**Church services held via Zoom and in Sanctuary.**

**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**March 14, 2021**

Order of Worship

Lent 4, March 14, 2021

Deep in the Wilderness: Called to deep healing

Prelude – Lu Goering

Welcome

Announcements and Thanks from STEPMC

Call to Worship – Randy and Rita Stucky

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God’s path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people become impatient, asking, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?” God answered by bringing healing.**

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

**Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.**

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

***ALL: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.***

Old Testament Reading – Numbers 21:4-9

Special Music – “Beyond a Dying Sun” HWB #323

Children’s Time

New Testament Reading – John 3:14-21

Song - “You are all we have” STJ #29

Sermon

Prayer of Confession

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

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

*[Silence]*

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

**Many: Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God.**

Song – “Don’t Be Afraid” STJ #105

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

Sending Song – “What Wondrous Love” HWB #530

Benediction

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