
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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**Worship Service
March 8, 2020, Number 10**

Worship Leader Tina Siemens
Pianist Cara Epp

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.
People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,
Where does our help come from?
People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being,
where does our help come from?
People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us
And never leaves us or forsakes us.

Hymn of Gathering *Christ is our cornerstone* (v. 1,2,4) **HWB #43**

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise *God, fill me now* **StS #63**

Announcements

Tithes and offerings

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Story for all ages John & Pat Martin

Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* **HWB #582**

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4a Pew Bible p. 8
John 3:1-17 Pew Bible p. 751

Message

“Follow, Believe, and Blessings”

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WE RESPOND

Hymn *When we walk with the Lord* **HWB #544**

Faith Story Ruth Quiring Heppner

Confession

All: *We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that You sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.*

(Silence)

Words of Assurance

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing* **HWB #514**

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for the MC SK annual general meeting, coming up this weekend in Saskatoon.

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

THIS WEEK:

Today – Following the service, all are welcome in the lower auditorium for coffee and fellowship time.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making
8:15 – 9:00 p.m. – Lenten prayer time

Friday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Monthly fund-raiser lunch at Good Neighbours Food Centre, all are welcome, admission by donation.

Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – MC Sask ‘Deepening our Walk with the Global Church’ at First Mennonite, Saskatoon. This session is free and open to all, and happens just before the MC Sask Delegate Sessions. See the poster.

Friday, Saturday - 2020 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, with Wildwood Mennonite and First Mennonite co-hosting.

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. – Memorial service for Eric Harder, here at RMC

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service, 3rd Sunday in Lent, Jim Epp speaking
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Games and fasha
7:00 p.m. – Choirs and Cakes, in the RJC Auditorium. Come for an evening of desserts and choral music as we auction off cakes in support of Rosthern Junior College. Featuring performances by Coro Nova, RJC ManChoir, & RJC Singers. Tickets not required. Rush seating. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have any questions.

Lent is often thought of as a dry, desert experience, when our doubts, laments, admissions of failure are more welcome and given the chance to be expressed. Sand, rocks, bare branches, burlap, and the absence of flowers help to show the feeling of the emptiness of this season of the church year. We begin with six purple candles, for the six Sundays of Lent, scattered among a few bare branches. Purple is the liturgical color of repentance. Each week one more candle will be extinguished to the darkness of Good Friday.

In John 12 Jesus speaks of how new life comes from the death of a seed. Seeds planted in baskets among the rocks represent the hope that will spring forth with new life, the resurrection to come. Seeds, like us, nurtured by God's loving warmth for growth. Seeds, like us, nurtured to produce fruit.

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

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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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

	Worship service #9		Year to date		Surplus/Deficit
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	
March 1, 2020					
Offering	\$ 3,200.00				
Direct deposit	\$ 350.00				
Photocopier	\$ 6.00				
Coffee	\$ 40.00				
BUDGET	\$ 3,596.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 21,332.85	\$ 31,005.00
Pancake supper					\$ (9,672.15)
+ Silent Auction	\$ 9,993.00				
Total	\$13,589.00				

 Attendance last Sunday: 62

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Rosthern Clothes Basket is currently accepting applications until March 23rd for a part-time Shop Assistant. Go to <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/shop-assistant-rcb> to view a full job description, and apply. Contact Erica Baerwald at MCC Saskatchewan for further details ericabaerwald@mccsk.ca or (306) 665-2555.

The Good Samaritan Club has challenged the congregation to fill school kits for MCC. See the list of needed items in your church newsletter, or the back of your March calendar. You may also donate money, and supplies will be purchased. Kits will be assembled on March 29.

Good Neighbours Food Centre continues to seek community support to assist people in need. You may place your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

MCC Connects: Calling all artisans! If you are an artisan and would like to showcase and sell your creative pieces, we invite you to be a part of this year's Relief Sale at Prairieland Park on June 12 & 13. Artisans have the opportunity to purchase a table for \$100 (which will be directed to MCC's fundraising efforts) and showcase/sell your work to over 1,000 people! Call the office at 306.665.2555 or e-mail mccreliefsalesk@gmail.com for info.

COMING EVENTS:

Mar. 17, 12:00 p.m. – Prairie Meadow Place St. Patrick's Day lunch, all are welcome, cost is \$10/plate. Please RSVP to hfta@sasktel.net, or 306-232-4822 by Mar. 9, if you plan to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Good Samaritans will meet in the common room at Averon Prairie Place.

Mar. 18, 2:00 p.m. – Good Neighbours Food Centre meeting to review the financial reports, at the Centre

Mar. 26, 7:00 p.m. – Good Neighbours Food Centre annual general meeting, at the Centre. Jill & Stewart Mitchell will share about their Foodgrains Bank Learning Tour to India.

Mar, 28, 7:00 p.m. - **Coro Nova Spring Concert** at Knox United Church. Growing from choral experiences in RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys this new choir continues to sing in community. Come for an evening of song!

Mar. 31, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp annual vereniki supper, here at RMC, admission by donation, and all are welcome.

Apr. 2 – Night of Song, Valley Action fund-raiser concert, here at RMC