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Called to deep hope

As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds
and seek the deep, steady current of God’s steadfast love,
calling us to deep hope in the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Prelude

Gathering Song SS #73 *Jesus is coming*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

All: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God.

I do not turn toward those who strike me.

I do not hide my face from insult.

Leader: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

**All: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession
with branches. You are our God.**

**We give thanks, for you are good,
and your steadfast love endures.**

Leader: Many shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!”

**All: The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

**Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,
who humbled himself and became our hope.**

We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Prayer

Praise Song HWB #238 *Hosanna, loud hosanna*

Opportunities, Offering, and Sharing Prayer

Song HWB #343 *My hope is built on nothing less*

Scripture texts Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29;
John 12:12-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Message *Let’s play Follow the Leader*

Lois Bukar

Response Song SS #72 *We are often tossed and driv’n*

Benediction

Postlude

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Thursday at 3 pm Women in Mission meeting

Friday at 10 am Good Friday worship service with **Communion**

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
- Brian’s surgery on Monday
- young adults finishing the school year
- our Leadership Team
- Camp Elim, still looking for Executive Director (job listing is on the Camp Elim website)
- Swift Current: Church of the Open Bible
- Mennonite Church Sask: Fields of Hope / Hoffnungsfelder Mennonite Church, near Glenbush, no pastor
- the COVID-19 pandemic
- Myanmar, Colombia, Bethlehem Bible College

Continued prayer for Myanmar

With news of increasing violence in Myanmar, we invite you to continue to pray for the people of Myanmar. Pray also for our nationwide siblings in our community of faith, many of whom are still unable to reach their family members in Myanmar.

Colombia Mennonite Church asks for prayer amid violence

Mennonite Church of Colombia (IMCOL) asks us to pray for them as they support congregations in areas of violence. “Violence is widespread and affects us all. There is not a day that goes by that we do not hear of deaths, fighting and coca crops and fear for the welfare of children, young people and the whole church. But as a Church we cannot fall into despair. These events pain us but we must strengthen our hope in God.” Praise God for the witness of peace they bring to the region and the strong message of hope in darkness.

In the midst of the worst-yet coronavirus outbreak in Palestine, [Bethlehem Bible College](#) (BBC) invites us to pray with them for students, staff, faculty, families and all Palestinians.

They pray for healing. Many have succumbed to the disease and hospitals are overwhelmed, especially due to the spread of virus variants.

They pray for economic recovery in a situation that is becoming desperate due to long lockdowns, which have decimated the local tourism industry.

They pray for vaccines to arrive and become widely available. This has not yet begun in Palestine, except for front-line medical workers.

Sending Blessing

Through the current of the crowd, Jesus came. The shouts swelled, blurred, and hurried, but he remained calm. It is easy to be swept up in a changing current. May we see the current for what it is and be centered in deep hope. Go in the knowledge that the current of the crowd was not the end of the story, but led to a new beginning. May hope in the kingdom of God be with you always. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

All: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Leader: We confess the rapid pace of life

that sweeps us off our feet

into whirlpools of expectations,

into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace

enduring forever,

saving us.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

All: Calling us to deep hope.

We come to you, God.