



Zion  
Mennonite  
Church

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Office hours Tuesdays to Fridays  
Worship happening everywhere

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**Worship Leader Jennifer D.**  
**Songs chosen by Marcia M.**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** HWB #53 *God of the earth, the sky, the sea*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Let the sun, moon, and stars sing praises. Mountains, hills, fruit trees, and cedars. Wild animals and all cattle, birds that fly and all creeping things.

**All: Praise and bless God forever!**

Leader: Let them all praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

**All: Praise and bless God forever!**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Kings, princes, and all rulers of the earth. Men and women, young and old alike. Let them all praise the Lord, for his name is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**All: Praise and bless God forever!**

**Prayer**

**Songs of Praise** HWB #46 *I sing the mighty power of God*  
HWB #89 *For the beauty of the earth*

**Giving our Tithes & Offerings**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scriptures** Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-24, 45b;  
Matthew 16:21-28; Romans 8:18-25  
**Esther D., Esther W., Esther W., Alvin Z.**

**Message** *Reconciliation with creation* **Lois Bukar**

**Song of Response** SJ #44 *The love of God*

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** SJ #77 *The peace of the earth be with you*  
**Postlude**

**We are creating weekly audio recordings**, they can be found on our church [website](#). A CD is made of each of these and put in the **church library** to be borrowed. Your **Offerings** may be dropped off at any time or mailed or e-transferred. **Food donations** may be dropped off in the box in the foyer.

**Pray for:**

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team
- teachers and students going back to school, our teachers are Ken & Marion D. and Jennifer D.
- safety in the harvest season
- Swift Current: The Salvation Army
- Mennonite Church Sask: Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, pastor Joe Heikman, associate pastor Eileen Klaassen
- upcoming elections
- the impact of hurricane Laura

**Zion Fundraiser for MCC**

**Some items:** Check the list on the website for details.

**Song recordings:** \$50 dollars a song. Contact Ken or Marion D.

JoAnn is offering prints of her art for \$30 each

Homemade quilts and a baby blanket for sale – in Lois's office

SARCAN in **August:** take to SARCAN and bring the \$ to the office

or bring bags to church and they will be taken to SARCAN

Marcia has pickled yellow beans for \$8 quart or \$6 pint

Masks of various styles for a donation – in church basement

Barb has made jam to sell for a donation – in church basement

Ike has made chokecherry/apple syrup for a donation - downstairs

Hats/toques and fingerless mitts crocheted by Margaret H.

by donation – in church basement  
Shelby's painted items in church basement  
Book a reflexology session with Joy J. for month of  
September and all proceeds will go to MCC

### Reconciliation with Creation

Intro: what's the connection between creation and redemption  
We need to know what we are waiting for.

- A. Sufferings of this present time – Rom. 8:18
- circumstances, family, age, finances, employment, covid-19
  - creation waits, subject to futility
  - v.22 whole creation has been groaning
  - v.23 it and We – 'We're in this together' even though we have the first fruits of the Spirit we still groan, inwardly, and we WAIT
- B. Future Glory – Rom. 8:18b like comparing apples and oranges
- v. 21 in hope the creation **itself** will be set free
  - no more decay: FREEDOM
  - v 24 in hope we were saved:  
SALVATION=REDEMPTION=ADOPTION
  - Jer. 3:23, I Thess. 5:8, 2 Peter 3:15 – Examples of hope of salvation
  - we haven't seen it, but we hope for it, and we WAIT for it with PATIENCE

Conclusion: we need to appreciate how closely we are united to all of creation; and we need to remember that we join in waiting with creation for salvation. Maybe we can even learn the patience of waiting through observance of creation.