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Sunday In-person Worship at 10:45 am

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Pianist – Carla P.

Worship Leader – Joy J.

Called to deep healing

**The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability
and exposes our wounds and our needs.**

**We are called to deep healing by trusting in God,
who calls us in love.**

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #6 *Here in this place*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The wilderness is without and within.

It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild,
barren places, as did the people of old.

**All: When the people became impatient, asking,
“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness?”**

God answered by bringing healing.

Leader: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness,
even when we cannot see beyond the danger,
isolation, and need.

**All: We forget that God is already at work
in these difficult, painful places.**

Leader: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever
believes may have eternal life.

**All: For we are what God has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
We call out to you,
as you call us to deeper healing.**

Prayer

Song HWB #377 *Healer of our every ill*

Opportunities, Offering, and Sharing Prayer

Scripture texts Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22;
John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Message *Thinking the cure is worse than the disease*

Lois Bukar

Sending Song HWB #493 *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Benediction

Postlude

Today at 11 am **radio broadcast** on CKSW

Friday at 2 pm ladies coffee at Smitty's

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Ron Lamp, recovering from back surgery
- our Leadership Team
- Camp Elim
- Swift Current: Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish
- Mennonite Church Sask: Eigenheim Mennonite Church, between Rosthern and Waldheim, pastor Rachel Wallace
- the COVID-19 pandemic
- human rights around the world

Easter Baking Fundraiser

Thank you for your participation.

Bd. of Music & Worship

I'd like to **thank** Zion for the Tim Horton's card and all the lovely notes. They are all very encouraging and it is good to be reminded of my home church community. -Naomi D.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

All: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Leader: We confess how the wilderness has revealed
our need, uncovering our impatience,
lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed
your truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

All: Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

Sending Blessing

Though the barren lands of our lives, God is calling us to wholeness. Although we may not see this time as possibility, God is already at work. As we rest in the long nights of winter, a cosmic spark restores us. Look to Christ in faith, noticing the many ways his words and eyes and hands and feet brought healing. Go with the healing light of Christ. Amen.