

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Lent 3 Worship Service 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

***Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom***

### ***Gathering in the Spirit...***

Welcome

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 19

**One:** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

**One:** There is no speech . . . yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**Many: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . .**

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.**

**One:** The law of the Lord is perfect . . . sure . . . clear . . . true and righteous. The fear of the Lord is pure.

**Many: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.**

**All: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.**

**We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.**

Scripture: Proverbs 8 (selected verses)

*Let there be light, Lord God (insert) HWB #371*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**

**One:** We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbor, into your Word that still lives.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep wisdom.)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many: Calling us to deep wisdom. We come to you, God.**

*Long before my journey's start (insert) STJ #36*

### ***Sharing the Good News...***

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Children's Time: "Deep in the Changing Sky"

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Meditation: "Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom"

### ***Responding with our Whole Hearts...***

*All Hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Scripture Responsive Reading: Psalm 19

**One:** The celestial realms announce God's glory; the skies testify of His hands' great work.

**Many: Each day pours out more of their sayings; each night, more to hear and more to learn. Inaudible words are their manner of speech, and silence, their means to convey.**

**One:** Yet from here to the ends of the earth, their voices have gone out; the whole world can hear what they say God stretched out in these heavens a tent for the sun,

**Many: And the sun is like a groom who, after leaving his room, arrives at the wedding in splendor; He is the strong runner who, favored to win in his race, is eager to face his challenge.**

**One:** He rises at one end of the skies and runs in an arc overhead; nothing can hide from his heat, from the swelter of his daily tread.

**Men: The Eternal's law is perfect, turning lives around. His words are reliable and true, instilling wisdom to open minds.**

**Women: The Eternal's directions are correct, giving satisfaction to the heart.**

**God's commandments are clear, lending clarity to the eyes.**

**Men: The awe of the Eternal is clean, sustaining for all of eternity.**

**The Eternal's decisions are sound; they are right through and through.**

**Women: They are worth more than gold - even more than abundant, pure gold.**

**They are sweeter to the tongue than honey or the drippings of the honeycomb.**

**One:** In addition to all that has been said, Your servant will find, hidden in Your commandments, both a strong warning and a great reward for keeping them.

**Men: Who could possibly know all that he has done wrong? Forgive my hidden and unknown faults.**

**Women: As I am Your servant, protect me from my bent toward pride, and keep sin from ruling my life.**

**One:** If You do this, I will be without blame, innocent of the great breach.

**All: May the words that come out of my mouth and the musings of my heart meet with Your gracious approval, O Eternal, my Rock, O Eternal, my Redeemer.**

North Star Praise and Prayers:

### ***Going out to Serve...***

*God, who stretched (insert)*

*HWB #414*

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Children's Time – Lois Ewert & Teresa Friesen

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Visuals – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$2625.00

Attendance (9:45) 22 (11:00) 17

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Rose Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

### Saturday, March 13

10:00 a.m. – 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions Called to Hear via Zoom. Early registration deadline is **TODAY**. Pre-registration is required. Registration and report book are available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca). Open to delegates and guests. For those wishing for a tutorial on using Zoom, MC Sask will be holding a "Zoom 101" session on Thurs., Mar. 11 at 7:00 p.m. Email [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) and put "Zoom Training" in the subject line if you are interested. In conjunction with 'Called to Hear', a worship service has been prepared for download for the 4th Sun. of Lent (Mar.14). Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Hear will integrate the Leader Magazine's theme Deep Calls to Deep and the third service in the MC Sask series Called to Hear: The Call of Mary. This service will include a Commemoration for beginnings and endings in the life of MC Sask and Communion. Please prepare your elements before watching. The service will be made available to download on Wednesday, March 10.

### Sunday, March 14

7:00 p.m. – RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser: Join us online for our annual fundraising concert and dessert auction. Enjoy an evening of good music and entertainment by the students, staff, alumni, and friends of RJC. Watch the event and participate in the auction at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).

### Tuesday, March 16

6:00 p.m. – Bill C-15: Step Forward or Step Back? Join us for diverse Indigenous perspectives on the federal bill to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Speakers: Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (Aki-kwe); Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum); Brenda Gunn; and moderator Maureen Johns (Goes with Eagle Woman). All welcome! Organized by KAIROS Prairies North. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Pjos2E> The Zoom link will be sent automatically, so please check your spam folder. Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/176434217394112>

### Saturday, March 20

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Zoar Menn. Library Book Sale. Sale includes music, song books, furniture, Christmas decorations, Christmas costumes & more! Covid-19 restrictions are in place. Drop-ins are welcome, but please confirm a time to shop. Call 306-945-2271 and leave a message or email [zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net](mailto:zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net) or calling or texting Liz Baewald at 306-945-2041 email [hansdiedtrich@gmail.com](mailto:hansdiedtrich@gmail.com) Proceeds will go to support the Good Neighbors Food Centre.

### Saturday, March 27

MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat. Who's Right/Wrong? Fact, Friction, and Friendship. In two interactive sessions, speaker Tracey Mitchell will help youth learn to navigate difficult conversations where answers aren't just black and white. Cost: \$15/person. Additional information and registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca), or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

## **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MCC Connects:** Did you know? The MCC SK Thrift Shop movement was launched over 40 years ago and now there are 2 opportunities for you to serve: Saskatoon's Village Green Thrift Shop and the Lanigan Community Gift & Thrift Shop are seeking Assistant Managers. If you feel the call to serve, or know someone who would be a good fit for the roles, visit: [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve) and find the postings under "Current Openings".

## **LET THERE BE LIGHT, LORD GOD**

**HWB #371**

1 Let there be light, Lord God of hosts! Let there be wisdom on the earth!  
Let broad humanity have birth! Let there be deeds instead of boasts.

2 Within our passionate hearts instill the calm that endeth strain and strife.  
Make us thy ministers of life. Purge us from lusts that curse and kill.

3 Give us the peace of vision clear to see each other's good, our own,  
to joy and suffer not alone: the love that casteth out all fear.

4 Let woe and waste of warfare cease, that useful labor yet may build  
its homes with love and laughter filled! God, give your wayward children  
peace!

## **LONG BEFORE MY JOURNEY'S START**

**STJ #36**

Long before my journey's start, when in my youth I searched in my heart, I  
would pray for her, wait for her, Wisdom, my road, my goal, and my star.

From the blossom to the seed, long has she filled my cup in need, may I cling  
to her vine, taste of her wine, Wisdom, my life, my perfect design.

When I stretched my hands to the sky, when in despair my soul raised a cry, I  
was saved by her gaze, led in her ways, Wisdom, my love, the light of my  
days.

## **GOD, WHO STRETCHED**

**HWB #414**

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space;  
we, your children, in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you.  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.  
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

3 As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.