



Zion
Mennonite
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9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Pianist – Grace F.

Worship Leader – Emily R.

Song Leader – Marcia M.

Seeking God's Ways

Lent 3 Focus Statement:

As we seek God's way, we move from believing that we must earn our nourishment, our privileges, even our identity as God's children, to an understanding that abundant life is a gift from God to all.

Prelude

Gathering Song VT #35 *Come to the Water*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways,
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,
**where there is water in the desert
and delightful food to share.**

As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God
without money and without price.

So let us praise God and sing for joy.

Prayer

Songs of Praise SJ #16 *Praise with joy the world's Creator*
SS #34 *You are holy*

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 feeling we must earn your love to
receive and give your grace to ourselves and others.***

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 acting as if we must earn your love.

Open us to receiving your love as a gift.

As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,

let us see your way more clearly

and follow your way more faithfully.

Song HWB #575 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

Scripture Luke 13:1-9

Mel Friesen

Message *From Earning to Receiving*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #150 *Wonderful grace of Jesus*

Sending From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you

follow God's way of receiving. May you let go of your
feelings of unworthiness and accept God's abundant gifts.

As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with
you on the way.

Sending Song HWB #421 *Bless'd be the tie that binds*

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
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, co-pastors Garth Ewert Fisher & Claire Ewert Fisher, associate pastor Zach Dueck
- perseverance in the struggle against COVID
- Ukraine / Russia

Sympathies to Shirley Ens on the passing of her son Nic.

Thank you to everyone who supported the soup fundraiser last Sunday. Your generous donations totaling \$630.00 will be sent to MCC's Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund.

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

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 and live-streamed, no lunch

Thinking of You cards for **College and Career** are on the back table for you to sign. Bd of Ed will send Tim Cards along with your greetings.

Tuesday March 29 at 10 am Karla Koehn from MCC Sask will be visiting the quilting group.

Spring is in the air and we are starting to plan for the upcoming season at **Camp Elim!** We are planning to have a **spring clean up day** at the camp on **Saturday May 14th** starting at 9:30 am. We would like to invite anyone who is willing and able to come out and help tidy up the cabins and the grounds and enjoy the scenery. Come and go as you wish. Bring a bag lunch for sustenance.

Coming Events

Lent /Easter

Maundy Thursday April 14

Good Friday April 15 10 am

Easter Sunday April 17

Sunrise

Brunch

May 13,14 **Women's Retreat** at Shekinah

June 11 **MCC Relief Sale** in Saskatoon

MC Canada Gathering in Edmonton July 29 - August 1

MC Canada Youth Gathering *Amplify!* at Camp Valaqua

July 31 - August 4 (ages 12-18)

September 4 **Zion** worship service **at Camp Elim**