

Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Serpent

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-17

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 14, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Deep Healing”

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Jenny Epp

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Bartel

Prelude to Worship

Jenny Epp

*Call to Worship

Doug Bartel

*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.*

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

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

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

*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.*

**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.**

We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

*Prayer
Hymn

Beautiful Things

VT 551

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

*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)

Deep calls to deep.

You call us from the depth of your love,

Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

Hymn

When Pain or Sorrow

VT 612

SHARING

Children's Time
Sharing and Prayer
Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

Erin Unruh
Pastor Tom
VT 644

LISTENING

The Lesson
Sermon

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17
Impatience Doesn't Pay...
Repentance Does

Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Blessed Be Your Name

VT 637
Pastor Tom
Jenny Epp

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

Today, the special offering will go to support our Mission Committee unless otherwise designated. You may also specify your offering contribution to the committee at any other time.

TODAY, Sunday March 14– Daylight Savings Time begins, so spring those clocks forward (in case you didn't already)!

Easter lilies and flowering plants are beautiful expressions of new life! Please consider sharing flowers or lilies with our church as we look forward to Holy Week and Easter morning. Contact Cheryl Bartel for more information.

April 8– All women and girls are invited to the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. In lieu of attending our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a **virtual night of worship, music and a reflection** on "Faith in Turbulent Times" offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. Special music will be provided by Erin Regier Graber and Addie Regier Kauffman. Email WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.