the foyer. Some items they especially appreciate: cans of mushroom soup, pasta sauce, cans of pork & beans, rice, boxes of kd (Kraft Dinner – macaroni and cheese).

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.

Monthly Financial report for April

Income in April - \$12,900

Budget monthly - \$13,300

The **May calendar** is available on table in foyer with the bulletins.

Condolences to Elva Wiebe and family on the passing of Peter on May 6.

(on back of bulletin)

Nurtured in Faith

When our first daughter was born, my husband astonished some of the nurses on the obstetrics ward where he was doing a rotation by not yet having a picture of her within hours of birth. (This was before cell phones.) Always the tease, he told them that he thought all newborns were ugly. I think they almost ran him off the ward!

She was actually a cute baby, and has grown into a beautiful woman with two darling children of her own. She grew in the midst of a family that loved her, and a church community that nurtured her. Just as the fuzzy, gray cygnet grows into a graceful, white swan, we're created to grow into the beautiful person God intends.

1 Peter 2:2 reminds us that our birth, our decision to follow Christ, is only the beginning. We grow with spiritual milk received in regular, nutritional feedings. Those who have tasted that the Lord is good hunger for more, for a closer relationship with God.

On this Mother's Day, may we be grateful for our birth mothers and all those who nurtured us into our relationship with God.

Carol Spicher Waggy
Goshen, Indiana

*This is a prayer for the road ahead,
which is an empty space stretching before us.
Fill us with a burning compassion
for our brothers and sisters,
a love that will not let us go.
Give us courage to give boldly,
love simply.
hope deeply,
risk greatly.
Our light is small,
our time is short,
but let it shine for You,
always, ever, all for You.
Amen.*

Stones on the Way

Intro: Gardeners love picking rocks out of the soil, to get smooth soil to plant in. Street cleaners in town are busy removing all stones and gravel so we can travel on smooth roads. We want things smooth. So when Jesus says 'I am the Way' – we know what we expect!

A. I AM – Triple Crown – John 14:1-14

- Out of the 7 I Am statements this is the only 3 part. v.6 This way is rough, so we need reassurance that it is the **Truth**, and leads to **Life**.
- This is Jesus farewell speech, he is leaving, and his journey is through death 13:36, 12:25-26, Stephen followed – Acts 6:9,13,14, 7:54, 57-60: **stoned**
- This is troubling, v.1, and not obvious v. 8-9, causes stumbling I Peter 2:8, Jer. 42-43:2

B. We ARE – Crowned Stones I Peter 2:2-10, James 1;12, Rev.2:10

- He (Jesus) is, and so we are: living stones v 4-6, chosen v.9, Jer. 43:8, precious. v7, spiritual v.2,9
- Not shamed or panicked:v.6, Psa 31:1, Isa 28:16, Isa 8:14-15,, Isa 50:7 (flint)
- With eternal, life-giving purpose –v9, Isa 43:21, Titus 2:14
- Repositioned in LIGHT – v.9, Isa 9:2, II Tim.1;10

Conclusion: Jesus did not say I know the way or I'll show you the way. Jesus Himself is the way and as we draw closer to Him we recognize also who we are, our position and purpose in life, following Him to the Father.