

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH  
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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory**



**March 31, 2019  
Lent 4**

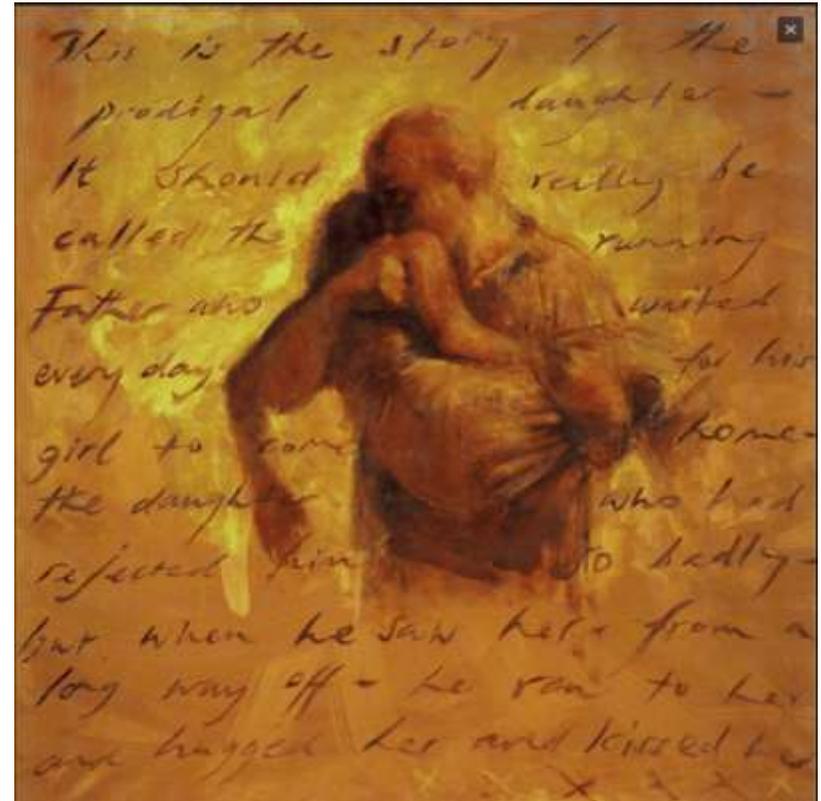
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**11:00 a.m.**

No. 13

Worship Leader: James Friesen  
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg  
Special Music: Jennifer & Dave Attena,  
Thomas Driedger-Enns, Rachel Regier, Nicole Tiessen  
Greeters: Elva & Ernie Epp  
Ushers: Betty Brown and Betty Epp

Call to Worship		insert
Gathering Hymn	<b>Here In This Place</b>	HWB No. 6
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Special Music	<b>Va Dolorsa</b>	
Service of Shadows (insert)		Kelsi and Helen Siemens
Psalm Reading		Psalm 32
Special Music	<b>What Wondrous Love Is This</b>	
Children's Time		
Joys and Concerns		
Spotlight		Gord Ens
Congregational Prayer		
Special Music	<b>His Eye Is On The Sparrow</b>	
Scripture		Luke 15:11-32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Sermon		Nora Pederberg
Hymn of Response	<b>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</b>	StJ No. 106
Offering		
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	<b>Blessed Assurance</b>	HWB No. 332



*"The Prodigal Daughter" by Charlie Mackesy 2016*

*Spotlight by Gord Enns*

*This Week*

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal.</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Lent as a time for naming our fears.</i> Facilitator is Susanne Guenther Loewen.
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Sunday School.</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Lent 4 Worship;</b> Nora Pederberg speaking.
	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Service Group</b> Meeting following the Worship Service.
	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Care Group #1 lunch;</b> visitors are welcome to join us.
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Movie Night;</b> bring finger foods to share, movie <i>The Intern</i> with Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway shows at 6:30pm.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Ecumenical Bible Study;</b> lounge.
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Workshop in NPMC Lounge:</b> "White Privilege and Holding Your Love Ones Accountable". Rachelle Friesen from Christian Peacemaker Teams is putting on an event. Please RSVP at <a href="http://nutanaworkshop.rsvpify.com">http://nutanaworkshop.rsvpify.com</a> .
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study,</b> lounge.
	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> <b>Ecumenical Lenten Services</b> at St. Philip Neri RC church, followed by breakfast. Service by St. Stephen's Anglican.
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Men's Study:</b> God is not a helicopter parent.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Musical Jam Session,</b> lounge.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9:00-4:00 pm</b>	<b>Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat</b> at Shekinah Retreat Centre.

*Coming Up*

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal.</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Lent as preparation for entering the Paschal Mystery of Easter.</i> Our guest is Simon Lasair, CASC Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner.
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Sunday School.</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Lent 5 Worship;</b> Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Saskatoon Men's Chorus Spring Concert;</b> Grace Westminster United Church. Tickets from McNally Robinson booksellers, SMC members or at the door.
	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosthern Junior College Spring Choir Concert;</b> gym. Performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir.
<b>April 12</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Station Singers Spring Concert.</b> Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets from Station Arts or choir members.
<b>April 14</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Station Singers Spring Concert</b> at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Purchase tickets from choir members.
<b>April 28</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Saskatoon Choral Society spring concert;</b> Grace Westminster United Church.
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	All <b>NPMC seniors</b> are warmly invited to the caring and visitation committee <b>Faspa</b> held at Bethany Manor.
<b>April 30</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Canadian Mennonite University Choir and Sask Chamber Choir concert</b> at NPMC.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather in this Lenten season to remember, repent, and seek renewal.  
**People:** Creator God, open our minds and hearts to your Spirit and help us to claim your promises.

Leader: We see your movement through history; from destruction to provision, from flood to foundation, from death to life.

**All:** You are an active, responsive God. We trust your mysterious ways and rest in your mercy.

**Service of Shadows**

**Open:**

Lent is a time when we open ourselves to be transformed. During our service of shadows we extinguish one candle as we name our fears and follow in the dust of our rabbi.

**Poem:** I BET GOD - Meister Eckhart

If He  
 let go of my hand, I would  
 weep so loudly,

I would petition with all my might, I would cause  
 so much trouble

that I bet God would come to His senses  
 and never do that  
 again.

**Close:**

Join me in prayer. (unison reading)  
 Ever-present God. May the fears, heaviness, and darkness of the shadows dissipate as you take our hand in yours, accompanying us on this Lenten journey. AMEN

**Easter Services at NPMC**

**Good Friday, April 19**  
**7:00 pm** Tenebrae Service

**Easter Sunday, April 21**  
**9:30 am** Brunch -- please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit  
**11:00 am** Easter Worship Service

## Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But bring out a robe--the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

## *Announcements*

Anyone interested is invited to join a **beginner's knitting group** on Thursdays at 2:00 pm at the home of Ag Peters.

We are planning a brass ensemble for **Easter Sunday morning** service. If you are interested in participating please contact Lynn Driedger.

**Request for billets:** The CMU Choir from Winnipeg is bringing a concert to NPMC on April 30. If you are able to help with billeting, please contact Carolene Funk at 306-477-0775. Pick up is after the Tuesday evening concert, breakfast in the morning and drop off here at church with a bag lunch by 8:00 am.

**MCC Connects:** On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 per cent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people in its path with widespread flooding up to six metres high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cylone Idai and subsequent flooding. Donate online at [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) or call (306) 665-2555.

**MC Sask--Praying For Each Other:** We invite you to pray for those who are gathering this weekend, March 29 - 31 in Calgary. Board members, pastors, congregational leaders and staff from across the five Regional Churches, as well as nationwide staff, are meeting for a new and exciting event - the MC Canada 2019 Nationwide Mission Consultation.

RJC Lent-opoly **Bake Sale Fundraiser after the church service.** RJC students are offering baking for donation. Proceeds go to ALSO.

### **Two messages from Shekinah Retreat Centre:**

**We're building two more cabins!!** If you would like to be a part of raising Cabins #3 & #4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre, please consider coming out on April 22-27 (9:00am-5:00pm). Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for information and to register.

**Shekinah Music Camp:** Shekinah Music Camp is more than a music lesson, it is inspiring campers to build music into their everyday life. The camp runs from August 19-23 and is for campers age 12-17. Shekinah's goal is to give campers an experience that incorporates music, nature, and spirituality. Campers will learn how to sing in groups, play acoustic guitar, and practice their rhythm on percussive instruments. For more information and to register visit [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or email [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

Please let the church office know if you do not want photos of yourself and/or your children posted on the monitor in the foyer.

**NPMC Students:** Post-secondary bursaries available--**deadline is May 31.** To see a list of bursaries and application forms, check the website or contact the church office.

You are invited to join **Rosthern Junior College Family Fun Night** on April 9 at 7:00 pm at the Herschel Retreat House for a family fun night! All ages and people are welcome. Come out to hear an update from the school, meet our new Admissions Director, Alex Tiessen and to get information about our exciting new educational programs at RJC. RJC staff will host some kids and youth activities, and drinks and snacks will be provided. Phone Laurie Wiens (306) 377-4620 or the school (306) 232-4222 for more information. We hope to see you there!

### **South Nutana Park Ecumenical Lenten Services at St. Philip Neri R.C. Church**

April 3	St. Stephen's Anglican
April 10	St. Martin's United
April 17	Redeemer Lutheran

**Care Group Lunches:** April 7--Group 2; April 28--Group 1  
May 5--Group 3; May 12--Group 4; May 19--Group 5; May 26--Group 1



**Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Baby Formula and Baby Food**