

Called to Deep Wisdom





In the patterns and glory of God's creation, and in God's commandments and promises, we are called to obtain deep wisdom.
God's wisdom undermines our assumptions and takes us deeper than our efforts can lead us.

Sunday, March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship and Prayer Printed on next page

Opening Hymn Let Your Glory Fall

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Printed on next page

Sharing Time and Prayer

Special Music Amazing Grace

Children's Time

Lent Theme Hymn O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

(words printed in the insert page)

Scripture Exodus 20:1-26 pew Bible page:,40,41

Sermon "Deep Wisdom"

Offering Blessing

Sending Hymn Alleluia, the Great Storm

Benediction and Postlude

TODAY March 7th 10:00 am Service

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader: Rebecca and Alyssa Hofer

Opening Hymn; by Jobe, Ligertwood, Carns & Ligertwood **Special Music:** arranged by Kenny and Aprille Birkey

Lent Theme Hymn: by, Wendy Ritchie

Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer Message: Pastor Randall Koehler Sending Hymn: by Ninna Ricci No Children's Sunday School

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 19

Speaker one: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Speaker Two: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Speaker one: There is no speech.... yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Speaker Two: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . . . Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.

Speaker one: The law of the Lord is perfect . . . sure . . . clear . . . true and righteous. The fear of the Lord is pure.

Speaker Two: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.

Speakers: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer. We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Speakers: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Speaker one: We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice. We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbor, into your Word that still lives.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Speakers: Calling us to deep wisdom. We come to you, God.

NEXT SUNDAY March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Larry and Edie Tschetter

Children's Time: Les Rensink Message: Pastor Randall Koehler No Children's Sunday School

CALENDAR

March Project:

Soap and Hygiene Kits for MCC **March 9th** 1:30 pm; Prayer Shawl at HMC **March 10th:** 7:30 pm; On-line Bible Study

"O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love
leading onward, leading homeward
to thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own
how for them He's interceding,
watching o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a have sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee!

HMC Zoom Bible Study - Our next virtual Bible study will be March 10th at 7:30 pm. A link will be sent via email prior to the meeting. The meeting will open at 7:00 with the Bible study starting at 7:30. After the Bible study ends, the meeting will stay open to allow more time for visiting if need be.

The Et Cetera Shoppe is in need of a new volunteer to steam wrinkled clothing before it is put out for sale. This is a GREAT position for someone who needs lots of flexibility. This person would come to the shop only one week a month – two or three times that week, for around 2 hours each time. If this is something you could consider, please call the shop at 925-7098 and let Kris or Anita know of your interest.

Ministry Opportunity Do you have a heart for mentoring students and strong organizational skills? Freeman Academy is looking for a Resident Director to supervise and encourage 12 boarding students in on-campus housing. Salary plus benefits including health insurance, retirement, room and board. Main responsibilities are building relationships with students and overseeing daily life at the dorm including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Retirees and experienced parents are urged to apply. For more information visit FreemanAcademy.org/employment/ or contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, nepp@freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4237.

What sets Christian education apart?

Learn more at the **Freeman Academy Open House on March 19 from 2-4pm**. Drop in for information or to schedule visits with teachers, register at FreemanAcademy.org.

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace is meeting on Thursday, March11 at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom. Please call 605-505-0638 to receive access information.

Swan Lake Christian Camp Annual meeting will be hosted virtually on TODAY at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held over zoom. If you would like to participate, please call the office at 605-326-5690 or email campoffice@myslcc.com to get log in information sent to you.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference: it's not too late to add a spiritual practice or two for Lent! Join Stan Harder as he teaches and gives opportunities to try a new spiritual practice each week during Lent. Each Tuesday throughout Lent. Join when you can. For more information about the upcoming Lenten Spiritual Practices webinars, visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

MCC Alumni Gathering, July 9-11 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! All MCC alumni are invited to Colorado to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering, all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at mcc.org/alumnigathering.

From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: In conversation with the Board and Staff, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting Task Group has decided that this years CPMC Annual Meeting will take place in a virtual format on June 18 & 19, culminating in a conference-wide worship service on June 20. More information can be found on our website as it becomes available (centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021)

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- On this third Sunday of Lent We are deeply aware that there is a struggle going on in us. We turn to God, that we might not become discouraged. We rely on God's compassion and love for us. We acknowledge who we are sinners, who experience the consequences of our selfishness but we know we are loved and we desire to be filled with hope. We go into this week renewed in our desire to continue our prayer, and generosity toward others
- Pray for Chelsea Vaught as she is installed and licensed for ministry at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE as the Pastor of Worship and Congregational Care. We ask that God would bless her ministry at and with Bethesda MC.

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