

**Mark 8:31-18**  
**Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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**FIRST MENNONITE  
CHURCH**

In Christ –  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

**"Deep in the Woods: Called to Deep Commitment"**

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship  
\*Call to Worship

Will Friesen  
Darrel Knoll  
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Darrel Knoll

*God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.*

**With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.**

*God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.*

**With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.**

*God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.*

**With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you. We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.**

\*Prayer

Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me VT 306  
Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

*We confess when we have stayed on the edges,  
Not listening to each other.,  
Not taking the path you show.*

*We confess when we have strayed from the way.  
Silencing suffering.  
Forfeiting life.*

(Silence)

*Deep calls to deep.*

*You call us from the depth of your love,*

**Calling us to deep commitment.**

**We come to you, God.**

Hymn                      Jesus Christ is Waiting                      VT 287

### SHARING

Children's Time                      Lenna Knoll  
Sharing and Prayer                      Pastor Tom  
Hymn                      Somlandela (We Will Follow)                      VT 566

### LISTENING

The Lesson                      Mark 8:31-38  
Sermon                      Through the Woods                      Wendell Loewen

### RESPONDING

Hymn                      Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song                      VT 581  
Sending                      Pastor Tom  
Postlude                      Will Friesen

***A WARM WELCOME TO ALL*** *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!*

**March 3, 7 p.m.** – Bethel College's two small a cappella ensembles, Open Road (men) and Woven (women) will be featured in the monthly concert series at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita, via livestream. To view, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NjlrPGFuTM> (Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita, on YouTube).

**March 6**– First Mennonite Church, 1161 E Ave A, McPherson is having a drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner on March 6 from 1-7pm or until the food runs out. This will be a free-will donation event with the proceeds going to the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: 620-241-4040.

**April 10, "Plants and Things" MCC Booth**– Since July is a bit late to be thinking about starting or adding to a garden, the "**Plants and Things**" booth will be open on April 10 at the regularly scheduled time. "**Plants and Things**" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. They will be accepting the plants that you wish to bring to the sale. So please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event.

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