

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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February 21, 2021

Lent 1 Worship Service 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

We Sing to You, O God"

STJ #1

Call to Worship:

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant: the ark through the water, the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into stead

God Remembers

STJ #100

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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 stayed too close to the surface, avoiding you, avoiding our neighbors. We confess when we have felt in over our heads. Needing you, needing our neighbors.

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

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

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

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Children's Time: "Deep Water"

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-13

Meditation: "Into the Deep"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Scripture Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

One: Always I will lift up my soul to You, Eternal One,

Many: Because You are my God and I put my trust in You.

One: Do not let us be humiliated.

Many: Do not let our enemies celebrate at our expense.

One: Certainly none of the people who rely on You will be shamed, but those who are unfaithful, who intentionally deceive, they are the ones who will be disgraced.

Many: Demonstrate Your ways, O Eternal One. TEACH me to understand so I can follow. EASE me down the path of Your truth. FEED me Your word

One: because You are the True God who has saved us. We wait all day long, hoping, trusting in You.

All: Gracious Eternal One, remember Your compassion; rekindle Your concern and love, which have always been part of Your actions toward those who are Yours.

One: Do not hold against us the sins we have committed when we were young; North Star Praise and Prayers:

Going out to Serve...

I Will Come to You in the Silence

STS #49

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Rose Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Children's Time – Lois Ewert & Teresa Friesen

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Visuals – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$ 3830.00

(Teen Challenge – Women's Center \$1500.00)

Attendance (9:45) 22 (11:00) 23

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Call for RJC alumni & friends to join virtual choirs: We invite anyone interested to join one or both of the virtual alumni & friends choirs that Richard Janzen is putting together for RJC's upcoming Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser event on **March 14**. There will be a mass choir (alumni, friends, greater community, & RJC students) and an alumni & friends choir. All are welcome. If you are interested in singing, email richard@rjc.sk.ca.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, March 13

2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually. Registration and report book available at mcsask.ca. We are allowed 4 delegates to participate on Zoom for this session. This could be done at church if not available on your home computer. Please contact the office by **TODAY** if you are interested in being a delegate.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: The 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually on Saturday, March 13. We will ask the question: Where is God calling MC Sask? God is speaking to us here--in our neighborhoods, our small towns, our snow-covered fields. Our family of congregations is beginning a season seeking to hear what our God is saying: What is God inviting us into? How is God speaking hope, to us and all our neighbors, here were we live? Registration and report book are available at www.mcsask.ca

MCC Connects: Our shipment of hygiene kits is scheduled to leave the warehouse this week. Help meet the urgent needs of families by donating a hygiene kit today. Drop off supplies at the MCC Saskatchewan Centre, or donate funds by contacting us by phone: (306) 655-2555 or email: saskoffice@mccsk.ca. For information on what makes up a hygiene kit, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/hygiene>.

CMU Connects: CMU Virtual Open House. Be part of a virtual CMU campus tour, hear from faculty and present students, and take the opportunity to ask all the questions you have about university studies at CMU. Students, parents, guidance counsellors and teachers welcome! A recording of this open house will be made available to those who sign up, but who are unable to make it at the scheduled time. Wednesday, February 24, 4:00 PM (CST). Register at www.cmu.ca/virtual-open-house.

Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us... COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our communities. How might we listen anew to the voice and resilience of older adults? What insights do indigenous communities offer about the valuing of elders? Can we learn to care for older adults and ourselves in ways that open fuller, life-giving possibilities? Join a conversation with the director of a personal care home, two Indigenous Elders, and two seniors. Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST). Go to www.cmu.ca/face2face for more information.

CMU's Xplore 55+ Enrichment program offers courses exploring dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it – all without assignments or exams! Eight online courses are offered on Wednesday mornings from March 3 – April 7. Among others, courses include Worship as the People's Work, Hearing Old Testament Prophets Today, Theological Resistance in Troubled Times: The Compelling Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Indigenous Spiritualities and Christianities. Go to www.cmu.ca/xplore for information and to register.