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### Rosthern Mennonite Church

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### Worship Service

March 17, 2019, Number 11 – Second Sunday in Lent

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Worship Leader Merla Dyck  
Pianist Judy Epp

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### Prelude

#### Sojourners Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

**Leader:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.  
**People:** **Therefore our lips will praise you.**  
**Leader:** We will bless you as long as we live.  
**People:** **We will lift up our hands and call on your name.**  
**Leader:** For you have been our help  
**People:** **And in your presence we sing for joy.**

Prayer  
We sing *Come, walk with us* (Theme song) **StJ #2**  
*In the rifted rock I'm resting* **HWB #526**

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings

We sing *Be still* **Back of bulletin**

Words of Confession

**Holy God,**  
**In the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from you. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Words of Assurance  
Story for all ages Brenda Isaak

#### Sojourners Listen for the Direction God Gives

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35 Pew Bible p. 739  
Meditation **“God moves ... past all obstacles”** **Todd Hanson**

#### Sojourners Respond to the Call of God

Faith Journey Ruth Heppner  
We sing *Come and fill our hearts* **StJ #59**

Spiritual Practice  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

#### Sojourners Depart to Serve God

Sending Hymn *What wondrous love is this* (v. 1,2) **HWB #530**  
Sending Blessing

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### THIS WEEK:

**Today, 9:15 a.m.** – Prayer time  
**10:00 a.m.** – Worship service  
**11:00 a.m.** – Nathan and Tianna will be hosting a fund-raiser lunch, in support of Nathan partnering with MCC and RJC on the ALSO trip to Guatemala in May, and Tianna joining the YFBC trip to Mexico at Easter. All are welcome to the lunch, admission by donation.

**3:00 p.m.** – Games and fasma, all are welcome to come and play games, or just visit and enjoy lunch together.

**Tuesday, 5:45 p.m.** – Worship committee meeting  
**7:30 p.m.** – Good Samaritans meeting

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** – Blanket-making

**Friday, Saturday** - MC SK Women’s Retreat “Walking in Worship” at Shekinah, with speaker Lois Siemens. All women are welcome, and you may register for the Friday session, the Saturday session, or both. See posted information and registration forms.

**Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m.** – Prayer time  
**10:00 a.m.** – Worship service – Third Sunday in Lent  
**11:00 a.m.** – Coffee and fellowship time - Kate will serve coffee after church to raise money for the annual RJC fundraiser, to support RJC’s ALSO service trips. These trips give RJC students the opportunity to serve less fortunate citizens of Saskatoon, Calgary, Toronto, Alabama, and Guatemala. For more information, talk to Kate.  
**11:15 a.m.** - Adult Sunday School

Please note: Next Sunday's bulletin will be printed on Thursday. All announcements and information must be in to the office by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

**PRAISE AND CONCERNS:**

**In March, the Rosthern Ministerial Association** asks us to pray for the Rivers Christian Ministry. Pray for all who seek sanctuary.

**In light of the Friday shooting in New Zealand**, please pray that God will keep our community, neighbours of other faiths, and our houses of worship safe. May God heal us of hate and bigotry. May God guide the misguided, bring justice and the best outcome of this situation. And lastly, may God comfort the families and loved ones of those who were killed.

Welcome to:

# Rosthern Mennonite Church

*Followers of Jesus Christ*

*Called by God*

*Empowered by the Spirit*

*To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace*

*So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World*

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Worship Service      10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School        11:15 a.m.  
 Office Hours      Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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**COMING EVENTS:**

**Mar. 26** – Youth Farm Bible Camp fund-raiser supper, here at RMC.

**March 28, 7:00 p.m.** - Grace Mennonite Church, Prince Albert invites you to hear Harold R. Johnson, author of "Firewater," "Two Families," and "Clifford." Harold has embarked on a healing journey in his relationship to the man who was convicted of a drunk driving charge in which Harold's brother died.

**March 30, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** - A workshop on MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) will be held at Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Dr, Saskatoon, with speakers Dr. Sheila Harding, head of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, and Dr. Margaret Cottle, speaking about Palliative Care.

**Apr. 4, 7:30 p.m.** – 'A Night of Song' fund-raiser for Valley Action Abilities, here at RMC, featuring several choirs. Admission by donation, all welcome.

**Apr. 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** - Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Registration forms are posted in the foyer.

**Apr. 7** – RJC singing group will be here for our morning worship service **2:30 p.m.** - RJC's Spring Concert, in the school auditorium, will feature performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

**Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.** – Station Singers spring concert "From Billy to Brahms – Love songs for Spring," at the Station Arts Centre. The concert will be repeated at Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon on Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m.

