

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Make me know your ways, O God; lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. (Psalm 25:4-5)
- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Mary Y., Ellie K., Ruth Y., Lee J., Alejandro Aburtx, George Thomxs, Darlene Stoltzfxs, Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know. May God strengthen and encourage their hearts day by day. Give thanks for the progress toward healing that Harry G. has experienced.
- Pray for those in our community who are struggling with financial insecurity.
- As Bethel's renovation project begins to near completion, pray for God's leading as we consider ways our building might be used to bless the community.
- Deb Bylxr requests our prayers for wisdom as she considers when to resume holding Trauma Healing Workshops and begins planning for those. Pray that the country of Guatemala would be able to access and efficiently administer the vaccine, enabling events like the workshops to take place more safely.
- Pray for God's protection over community health evangelists in India, as they share a holistic gospel which includes teaching about physical and spiritual healing.

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## **Lent 4 – Deep Calls to Deep: Called to deep healing**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. ...

I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

I Samuel 1:15-17 (NIV)

Welcome

Gathering song: I sing the mighty power of God – HWB #46

Children's time

Offering and prayer

Song: Healer of our every ill – HWB #377

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: By grace you have been healed

Prayer of Confession, and words of assurance:

L: God of covenant and love,

we call to you from the depths of our hearts.

Deep calls to deep.

**P: Jesus, help us to recognize the wounds we carry;**

**give us courage to seek your healing touch.**

**And forgive us for the wounds we inflict on others.**

L: We confess the harm the Church has caused when we were deaf to the voices of those who are suffering –

children, women, refugees, people of color, the poor ...

*(silent prayer; name what keeps you from deep healing)*

L: Deep calls to deep.

God responds to us from the depth of divine love.

**P: We come to you, God the Healer, as you call us to deep healing.**

**Amen.**

Response song: O healing river – HWB #372

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings  
Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Go now in peace – HWB #429

Benediction

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Each Sunday at 9:30 am, those who wish may join a study of the book, **The Bible Unwrapped** in the sanctuary before worship. This is the book which we had started a year ago. *Revised study guides* are on the table in the foyer. Pick one up today. If you would like a copy of the book or have additional questions please contact Ellen. Traditional Sunday School classes will not be meeting at this time.

**Greeters** are needed in 2021! Be a welcoming presence as people arrive for our Sunday worship services. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Newsletter** items are due March 21. In a paragraph or two, share thoughts about the past year of the pandemic, a good book you've enjoyed, or a hope for 2021. Thanks! Miriam

**Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. EST** Vurayayx Pugenx and Thelma Sadzamarx MCC Area Directors for Southern and Central Africa and Nigeria, will share stories about MCC's work in the region including how partners have adapted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and Zoom registration at: [mcc.org/gl-africa-webinar](https://mcc.org/gl-africa-webinar)

**Thursday, March 18**, Pastor Keith Lyndaker Schlabxch from Millersburg Mennonite Church will present "**Following Jesus aCROSS Barriers.**" Using Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan Woman as a reference, participants will CROSS (an acrostic for Christ, Reach Out, Sit down, and Stick with it) barriers in the footsteps of Jesus. Workshop participants will gain insight into how to relate and communicate with people with diverse views. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, March 15**.

Save the date: **Adriel's 2021 Virtual Benefit Auction.** Preview May 1. Bidding ends, May 8. Proceeds benefit children and families in need in our area through Adriel's various programs.

When sending mail to Sam Plxnk, please send to:  
% Pam Webb

When we gather on **Sunday mornings**, thank you for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

### **THURSDAY**

**6:30 p.m.** – Ministry of Worship meeting

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Michelle Lxnk

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 43

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for  
God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

This Week – March 14

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinxr

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Mary N & Kyle VanOsdxl

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – March 21

**Worship leader:** Donna Lehmxn

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

**Sound:** Ken Shxnc

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr