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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Sunday In-person Worship at 10:45 am**

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**Pianist – Grace F.**

**Worship Leader – Lois Bukar**

*First Sunday of Advent*

***Readiness on this Road***

**What does readiness look like? How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us? May our heart's desire be to make space to receive the gift God has sent.**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** HWB #184 *Hark! The glad sound!* (v.1,2)

**Welcome**

**Candlelighting**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence.

**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Do not remember our iniquity forever.

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Prayer**

**Song** HWB #182 *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry* (v.1,2)

**Opportunities, Offering, and Sharing Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

**Message** *Readiness on this Road* **Lois Bukar**

**Response Song** HWB #195 *It came upon a midnight clear* (v.1,4)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Thursday at 3 pm Women in Mission gathering**

***Pray for:***

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team
- Camp Elim board and leadership
- Swift Current: First United Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Laird Mennonite Church, pastor Bruce Jantzen
- the COVID-19 pandemic
- hurricanes in Philippines
- Ethiopia

*Canadian Mennonite* magazine **updates** are due. Please let Grace in the Church Office know of any changes and additions. This paper is available in hard copy by regular mail or in digital version.

We are happy to announce that Rachel Dueck and Will Ault were married in Madison, Wisconsin, on Saturday, November 21, 2020. They were married outdoors by Valerie Showalter, pastor of the Madison Mennonite Church. CoVid restrictions and concerns made it a challenge, and we are very thankful that the wedding was able to go ahead. We were able to participate from a distance via Zoom. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**Prayer for Ethiopia**

Mennonite Church Canada has just under a dozen congregations across Canada with roots in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia is the largest Anabaptist community worldwide with whom we have an intentional, sister-church relationship.

Ethiopia is experiencing a threefold threat of pandemic, famine and war. Crops are devastated due to a locust infestation and Ethiopia is now in the midst of intense conflict, while in the grip of a global pandemic. Pray for peace and healing in Ethiopia. Pray especially for the children; 42% of the population is below the age of 15. Pray also for the congregations here in Canada in our nationwide community of faith who carry deep concern for Ethiopia and Eritrea and for loved ones. Read more at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/news/10833>

**Special Christmas offering.** Please designate special gifts to The Center through December.