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Office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:45 am

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Called to deep growth

**Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth,
we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments
that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.**

Prelude

Gathering Song HWB #614 *In the bulb there is a flower*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with Israel.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

All: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

**Restore to us the joy of salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

Leader: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities
and remember our sin no more.

**All: There is a time for everything,
and sometimes, the hour is upon us.**

Leader: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
with loud cries and tears,
knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

All: “The hour has come.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,

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**it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”
We call out to you, as you call us to deeper growth.**

SHA Guidelines now allow 60 worshipers in-person

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Prayer

Praise Song HWB #568 *As spring the winter doth succeed*

Opportunities, Offering, and Sharing Prayer

Scripture texts Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;
John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:5-10

Message *We all need a Bounce Mega Sheet*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #523 *Dear Lord, thou life of humankind*

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #570 *We walk by faith*

Postlude

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 at home
- young adults finishing the school year
- our Leadership Team
- Camp Elim
- Swift Current: Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland
- Mennonite Church Sask: Eyebrow Mennonite Church, pastor Sharon Schultz
- the COVID-19 pandemic
- Myanmar, Colombia

Thank you so much to our caring church family for all the words and deeds of support within the last few weeks! Ron is now at home

and healing after his spine surgery on March 1. Ron & Ingrid

Thank you all members of Zion for your love, support, condolences and prayers after Helen passed away. Peter Dyck and family

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

All: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Leader: We confess our resistance to being planted

into your aching earth,

into the way of your covenant.

We confess our need for you to plant within us

the joy of your salvation,

a willing spirit.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

All: Calling us to deep growth.

We come to you, God.

Sending Blessing

Only when a seed “lets go” does new life arise from it. And here is the secret planted deep within the earth—this change happens not once for us but many times over. Go into this week aware of the times of letting go that have allowed for new life to come. Go, aware of the deep growth stirring within you. Amen.