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Worship happening everywhere

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Songs chosen by Marcia M

Prelude

Gathering Song SJ (green) #13 *My soul is filled with joy*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalms 19,96,148,150

God is creating the heavens and the earth and the heavens
are telling the glory of God.

O come, Let us sing to the Lord!

Let all that has life and breath sing to the glory of God!

Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad, let the sea roar,
let the cities sing for joy!

Praise the Lord all creation!

Sing sun, and moon, mountains and hills, beasts and all cattle.

Praise the Lord, all creation!

Leaders and all people, young and old, women and men,
children together

Praise the Lord all creation!

With worship and work, with teaching and learning,
with praying and singing, with laughter and talking.

Praise the Lord, all creation!

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let all that has life and breath sing to the glory of God.

Let this be your invitation to worship.

Prayer

Praise Songs HWB #59 *Sing praise to God who reigns*

SJ (green) #16 *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

Giving our Tithes & Offerings

The Lord's Prayer

Song HWB #301 *Joys are flowing like a river*

Scripture Readings Psalm 68:1-10,32-35; Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

- Margaret D., JoAnn R.

Message *Do You Know the Way to San Jose* Lois Bukar

Song HWB #580 *My life flows on*

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #336 *When peace, like a river*

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
- safety for farmers during the busy seeding season
- Swift Current: Community Baptist Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Hanley Mennonite Church, pastor Gary Peters
- 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.

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.

MCC Connects: 100 years ago MCC did something unprecedented by bringing people together to respond to a great need. Today, we also find ourselves in a unique situation. In light of COVID-19 we have made the decision to **cancel the 2020 MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale**. This event is our largest gathering and fundraising event each year and we need your help. We invite you to think creatively about hosting a fundraiser in your church or community, or to make a donation designated Relief Sale 2020. Stay tuned for more information about resources and opportunities to participate. Please contact the MCC Sask office at 306.665.2555 if you have questions.

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Sing to God

Gathering Prayer

Lord, we declare that we have reasons to sing today!

We sing to praise your character and your deeds.

You melt your enemies.

You are Father to the fatherless,

a home for the homeless,

and a family for the lonely.

You are freedom for the prisoners.

We remember your faithfulness to us through our trials,
and the abundant promises you have already fulfilled.

We cannot keep this to ourselves!

We tell everyone about your power, might, and strength.

You are holy. We sing in your presence.

Amen.

Hymn HWB #59 *Sing praise to God who reigns*

Danielle Sommers
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

From Camp Elim Board

After much discussion and prayer, the Camp Elim board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 camp program because of uncertainties with covid 19 and government reopen plans. Our focus for the year will be on some overdue maintenance of the buildings and property. To that end, part of our objective has become to provide jobs to a small number of summer students that may otherwise not have had employment due to covid 19. Our prayers at this time will be that our summer staff have a positive experience at camp while dealing with the disappointment of cancellation of the regular program.

Conclusion: God desires joy for God's people, but the perfect conditions for production of joy may not be what we are used to attempting or expecting. Let's follow God's planting instructions.

Benediction: I Peter 5:10

Do You Know the Way to San Jose

Intro: God's pathway to happiness is different from our own. And acquiring true joy may be much more difficult than we think. The fruit of the Spirit is: Love, Joy, Peace..., but this fruit doesn't just 'grow on trees' Will the seeds you plant germinate?

Nehemiah 8- People who have returned from exile, have rebuilt the wall and begun to re-establish their lives, call for the reading of the Word.

- special platform v.4, in their sight v.5
- they responded v.5, v.6, v.9
- understanding is key v.2, v.7, v.8
- plenty of helpers.v.4,, v7
- eat and share food v.10, v 12
- This day is holy, do not mourn or weep v.9

For the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength v.10 – So what is the 'Joy of the Lord'?

J Smiling Jesus (John 17:1-11)

- Jesus was not only a man of sorrows, but v. 13 the ultimate desire is that His joy be made complete in us – through our unity. His whole prayer describes His unity with the Father.
- Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness, because he loved righteousness (Heb.1:8-12)

O Ordeals (I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11)

- Don't be surprised – but rejoice, be glad, shout for joy : insofar as you share Christ's sufferings
- Process 5:6-9 humble, casting cares, be disciplined and alert, resist

Y Yahoo! (Psa. 68:1-10, 32-35)

- Let loose before God, when we are right with God v. 3 exult, be jubilant with joy
- Sing, sing praise, lift up a song, be exultant before him v.4, v.32
- Father, protector, home, freedom, God leads 5-7, v9 Rain in Abundance!!!
- God is Awesome. Praise be to God! (Can I get an Amen here?)

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