

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Lent 6 Palm Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Deep in the current: Called to deep hope

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Opening Prayer

As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Call to Worship

One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.

One: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

Many: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

One: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

Many: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Prayer

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus, Be the Center *Voices Together #584*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace, enduring forever, saving us.

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

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

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *VT #313*

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Children's Time: "Deep in the Current"

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a; John 12:9-22

Meditation: "Deep in the current: Called to deep hope"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Joys Are Flowing like a River VT #375

Scripture Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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.

Many: Give thanks to the Eternal because He is always good. He never ceases to be loving and kind.

One: Let the people of Israel proclaim:

Many: He never ceases to be loving and kind. 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. You have become my salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation.

Many: This is the work of the Eternal, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day the Eternal God has made; let us celebrate and be happy today.

Many: O Eternal One, save us, we beg You. O Eternal One, we beg You, bring us success!

One: He who comes in the name of the Eternal will be blessed; we have blessed You from the house of the Eternal.

Many: The Eternal is the True God; He shines His light on us. Let the feast begin. Bring the sacrifice, and tie it to the horns of the altar.

All: You are my God, and I give You thanks; You are my God, and I praise You. Give thanks to our Eternal Lord; He is always good. He never ceases to be loving and kind.

North Star Praise and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

VT #4

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leader – Wes Epp

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

Worship Leader – Rose Graber

Children's Time – Lois Ewert/Teresa Friesen

Visuals – Friesen Family

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$1590.00

Attendance – 42

NEXT SUNDAY (Easter Sunday)

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

11:00 a.m. – We plan to offer communion in our Easter Sunday worship. This is in place of our usual Maundy Thursday worship. We will use the packaged wafers and grape juice that we have used previously. Also, you are welcome to bring your own communion elements. Again, any questions or concerns, please ask.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, April 2

10:30 a.m. – We plan to have a Walk to the Cross in Drake. We will begin at the church and walk around the outside streets of the town, stopping 11 times total, for scripture readings. Please wear your mask if this helps you feel safe and still able to walk. It's a time of quiet contemplation. People in cars welcome to accompany us. For those who prefer an alternate time please arrange for your own group to walk. Readings will be made available.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our best wishes to Marianne Patzer on her retirement as manager of the Thrift Store at the end of March. She will be staying on two days a week for the rest of April. Cards of well wishes for Marianne can be dropped off at the shop.
- The Thrift Store is accepting applications for a casual shop assistant. Applications close **March 30**. Please contact the store if you are interested or for more information.
- Thank you from RJC! We are so fortunate to have such a wide community of support at RJC, particularly for our Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser that was held on March 14. Because of you we were able to exceed our \$30,000 fundraising goal! Thank you! In case you missed it, the virtual program is still available to watch at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCC Connects: When a family is forced to flee their home because of a disaster, they are all too likely to face a second crisis: malnutrition. The good news? You can feed displaced families for as little as \$7 a month through Share Your Table, our monthly giving program. In return, you'll receive personal stories and regional recipes from families around the world. Learn more: <https://mccshareyourtable.ca/>

CMU Connects: Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, CMU Associate Professor of New Testament, is writing a commentary on the book of James, as part of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series – the seventh CMU professor to author a Commentary in this series. As part of CMU's ReNew: Resources for Preaching series (intended for all those involved in ministry), Sheila will reflect on the question 'How do you preach from James so that it doesn't sound like a scolding, or a long list of "do's and don'ts"? Wednesday, March 31, 11:00 AM (CDT). Join us! Free registration at www.cmu.ca/renew.

Spring at CMU is online Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM CDT. Join us at www.cmu.ca/springatcmu to hear stories from students, faculty, and alumni including a spotlight on Science (Can you spot a good scientist?); CMU Singers' premiere of Breathe by Leonard Enns (commissioned by the CMBC class of 1970); and some campus humour. Following the event, participate in an optional Zoom conversation with President Cheryl Pauls and others at 8:00 PM CDT. RSVP to development@cmu.ca by April 9 to receive the conversation Zoom link.