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But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

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Worship Service for Sunday March 23, 2014

Lent 3

Encountering God: What have we witnessed?

Focus Statement: We encounter God through nourishment that meets our needs. The Israelites drank the water God provided from a rock in the desert, and the Samaritan woman received Jesus' living water at the well. In our thirst, we witness God's miraculous provision.

Encountering

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| Welcome | Psalm 95 |
| Call to Worship | |
| Congregational Singing | HWB 170 The King of love my shepherd is HWB 506 I sought the Lord |
| Old Testament Reading | Exodus 17:1-7 |
| Confession and Assurance | |
| Congregational Sharing | |
| Prayer of God's People | |

Witnessing

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| Gospel Reading | John 4:5-42 (drama) |
| Congregational Singing | STS 64 There is a well STS 39 Will you come and follow me |
| Sermon | Sol Janzen <i>The Meeting</i> |
| Congregational Song | HWB 151 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord |
| Offering | Mikah Friesen |
| Reflections on Lent | |
| Announcements | |
| Closing Song | HWB 530 What wondrous love is this |
| Sending | |

Worship Leader: Sunnie Friesen
Song Leader: Ron Banman
Pianists: Esther Nikkel, Mikah Friesen

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on March 22 and April 5
- **July 4-6, 2014** - EMC Convention in Winnipeg



Birthdays This Week: Sunnie Friesen March 24
Pete Penner March 26

LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES:

- March 30 Lent 4
- April 6 Lent 5
- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Supper at 6:00 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9:30
Aberdeen Worship at 11:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Tonight, 6:30 p.m.** - Communion and foot washing.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **For Ukraine and Russia** - Continue to pray for peace in this time of uncertainty and unrest, for wisdom from leaders and resolution of conflict without violence.
- **For Nigeria** - Pray for the people of Nigeria where political and religious unrest is resulting in the deaths of many, including innocent school children.
- **For Aberdeen Foodbank** - Pray for the people who come to church to receive food and visit with our volunteers. Pray for those who work to make it happen! Give us a generous spirit when thinking of our neighbors.



Coffee for next week March 30 - Sol and Joan
Upcoming Coffee for April 6 - Heather and Marvin

HWB – blue “Hymnal”, STJ – green “Sing the Journey”, STS – purple “Sing the Story”

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **CMU Concert, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Loewen Athletic Centre - TONIGHT**
Come together for an evening of orchestral and choral works with Mennonite Community Orchestra and Women's and Men's Chorus from CMU. Missa Pax, an original choral work by CMU Instructor of Music Timothy Corlis, will be performed along with Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #2 featuring CMU music student Catherine Richard, piano. Tickets at the door.
- **CMU Face2Face, March 27, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Great Hall - *On Being Good Neighbours: Urban Reserves in Winnipeg*** with Dr. Jarem Sawatzky. The discussion will feature First Nations leaders Terry Nelson (Grand Chief of the Southern Chiefs' Organization) and Dennis Meeches (Chief of Long Plain First Nation) as panel members.
- **A Glimpse into Zambia, Saturday March 29, 7:30 p.m., Sam's Place -**
Join us for a night of stories, music and discussion on life in Zambia through the eyes of recently returned MCC representatives Eric and Kathy Fast.
- **U of M Concert Choir Concert, Wed. April 2, 8:00 p.m.** See Deb, Mo or Kate for details. Poster on bulletin board.
- **"In their shoes: refugee sponsorship stories in Manitoba", April 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Sam's Place** - What's it like to be a refugee? What's it like to be a sponsor? Join us for an evening of storytelling about refugee sponsorship and a taste of some foods that have become part of Manitoba's cuisine!
- **Jazz@CMU, April 5, 7:30 p.m., Great Hall** - \$5 at door. The evening will feature CMU Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz ensemble Wholly Jazz.
- **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Great Hall** - \$5 at door. Evening will feature CMU's Handbells, Flute and Guitar Ensembles.
- **Steinbach Bible College Fundraising Faspa, April 6, 4:00 p.m. at SBC.**
Enjoy music by "Ignite", an update by alumni Ben & Christina Kroeker, and a light Faspa meal. Funds raised will support the Summer Ministry Scholarship. Reserve your free ticket at [204-326-6451](tel:204-326-6451).

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