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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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

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**Pianist – Carla P.**

**Worship Leader – Elaine D.**

*Called to deep commitment*

**We are transformed by God as we follow God’s voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods, as we lose ourselves, we are found.**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Song** SJ #32 *If you believe and I believe*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God, you ask us to set our minds on you,  
to walk before you and be blameless.  
You teach us what matters, and you do not hide  
your face from us.

**All: With each step along the path, we are transformed  
into who you made and called us to be.**

Leader: God, you teach us that when we lose our life,  
we save it.

**All: With each step along the path,  
we hope against hope in your promises.**

Leader: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful,  
that you will bless us.

**All: With each step along the path,  
we take up our cross and follow you.  
We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us,  
and that we will live forever.  
We call out to you, as you call us  
deeper into this covenant.**

**Prayer**

**Song** SJ #14 *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

**Opportunities, Offering, and Sharing Prayer**

**Scriptures** Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Mark 8:31-38;  
Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25

**Message** *You can’t trust your inner compass* **Lois Bukar**

**Sending Song** SS #40 *We will follow*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Thursday Women in Mission** meeting at 3 pm.

**Pray for:**

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Ron Lamp, waiting for back surgery on March 1
- our Leadership Team
- Camp Elim
- Swift Current: Alpine Church of God
- Mennonite Church Sask: Aberdeen Mennonite Church, pastor Curtis Wiens
- the COVID-19 pandemic
- world leaders and their use of violence

The **CMU Portable March 5-7** with Rachel Krause, “Science, Faith, and a Christian Response to Climate Change” will be held virtually in the sanctuary. **Friday** at 7 pm, **Saturday** at 10:30 am, **Sunday** sermon.

There will be a **Reflective Good Friday service** including Communion on April 2 at 10 am.

**Easter Baking Fundraiser**

1 dozen Butterhorns (with icing and choice of coconut or walnuts) \$10.  
1 small Paska loaf (with icing) \$7, paska spread \$3. Call Elaine Derksen at 773-6529 or email [m.derksen@sasktel.net](mailto:m.derksen@sasktel.net) during the first 2 weeks of March. All money raised will go to purchasing a small number of the new Hymnal *Voices Together*. The cost of 1 Hymnal is \$40. If you would like a personal copy, please call the Church Office. Hymnals may also be purchased in memory of someone. (Make cheques to Zion.) Thank you. Bd. of Music & Worship

Anna Wiens is asking for **prayer for Sherry**, a *Leader Post* driver, who has pneumonia and is in hospital in Regina.

**Condolences** to the family of **Betty Heinrichs**, who passed away on Wednesday. Private family funeral service is on Monday at Warren’s.

**Thanks** so much for the Tims card and encouragement. It will be enjoyed.  
Braydon Z.

**Thankyou** for the tims card, it is very much appreciated. Raelle S.

Hello Zion family, I want to **thank you** for the Tim Hortons' gift card that I received in the mail, along with all of your wonderful messages! (Yes I know I am a bit late in my thanks, I had meant to be on the ball this year but school happened haha). It was so nice that Naomi and myself were able to be home for a large amount of time over Christmas and participate in the church services; I miss participating in the music portion of the service when I am in Winnipeg. Anyways, hopefully I will be back visiting soon!  
♥ Hannah D.

### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

**All: Deep calls to deep.**

**We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**

Leader: We confess when we have stayed on the edges.

Not listening to each other.

Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way.

Silencing suffering.

Forfeiting life.

*(Silence)*

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

**All: Calling us to deep commitment.**

**We come to you, God.**

### **Sending Blessing**

Go deep into the woods of your week, knowing that you are called to the kind of commitment that will not leave you comfortable.

Our God is not to be fully known or neatly packaged. Be ever ready for the transformation that accompanies deep commitment.

Go, expecting surprise. Amen.



**The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions, Saturday, March 13.** We will ask the question: Where is God calling MC Sask? God is speaking to us here--in our neighborhoods, our small towns, our snow-covered fields. Our family of congregations is beginning a season seeking to hear what our God is saying: What is God inviting us into? How is God speaking hope, to us and all our neighbors, here where we live? **Registration and report book are available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)**