



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *(based on Revelation 22)*

One: The Spirit of God bids us, “Come.”

Let everyone who hears within their hearts “Come.”

**Many: Hear the whole earth rejoice and
the coastlands sing of our God’s steadfast love.**

We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.

We give thanks for God sets us free!

One: Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit “Come.”

Let anyone who wishes “Come,”
and receive the water of life as a gift.

Many: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.

**We give thanks for God’s steadfast love
that brings joy to our hearts in the night,
lights our lives like the dawn, and sets us free. Amen.**

~ from Free Indeed, written by Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson.

Invocation: *(inspired by Psalm 1)*

One: You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;
you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

**Many: You are like the sunlight enticing us taller
and like the breeze rustling our leaves.**

One: You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and in the nights when winter’s frost ice the landscape
your love warms and sustains us.

**Many: You are everything to us.
O let our gratitude be great,**

**let our praise be plentiful,
let our worship be wonder-full!**

All: *Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!*

— written by Bruce Prewer,

**Hymns of Praise: VT #131 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord
VT #437 The Lord Is My Light**

First Reading: Job 1:6-12

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the accuser also came among them. The Lord said to the accuser, “Where have you come from?” The accuser answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to the accuser, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.” Then the accuser answered the Lord, “Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to the accuser, “Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!” So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Marlene

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers for - Patty's sister Sheri (Winnipeg) who is recovering from emergency brain surgery

- rain

- the people whose livelihood is threatened due to wildfires

-Henry Funk and granddaughter as they travel to Zurich

-Jake & Louise serving at Pleasant Point Church this morning

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires...

Hymn: VT #137 Holy, Holy, Holy

Second Reading: Job 1:13-22

One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you."

Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.

Scripture Response:

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VT #637 Blessed Be Your Name

Sermon: Faith, Prayer and Pixie Dust

Hymn: VT #847 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Benediction

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY JUNE 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Terry Stefaniuk Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn, Ben, Dayna Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lloyd/Harold
Offering Counter Team: Diana/Kevin
Sunday School: Lynette/Olivia

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

Luke's Week:

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 2 – Helena Peters (90); 2 – Becca Bushman; 4 - Wilf Buhler;
6 – Joe Guenther; 7 – Pete Sawatzky (93)

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: June 1 – Wilf & Ruth

CALENDAR

Sun. June 1 – 10:00 am Terry Stefaniuk speaking

11:15 am – Congregation mtg re: Visioning Workshop

Sun. June 8 – 10:00 am Outdoor Service on the Church yard

Sun. June 15 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder speaking

Sun. June 22 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Sun. June 29 – 10:00 am Jan Braun speaking

Hymnal

It is tradition at OMC to give youth who are graduating a *Voices Together* Hymnal with notes of encouragement. Zenon Borne is graduating this year, please sign his hymnal in the foyer. You can sign your name, or write a note of encouragement on the front pages. Feel free to highlight a favourite hymn, or write a note next to a song that you think could be encouraging. If you cannot make it to church the next 2 Sundays, email oslermcpastor2@gmail.com and Luke will put your note into Zenon's hymn book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be holding a congregational discussion after the church service on June 1, 2025 to share our reflections and decide on our next steps. We would appreciate it if you could come to this meeting prepared to share your thoughts on what resonated with you in the report and your perspectives on the recommendations presented.

Following our discussion, we will be asking for guidance from the congregation on how you would like to move forward. We will be presenting a few options for your consideration (and we welcome any other suggestions you may have):

- * Form an OMC volunteer committee to develop and implement a plan.
- * Approve the facilitator's recommended plan, to be carried out with the support of an OMC volunteer committee.
- * Defer any decision until the fall.
- * Decide not to take any further action at this time.

We are planning to complete this meeting by or before 12:00 noon. There will be no lunch served.

In the interim, should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Church Council: Kevin, Shelley, Loretta, Dave, Alex, Stephanie, Doug, Matthew, or Christy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Boldt
OMC Council Chair

Executive: Quarter 1 Financial Update: Thank you for your continued support of Osler Mennonite Church's mission and work, including your financial gifts. From January 1 - March 31, 2025, we have received donations income of \$53,000 which is 23% of what was budgeted for the year. In that same time period, we have expenses of \$39,000 which is 16% of what was budgeted for the year. We have lower expenses due to having a vacancy in one of our pastor positions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. With thanks, Christy Martens-Funk

Dear OMC Congregation,

We are pleased to announce that the OMC Church Council has unanimously approved Brad Schroeder as a candidate for the Part-Time Lead Pastor position.

The candidating weekend is scheduled for June 14th and 15th, 2025, and will include the following opportunities to engage with Brad:

***Saturday, June 14th:** A meet-and-greet event in the evening, hosted by the deacons.

***Sunday, June 15th:** Brad will be speaking during the service, followed by a potluck lunch, a question-and-answer session, and a congregational meeting for discernment.