**June 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Regional Worship service to introduce the new worship resource, *Voices Together*. All are welcome, see the poster.

**June 15, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** – Voices Together workshop, introducing materials from the new Voices Together hymnal, at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Cost is \$25, and all are welcome. See the poster.

**June 28 – July 1** – Mennonite Church Canada Gathering, "Igniting the Imagination of the Church," Abbotsford BC. The Mennonite Women national gathering will take place as part of this event, on June 30. For more information, go to [www.ignitegathering2019.ca](http://www.ignitegathering2019.ca)

**July 28 - Aug. 1** – "Shake: Rattled by the Radical" Youth Retreat for MC Canada youth grade 6 – 12, at Shekinah. Planned activities will include: Biblical reflection and storytelling, shared meals, activities and play, special guests, and more! Visit [www.prairiefyouth.ca](http://www.prairiefyouth.ca) for full details and registration.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #9						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 1,555.00					
Coffee	\$ 51.25					
BUDGET	\$ 1,606.25	\$3,450.00	\$ (1,843.75)	\$ 53,322.48	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 18,822.48
Blankets	\$ 500.00					
Pancake supper	\$10,270.00					
TOTAL	\$12,376.25					

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

You are invited to participate in an adult Sunday School class on “Sharing Faith Stories”. This is another of the Upside-Down Living Series and will take place about 11:15. Grab a quick cup of coffee and then meet in the youth room. The class will continue on the following dates and topics:

March 24 - Sharing Your Personal Story

March 31 - Sharing Faith Stories for Every Day

April 14 - Sharing Faith Stories in Words and Actions

April 28 - Sharing Faith Stories when it's Difficult

May 5 - Sharing Faith Stories as a Community

**Just a reminder:** On Sunday mornings, please do not stop or park in front of the church at the level entry (except very briefly to drop someone off or pick someone up.) Some in our congregation are not able to enter or exit the church easily unless that entry is clear.

**MCC Connects:** From Apr. 28 – May 4 young adults aged 18-30 are invited to MCC's Planting Peace Gathering, with others from around the world, to spend a week learning about peacebuilding through workshops and activities – think part conference, part summer-camp for adults! Register by Mar. 31 at [mccab.ca/planting-peace](http://mccab.ca/planting-peace) Cost - \$50 with food/accommodation provided.

**March Muffin Drive!** A weekly breakfast is offered by Kirsten Hamm-Epp and other faith leaders on the U of S campus. MC Sask seeks donations of muffins to last for the rest of the semester, and is very grateful for any help you, as congregations or individuals, might offer. Reusable plastic bags can be picked up from the MC Sask office, which is also where food can be delivered. Thank you for your help as we provide food and community for the hungry on campus!

**Volunteers needed!** Mennonite Church Canada's structural change means a transition to relational funding for International Witness ministries. You are invited to continue to demonstrate your support by becoming a member of a Witness Support Team for our Witness worker units. This team functions as a connecting link between international partners, Witness workers and Canadian supporters. If a Witness Support Team sounds like something you want be part of, please read the brief summary about WSTs on the MC Canada website, here: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/WSTsummary>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) for information.

**The Good Neighbours Food Centre** (Food Bank) has requested donations of canned vegetables and hearty soups and stews for March. You may leave your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

## **Lent 2 – March 17**

God moves...past All Obstacles Luke 13:31-35

Group Lectio Divina using Luke 13:31-35

### **Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem**

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’<sup>[a]</sup>”

## **GROUP LECTIO DIVINA**

### **Preparation**

Sit quietly for a few minutes in the presence of God.

Prepare to read the passage slowly and reflectively.

#### **1. Hear the Word**

- Read a short passage from the scripture.
- Listen attentively for a particular word or phrase that seems to be given for you.
- Speak aloud the word received.

#### **2. Ask “How is my life touched?”**

- Read the same passage a second time.
- In silence ponder how the passage seems to touch your life.
- Briefly speak aloud your sense of being touched.

#### **3. Ask “Is there an invitation here?”**

- Read the passage a third time.
- In silence reflect on a possible invitation to you in the passage.
- Speak aloud the invitation you have received.

#### **4. Pray for one another**

- Pray for the person to your right to be empowered to do or be what he or she feels called to do or be.

#### **5. Sharing**

- How did you experience this group meditation?
- As you think about it now, how was God in this experience with you?

*Adapted and arranged by Marcus Smucker (4/98)*

*From Norvene Vest Bible reading for Spiritual Growth*