

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Easter Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Deep in the feast: Called to deep living

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Opening Prayer

We have seen the Lord! A rich feast has been prepared for all peoples on the mountain of God. Like Mary, Jesus calls us each by name into abundant life.

Call to Worship

One: And while it was still dark, Mary found the light!

Many: The disciples came running, but they did not understand.

One: Mary stood weeping and saw angels but did not recognize Jesus.

Many: But when Jesus calls our name, then we recognize the way, the truth, and the life.

One: And then there was feasting! And there is feasting to come. God will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and well-aged wines and will wipe away tears from all faces.

Many: It will be said on that day, "This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice. There is peace by Jesus Christ."

One: Hold firmly to the good news, which you received, in which you stand, through which you are being saved.

All: Let's open the gates of righteousness to enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Lift your glad voices HWB #275

Prayer

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Thine is the glory HWB #269

Affirmation of Faith

Many: Deep calls to deep. We give thanks from the depths of our hearts.

One: Once weeping, now proclaiming: "I have seen the Lord!"

Many: Once famished, now feasting: "This is the God for whom we have waited!"

One: Once divided, now convicted: "Jesus Christ is Lord of all!"

Many: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.

One: Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love, O God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: We answer your call to deep living!

Lead me, Lord HWB #538

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Children's Time: "Deep living"

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18

Meditation: "Deep in the feast: Called to deep living"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Christ has arisen

HWB #267

Scripture Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

One: Early Christians found the words of this psalm a wonderful way of describing the significance of Jesus. He was the rejected stone whom God made the cornerstone of a brand new temple – himself!

Give thanks to the Eternal because He is always good. He never ceases to be loving and kind. Let the people of Israel proclaim: "He never ceases to be loving and kind".

Many: He is my strength, and He is the reason I sing; He has been there to save me in every situation. In the tents of the righteous soldiers of God, there are shouts of joy and victory.

Men: They sing: "The right hand of the Eternal has shown His power. The mighty arm of the Eternal is raised in victory; the right hand of His has shown His power."

Women: I will not die. I will live. I will live to tell about all the Eternal has done.

Many: The Eternal has taught me many lessons; Our Creator has been strict and severe, but even in His discipline, The Almighty has not allowed me to die.

Men: Open wide to me the gates of justice so that I may walk through them and offer praise and worship to the Eternal.

One: This is the gate of the Eternal; the righteous children of God will go through it.

Many: I will praise You because You answered me when I was in trouble.

Women: You have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation.

All: This is the work of the Eternal, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Eternal God has made; let us celebrate and be happy today.

Communion Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Communion

Going out to Serve...

Hallelujah! We sing your praises

STJ #88

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Song Leader – John Bartel

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Children's Time – Lois Ewert/Teresa Friesen

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Rose Graber

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$2300.00

Attendance – 53

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Leona Ewert and family on the passing of Bill Ewert on Thursday, April 1. Please remember the family and extended family in your prayers as they adjust to life without Bill.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, either by baptism or transfer, or if you simply want to join a men's group or a women's group to study core issues of the Christian faith, please contact Pastor Dan or Lisa soon. Thanks.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: As we gather this morning to celebrate the Risen Christ, we also gather to pray with Hanley Men. as they worship together for the last time as a congregation. May the same peace of Christ that was present with the disciples on that first Resurrection Sunday be with them as they close & entrust God for their future.

MCC Connects: MCC is working with two partners in Myanmar to provide humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding training for groups that are affected by conflict and the current political situation. This includes the distribution of food packages, household items, livelihood support and training leaders in peacebuilding. The projects are both located in Rakhine State as well as one in Chin State and both work with ethnic and religious minorities. We are currently hoping to build on this work and would further welcome support. You can go to <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/relief> and designate your gift for Myanmar.

CMU Connects: Webinar on Homeschool Transcripts – Homeschooled students are often required to develop their own high school transcripts, reflecting both curriculum and evaluation methods used. This webinar will help students develop such a transcript, provide insights on what universities look for, as well as information on how to submit a transcript. Learn more about homeschool admissibility, required credits, and ways to transition from homeschooling into university life. Wednesday, April 7, 4:00 PM (CDT). Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord – Join a Zoom conversation with Lori Guenther Reesor on the launch of her book *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peace Blossom Church*. Lori, a veteran of church basement conversations, is inspired by the faithful donors she has met in her research and consulting practice. This conversation will help congregations talk about money. Thursday, April 22, 6:30 PM (CDT). Register at www.commonword.ca/go/2328. Borrow or buy the book at www.commonword.ca/go/2327.

Consider taking a CMU spring intensive course for credit or audit! Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices is being offered from May 3-7. Explore the challenges and opportunities facing worshipping communities, and engage in conversation on the nature and patterns of Christian worship today in light of Scripture, theology and history. Go to www.cmu.ca/gradcourses for more information and to register.