

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

**March 10, 2019
Lent 1**

Vol. LIV

11:00 a.m.

No. 10

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanists: Sharon Klassen, Rhonda Krahn
Greeter: Jean Enns
Ushers: Vi Atwell & Harold Epp

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

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Hymn of Praise **From All That Dwell Below The Skies**

HWB No. 49

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Special Music

Rhonda & Sharon

Offering

Confession and Affirmation

insert -- Psalm 82

Hymn **O God, How We Have Wondered**

StS No. 58

Faith Story

Cheryl & Sam McCullough

Service of Shadows

insert

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Special Music

Rhonda and Sharon

Children's Time

Hymn

**I Bind My Heart This Tide**

HWB No. 411

Scripture

1 Kings 19:1-18

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

**Naming Our Fears: Vulnerability and Failure**

Susanne

Guenther Loewen

Sending Hymn

**Go, My Friends, In Grace**

StS No. 57

Spoken Benediction

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Lent 1

Naming Our Fears: Vulnerability and Failure

Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

We continue to hold the people of Venezuela in our prayers as they face political instability and economic crisis. More than 3 million people have fled the country to Colombia and Ecuador – many of them urgently requiring food assistance, medical services, shelter and legal support.

In Colombia, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is partnering with the Mennonite Church in Riohacha to provide daily meals and working with the Mennonite Brethren Church in Valle del Cauca to deliver food, household items, shelter and small business support. In Ecuador, MCC is partnering with the Quito Mennonite Church to provide food, medical support, hygiene items, stoves, blankets and funds for refugee families. To contribute to these urgent needs, visit

<https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/venezuela-refugee-response>

This Week

- Today** 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
9:30 am **Faith Exploration classes** in Susanne's office.
9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Saskatoon Crisis Nursery*. Facilitator is Bob Neufeldt.
10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
11:00 am **Lent 1 Worship;** Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
Noon **Care Group #5 lunch;** visitors are welcome to join us.
7:00 pm **Rosthern Junior College Choir & Cakes fundraiser.**
- Monday** 2:00 pm **Ecumenical Bible Study;** lounge.
- Tuesday** 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study,** lounge.
1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation;** lounge.
- Wed.** 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast;** Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street.
8:15 am **Ecumenical Lenten Services** at St. Philip Neri RC church, followed by breakfast. Service by Our Lady of Lourdes RC.
7:00 pm **Men's Study:** *Justice in Society*. Facilitator--Bob Neufeldt.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Wrap-up*. Facilitator is Edna Froese.
10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
11:00 am **Lent 2 Worship;** Taize service.
- March 22, 23** **Walking in Worship Women's Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre.
- March 24** Noon **Potluck, followed by our Annual General Meeting.**
A-H, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up;
I-Z, bring sandwiches, help with clean-up.
- March 26** 5:00-7:00pm **Vereniki and Sausage Fund Raiser** for Youth Farm Bible Camp at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Donation admission.
- April 6** 9:00-4:00 pm **Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Registration forms on mailbox table.
- April 7** 2:30 pm **Saskatoon Men's Chorus Spring Concert;** Grace Westminster United Church. Tickets from McNally Robinson booksellers, SMC members or at the door.

- April 12** 7:30 pm **Station Singers Spring Concert.** Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets from Station Arts or choir members.
- April 14** 7:30 pm **Station Singers Spring Concert** at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Purchase tickets from choir members.

Call to Worship

For to this you have been called:

Because Christ also suffered for you.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Glory to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Affirmation

Our souls are waiting for God,

Our help and our shield.

Our hearts are glad in you, Lord,

Because we trust in your holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

Even as we wait for you.

Amen.

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: HOW DID THE ROSE? - Hafiz

How

did the rose

ever open its heart

and give to this world all of its beauty?

It felt the encouragement of light against its being,

otherwise we all remain too

frightened.

Close:

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

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.

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

March 13	Our Lady of Lourdes RC
March 20	Nutana Park Mennonite
March 27	Calvin Goforth Presbyterian
April 3	St. Stephen's Anglican
April 10	St. Martin's United
April 17	Redeemer Lutheran

Announcements

Please help yourself to the Lenten devotionals on the table in the church 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.

NPMC Garage Sale on June 1. Start collecting your items at home but do not bring to church until the week of the sale.

MCC Connects: Did you know that YOU can help make a difference in the lives of refugees around the world? Learn more about MCC's refugee sponsorship program by contacting Mark Bigland-Pritchard at markbiglandpritchard@mccsk.ca or 306.665.2555.

From MC Sask: Praying for Each Other: Thank you to all those who attended and helped with the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions this weekend. Special thanks to our hosts, Zoar and Eigenheim Mennonite Churches. Pray for MC Sask as a church family, that in the year to come we might continue to be inspired, challenged, and strengthened as we Deepen our Walk with Each Other.

Big Sky Artists Show and Sale: March 29, 30, 31 at Grace Westminster Church. Participating artist is Norma Rempel. See posters for times of the show.

Care Group Lunches: March 17--Group 6; March 31--Group 1



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

1 Kings 19: 1-18

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who

confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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