

Call to Worship

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 who came
before us.

**Many: 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.

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: 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.

Congregational Hymn: O Healing River (VT 706 / HWB 372)

Verse 1:

O healing river, *(O healing river,) send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

Verse 2:

This land is parching, this land is burning,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.

Verse 3:

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.

*An echo can be sung after each phrase

Text: Frances Minkoff (USA), © 1964 (renewed) Appleseed Music, Inc.

Bethel Mennonite Church, Insert, March 14, 2021

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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.

We name the forces that keep us from deep healing.

(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.

Children's Song: Your Love is Washing Over Me (VT 166)

Verse 1:

Your love is washing over me, Your love is washing over me.

Your love is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 2:

Your mercy's washing over me, Your mercy's washing over me.

Your mercy's washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 3:

Your peace is washing over me, Your peace is washing over me.

Your peace is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 4:

Your joy is washing over me, Your joy is washing over me.

Your joy is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 5:

Your grace is washing over me, Your grace is washing over me.

Your grace is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Verse 6:

Your hope is washing over me, Your hope is washing over me.

Your hope is washing over me, and I won't be frightened any more.

Text: Jaylene Johnson (Canada), © 2015 Jaylene Johnson

Lent 2021 Theme Song: Ô toi, Seigneur / O God, We Call (VT 683)

Ô toi, Seigneur, nous t'appelons.
Du fond de notre coeur, nous t'appelons, Seigneur.
Oui, nous te désirons, Seigneur.

O God, we call, O God, we call.
From deep inside, we yearn, from deep inside, we yearn,
from deep inside, we yearn for you.

Text: French and English; Linnea Good (Canada) © 1994 Borealis Music