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Worship happening everywhere

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Worship Leader Jennifer D.
Songs chosen by Ken D.

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #96 *We plow the fields and scatter*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #288 *Rejoice, the Lord is king*
HWB #285 *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

Song HWB #392 *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord*

The Lord's Prayer

Song HWB #607 *Today I live*

Scripture Readings Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;
Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

- Naomi D., Shirley E.,
Ike F., George W.

Message *What's Driving You?* Lois Bukar

Song SJ (green) #108 *Give thanks for life*

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #429 *Go now 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: Church of the Open Bible
- Mennonite Church Sask: Grace Mennonite Church in Regina, pastor Rose Graber, associate pastor Andrew Waithe
- 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 2 of re-opening the province

We are creating weekly audio recordings, they can be found on our church website. 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 (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.

I would like to **thank you** for your prayers, gifts, cards, food and all of your comforting words since Pete passed away. Your support has been very much appreciated. Elva & Family

MCC Connects: You're invited for a behind-the-scenes virtual event with MCC staff to learn how Material Resources like comforters, relief kits and canned meat make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people around the world. Join us for a live webinar on May 20, 2020 at 10am CST. Register online at

Don't judge each day
by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant.

Originated from Robert Louis Stevenson

(on back of bulletin)

Paul Builds a Bridge

For eleven years, I was a pastor in Seattle, a city often hailed as our nation's "least religious". But this reputation hid a deeper, more compelling story. Many had left religion for good reasons.

Interestingly, the setting of Paul's speech on Mars Hill in Acts 17 became the namesake of two very different Seattle institutions – one a megachurch and one a school of theology and psychology. Both shared Paul's enthusiasm for witnessing to a culture that found Christianity strange. But it seemed as though the megachurch was inspired more by the god of Mars than by Paul, and zealously engaged the culture wars of the day. It later collapsed under the weight of its pastor's scandals and notorious bullying.

The school, by contrast, specializes in training counselors to care for survivors of trauma and abuse, and equips pastors to help their churches be places of healing, service, and transformation in their neighborhoods. It draws its inspiration from the way Paul's speech demonstrates both regard for and concern about the culture and people of Athens.

The verse on our bulletin cover (*In him we live and move and have our being*) actually comes from the Greek poet Aratus suggesting the radical notion that Zeus was not a mere sky king, managing the sun and moon and weather, but a force breathing life into all beings, surrounding us everywhere. Centuries later, Paul quotes Aratus and points to the next shift. It's as if he says: "Look, your own poets have seen it. God doesn't live in the shrines we make. God dwells within us! We are all God's children. God can overlook our confusion up until now, but eventually we'll be judged for how we treat our brothers and sisters. Worshiping temples is idolatry. Jesus Christ has made us the temple!"

Some scoffed, but others joined Paul and came to believe.

Ken Miller Rieman
South Bend, Indiana

What's Driving You?

Intro: Everyone is willing to witness to the reason for the kind of car they drive. And they are also usually ready to try to persuade others to come over to their side. But just like some of the dog walkers we see, we might ask ourselves 'Are you walking the dog or is the dog walking you'. Yes, you may be driving this outward expression of yourself, but do we know what drives us?

- A. The Roundabout: Acts 17:22-31
 - Paul the Persecutor, now the persecuted – how embarrassing (7:58, 8:1, 16:19-24, 17:5, 17:13)
- B. Don't buy a Lemon -Out on Parole: 17:14-16
 - bad reception – learn your lesson (17:5-6, 13, 18)
- C. Kelley Blue Book Mixed Reviews: 17:20, 32-34
 - Some positive, perhaps unexpectedly so - 16:40, 17:4, 10-12, 34
- D. Drive a Jeep: Maintaining Openness
 - Curiosity driven – 17:16, 23
 - Know your audience (v.17, v.18. v.21-22)
- E. Know what's under your Hood: 17:18 **Good News**
 - God is Lord –v.24
 - God waits for us –v.27
 - God has the highest standard v.30-31
 - God has raised Jesus from the dead v. 31

Conclusion: We need to recognize what drives us: is it fear, embarrassment, wanting to be accepted, needing to be right, and come with openness and receptivity to the Good News, and allow that to have Lordship in our lives, experiencing the all-encompassing love and longing God has for us, embracing the power of the resurrection in our living, and then allowing that to drive us.