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### Rosthern Mennonite Church

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### Worship Service

March 24, 2019, Number 12 - Third Sunday in Lent

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Worship Leader Ted Janzen  
Pianist Nancy Epp

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#### Prelude

#### Sojourners Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

**Leader:** O God of life, of all life and of each life we lay our lives before you. We give our lives to you from whom nothing in us is hidden.

**Women:** You are before us, God, you are behind.

**Men:** You are around us, God, you are within.

**Leader:** O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

**Women:** We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt.

**Men:** We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow

**Leader:** O God of life, you are in the light, and in the darkness

**Women:** We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance

**Men:** We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair

**Leader:** O God of life, O generous Spirit.

**All:** *Renew us with your life today, tomorrow and always. Amen.*

Prayer

We sing *Come, walk with us* (v.1,2,3) **StJ #2**

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings

Words of Confession

**Living God, we confess our faults and admit our frailty; we own our brokenness and recognize the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world. By your abundant grace forgive us, renew us in mind and in spirit, and enable us to grow in love.**

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**Move among us and give us life; with the spirit of freedom sustain us, that our worship may be joyful and our witness faithful. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

Words of Assurance

We Sing *I saw a tree by the riverside* **StS #116**

Story for all ages Larry Epp

#### Sojourners Listen for the Direction God Gives

We sing *Be still* **Insert**

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9 Pew Bible p. 738

Meditation **"God moves ... over the Fence"**  
Claire Ewert Fisher

#### Sojourners Respond to the Call of God

We sing *Come and fill our hearts* **StJ #59**

Spiritual Practice – Read God's word as a Love Letter

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

#### Sojourners Depart to Serve God's People

Sending Hymn *I'm pressing on the upward way* **StJ #96**

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. – Coffee and fellowship time - Kate Hanson will serve coffee after church to raise money for the annual RJC fundraiser, to support RJC's ALSO service trips. For more information, talk to Kate.

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

Monday, 2:00 p.m. – The funeral for DeLee Jantzen will be held in our church.

Tuesday, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp fund-raiser supper, here at RMC. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making  
10:00 am – Coffee Hour. Everyone welcome. Invite a friend.

Thursday, 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.

**Saturday, 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.

**Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m.** – Prayer time

**10:00 a.m.** – Worship service – Fourth Sunday in Lent, Merla Dyck speaking

**11:00 a.m.** – Coffee and fellowship time, Adult Sunday School

### **PRAISE AND CONCERNS:**

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

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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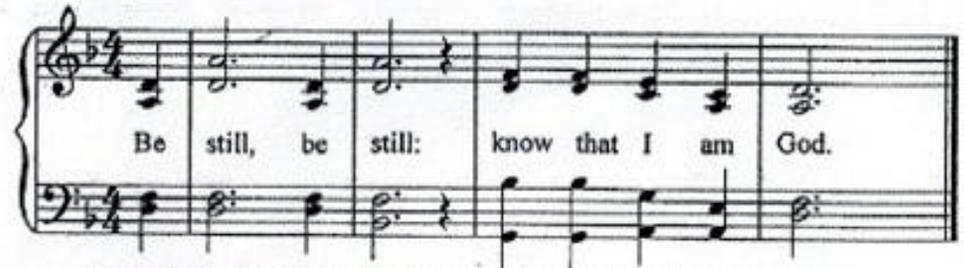
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### **Preparation for prayer: *Be Still***



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### **Lent 3 - March 24**

God moves...over the Fence Luke 13:1-9

#### **THE EXAMEN**

1. Light a candle,  
become aware of God's loving presence,  
and take a few minutes to ask yourself these questions:

***For what moment today am I most grateful?***

***For what moment today am I least grateful?***

2. Ask God to show you one aspect of your day that you should be praying for.
3. Look to tomorrow – Ask God to guide you through the day, naming specific elements.
4. You may choose to journal your answers or share them with another person.

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## **COMING EVENTS:**

**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  
**11:00 a.m.** – Pot luck dinner for our congregation and guests – please bring a main dish, salad, and/or dessert; buns and beverages will be supplied.

**2:30 p.m.** - RJC's Spring Concert, in the school auditorium, with the 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.

**Apr. 18** – Maundy Thursday Communion service

**Apr. 19, 9:30 a.m.** – Good Friday ecumenical ‘Cross’ Walk, beginning at Good Neighbours Food Centre

**10:30 a.m.** – Good Friday ecumenical worship service, at St. Odilon

**Apr. 21, 9:00 a.m.** – Easter brunch – please bring Easter baking and/or fruit, beverages and cheese will be supplied.

**10:00 a.m.** – Easter worship service

**Apr. 22 – 27, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** - Cabins #3 & #4 will be built at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited to come and help out. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

**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.prairieyouth.ca](http://www.prairieyouth.ca) for full details and registration.

**Aug. 19 – 23** – Shekinah Music Camp, for campers aged 12-17. For more information and to register visit [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or email [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Acceptance of new members:** On Easter Sunday, Ruth will transfer her membership to RMC. A Faith Exploration class for high school students has also begun. If you are interested in becoming a formal member at Rosthern Mennonite Church, either by transfer or baptism, please talk with Claire. You are invited to pray for God’s blessing on these people and on the church as we prepare to include others in our fellowship.

**You are invited** to participate in an adult Sunday School class on “Sharing Faith Stories”. Grab a quick cup of coffee and then meet in the youth room. The class will continue at 11:15 a.m. 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

### **Please note this new address:**

Craig Neufeld

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**MCC Connects:** According to the UN, Cyclone Idai (which hit South Eastern Africa earlier this week) may in fact be the worst ever disaster to strike the Southern Hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cyclone Idai and subsequent flooding. To make a donation, call (306) 665-2555 or visit [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca).

As their fiscal year draws to a close, MCC needs your help to meet financial commitments. With your help, MCC provides assistance to vulnerable people around the world focusing on Water, Food, Education, and Relief to name a few. To make a donation, call (306) 665-2555 or visit [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca).

**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!

**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.

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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #10						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
March 17, 2019						
Offering	\$ 1,515.00					
BUDGET	\$ 1,515.00	\$3,450.00	\$ (1,935.00)	\$ 54,837.48	\$ 37,950.00	\$ 16,887.48

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