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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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10:00 a.m.

No. 32

Worship Leader: Armin Krahn
Accompanist: Lorene Nickel
Greeters: Lillian & Henry Epp
Ushers: Helen & Ray Fast

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Welcome -- Greetings and Announcements

Invocation

Hymn **Christ Is Our Cornerstone** HWB No. 43

Lighting of the Peace Lamp **Be Still And Know**  
**Lord, what are you calling us to let go of?**  
**Be Still And Know**

Hymn **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** HWB No. 70

Children's Time

Hymn **Obey My Voice** HWB No. 163

Offering

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn **Blessed Assurance** HWB No. 332

Scripture Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Scott Feick

Hymn **The Love Of God** StJ No. 44

Sung Benediction **The Lord Bless You And Keep You** StJ No. 76

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Announcements

August 20: Brunch at NPMC: A-H, bring muffins/bagels/rolls and fruit, help set-up; I-Z, bring muffins/bagels/rolls and cheese, help clean up.

MCC Connects: Looking for ways to serve locally with MCC? **Host an IVEP participant!** Hosts are needed in Saskatoon for the International Volunteer Exchange Program beginning September 2017 - July 2018. By hosting an IVEP you contribute to sustainable development internationally while sharing stories and culture with a passionate Christian young adult! For more information please contact IVEP Sask Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia. People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.

Luke 15:11-32

11 Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. 12The 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. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But 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! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " 20So 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. 21Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22But

the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 25 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." 28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But 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. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But 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."

Spotlight on Prayer Request from Mennonite Church Canada

Since the murder of Mennonite peace worker Michael J. Sharp in Congo last March, violence in Congo's three Kasai provinces, where most of the Mennonite churches are located, continues to leave suffering and destruction in its wake. Thousands of people have been killed, over 40 mass graves have been discovered, and recent reports indicate that roughly 1.4 million people have been displaced as a result of this crisis, including 850,000 children.

The situation in Congo evolved from political turmoil and conflict over global demand for Congo's rich mineral resources, particularly coltan, which is used in the manufacture of capacitors for electronic devices.

Please pray that Mennonite World Conference and other organizations will develop an efficient plan and adequate resources to deal with the growing refugee crisis. Pray that local Mennonite congregations will find ways to reflect the peace of Christ in the midst of chaos.

This Week

Today 10:00 am **Worship;** Scott Feick speaking.
Wed. 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast; Cora Restaurant, Preston Crossing.**
Saturday 10:00 am **The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival** at the Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Highway 2).

Coming Up

Next Sunday 10:00 am **Worship;** Patrick Preheim speaking.
August 20 3:00 pm **Shared Land/Shared Song: Music under the Arbor** at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and dance; followed by a potluck. Meat will be provided, but please bring a salad and dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs. For more information contact Valerie Wiebe [/dvwiebe@yourlink.ca](mailto:dvwiebe@yourlink.ca) /306-283-4340.
August 27 1:30 pm We are invited to join in the Saskatoon Health Region Palliative Care Services **Walk of Memories** to remember loved ones; from Kiwanis Memorial Park-North (near Delta Bessborough) to the Edwards Family Centre. Refreshments follow the walk.

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.

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Peanut butter, Fruit juice