



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 – Jennifer D.

Song Leader – Elaine D.

Seeking God's Ways

Lent 5 Focus Statement:

As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance.

Prelude

Gathering Song VT #37 *Be still and know that I am God*

v.2 I am the Lord that healeth thee

v.3 In Thee oh Lord I put my trust

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**

God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.

We live within the abundance of God,
so let us laugh and shout for joy
as we worship God together.

Prayer

Songs of Praise VT #125 *Shout to the Lord*
VT #323 + 324 *When I Survey*

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 scarcity mentality
into your abundant life.***

Blanket Blessing

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 believing the myth of scarcity.

Help us live into your abundance.

As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,

let us see your way more clearly

and follow your way more faithfully.

Song *How Deep the Father's love for Us*

Scripture John 12:1-8

Message *From Scarcity to Abundance*

Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #323 *Beyond a dying sun*

Sending From this time and place into whatever awaits, may we follow God's way of abundance. May we recognize messages of scarcity as lies and open our eyes to the abundant life of God in this world. As we go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with us 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
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current: Restoration House
- Mennonite Church Sask: Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, co-pastors Susanne Guenther Loewen and Patrick Preheim
- perseverance in the struggle against COVID
- Ukraine / Russia
- worsening humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia

Thank you to everyone who helped with the tied quilts / blanket making for MCC. 105 quilts were completed!

Next Sunday radio broadcast

Wednesday 10 am **Lenten Guided Prayer**

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

1 pm Women in Mission invite **everyone who helped
with making tied quilts/blankets to join them**
at Casey's for lunch

3 pm **Women in Mission** meeting

Thank you for prayers, cards, gifts of food and words of
comfort during Nic's illness and since his passing. Your
love and care give me strength. Shirley Ens

Last Supper gathering and communion April 14 at 5:30 pm.
Come join together for a light meal gathered around tables in
the basement. COVID cautions in place.

Financial Update for March: donations \$13,700.
(needed monthly for budget \$12,760.)

Time to plan for summer. See the yellow sheet on the
bulletin board and choose a Sunday that you can co-ordinate.
Check your summer schedule and sign up today!

May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah!

Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "*The Divine
Spark*". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125.
Registration is now open!! Register online
at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899>. Open to all ladies
16 years and up!

**CommonWord Webinar: 100 Years of Mennonite Central
Committee.** Join Alain Epp Weaver, Esther Epp-Tiessen, and
César Flores for an online conversation on Thursday, April 7 at
7:00 PM CDT. Hear about MCC's 100-year history of service
and reconciliation, including the complicated ways Christian
service has been intertwined with colonialism, racism, and
regimes of power. Visit commonword.ca/go/2314 to register.