The council acknowledges that this weekend coincides with the MCC sale weekend and Father's Day. We apologize for the full schedule but encourage everyone to mark their calendars and make plans to attend these important events.

Thank you for your participation in this process. If you have comments or questions please contact Kevin Boldt.

Sincerely,

Kevin Boldt
OMC Church Council

From your Worship Committee: Tell us a story. We want to hear your family stories, reconciliation stories, human interest stories. Perhaps you have some visual art that you'd like to share and talk about. If you have a story to tell, please talk to a member of the Worship Committee.

Community Connections is looking for some dressers or chest of drawers that people would be willing to donate. If you have, please talk to John G, Kaytee, Alex or Scott. Thankyou

From the office: If you are currently receiving REJOICE but wish to discontinue, please let the office know otherwise it will be reordered for you. A subscription is available to any member of the congregation just inform the office if you wish to try this Daily Devotional material.

Seeking: OMC Librarian

The Ed Committee is on the lookout for someone who is passionate about books and interested in learning the role of OMC Librarian. Our ever-steady, long-serving, rockstar librarian, Ruth, is looking to close the chapter on her work as librarian, and pass on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but Ruth has kindly offered to help the next person learn the role. For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C.

Community Connections: We are looking for more volunteers to make 5 or 6 gallon pails of rhubarb sauce and cream gravy for the MCC Relief Sale. MCC would like rhubarb sauce prepared in advance (let us know if you need rhubarb), but cream gravy will be prepared the morning of the sale at Forrest Grove Church. Please talk to Alex if you are interested in helping, or would be available to volunteer at the relief sale. alextiessen15@gmail.com or 306-212-0463.

Pride Month is here!

Visible actions that reflect our values of love and affirmation are so important, and this is an opportunity to put those values on display. So mark your calendars and plan to join your Mennonite siblings as we walk/ride/roll in the 2025 Saskatoon Pride Parade!

When? Noon, Sunday June 22nd

Where? Saskatoon (Start point TBA)

Talk to Steph or Michelle for more info, or to let us know you are planning to attend.

MCC Connects: Join us under the big tent at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon for our annual Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14 from 11 am - 3 pm, with Artisan Booths opening at 10 am. There will be good food and fun for all ages. Please visit mccskreliefsale.com for all the details, including opportunities to volunteer for a variety of tasks.

June 1: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Outdoor worship will dovetail with the camp open house activities. Come for the singing, stay for the connections built with new friends and old ones too. All are welcome! (new)

Shekinah Open House: Sunday June 1st, 2pm - 5pm

Come enjoy wall climbing, zip lining, and crafts between 2pm and 5pm on June 1st. Hot dog roast will start at 4pm This is a free event, no registration needed!

the Pali Rally

You are invited to join in the weekly Palestine rally, facilitated by Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East. People of all ages and walks of life, who cannot stay silent about the genocide happening in Palestine, have been gathering weekly to call for all people and governments to take action for a ceasefire and liberation for Palestine.

It's time for Mennonites to use our voices and bodies to call for peace too! (updated)

Sunday June 8, 2:30-3:30pm

Staples/Winners parking lot on 8th St in Saskatoon

For more info, talk to Steph S. 306-229-1138 or

email stepahniesiemens@gmail.com

Anabaptism at 500 events with Gareth Brandt June 6 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Join us to view an art gallery and hear poetry readings from 3-5 pm followed by the presentation "What happened 500 years ago & why it still matters today" by Gareth at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to these free events. Hosted by Wildwood Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church and Aberdeen Mennonite Church. (new)

Celebrate with Us! Join Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on June 7 & 8. On June 7 the celebrations begin at 1 pm, with choir practice at 4 pm, a BBQ at 5 pm and a program at 7pm. On June 8 the Church Service begins at 10:30 am followed by a catered lunch and visiting. Please RSVP by May 8 to herschelmennonitechurch@hotmail.com or to Devin at 306-831-8890

Join us in celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Fiske Mennonite Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 15. Worship begins at 10:30 am in the church followed by a catered lunch at the Fiske hall. The afternoon will feature reflections, a slide show, ball games and ice cream! RSVP by May 31 to fiskemennochurch@sasktel.net or call 306-831-9723.

Praying for each other: Pray for Mount Royal Mennonite Church as we seek to follow Jesus and hold true to our Anabaptist faith even as we grow and change as a congregation. We are grateful for the positive relationships we have with our neighbours and seek to deepen those relationships. Rejoice with us as we will baptize four people on Pentecost and for others who are considering baptism. (new)

NEXT SUNDAY June 8 Outdoor Service

Luke and the Youth in Charge of the Service

Music: Michelle Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Shelley

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis