



Zion
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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Pianist – Carla P.

Worship Leader – Brenda D.
Song Leader – Marcia M.

Seeking God's Ways

Lent 1 Focus Statement:

As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbours.

Prelude

Gathering Song SJ #3 *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.**

We crave the safety of God's shelter,
**the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

God offers the care of angels,
**the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.**

God is generous to all who call on the holy name,
so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Prayer

Songs of Praise HWB #596 *And I will raise you up*

HWB #110 *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Responsive reading

Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We seek God's ways. (pause) snuff candle

***Lord, move us from our ways of clinging to security
to your ways of generous living.***

Opportunities, Sharing and Prayer

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

We call upon you while you are near.

Have mercy on us, O God,

for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

Forgive us for seeking security.

Lead us into your way of generosity.

As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,

let us see your way more clearly

and follow your way more faithfully.

Song VT #307 *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

Meditation *From Security to Generosity*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #526 *In the rifted Rock I'm resting*

Sending From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of generosity. May you release whatever you hold in fear, so that you may be free to live generous lives. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

Sending Song SJ #73 *The Lord lift you up*

Postlude

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- those recovering, those still struggling, and those facing new challenges
- Nicholas as his cancer has spread
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current: First United Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Laird Mennonite Church, pastor Bruce Jantzen
- the MC Sask pastors gathering on Friday and the Annual Delegate Sessions on Saturday
- perseverance in the struggle against COVID
- Ukraine / Russia

Pray For Tree

Continue to **pray** for the items listed on the Pray For Tree and feel free to write down your **prayer requests** on the leaves.

Tuesday 9:30 am tied quilting/blanket making for MCC

following COVID protocols to the best of our ability.

The basement is set up and available to all to work on the quilts at any time.

Wednesday 10 am Lenten Guided Prayer

Thursday noon Lenten service at East Side Church of God
in-person, no lunch

Financial Update:

Donations for February were \$11,400.

Thankfulness.

We are thankful that Esther arrived safely in Clarenville Newfoundland where she is starting a new job as a veterinarian. She is very excited.

MCC Connects: MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. “Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,” says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/Ukraine.

Visit <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/crisis-ukraine> for more information.