



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 1, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

All: We come to worship

One: with expectations that may or may not be met;
with questions that might be answered;
and answers that might be questioned.

All: We come seeking God.

One: Seeking a taste of truth;
seeking a glimpse of divine presence;
seeking to make sense of the world.

All: We come to journey with Jesus,

One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,
moved and confused
by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #716 God of Grace and God of Glory

VT #42 Could It Be That God Is Singing

First Reading: John 6:66-69

At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus asked the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”

Simon Peter answered, “Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are God’s holy one.”

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story Time for All Ages – Loose Change

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Pray – for Edna and the family of Mary Hildebrandt – funeral service was Wednesday, February 25

-Thanks for the many who helped make blankets this past week

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

Hymn: VT #440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Second Reading: John 13:1-17

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you."

He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly,

because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

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 #392 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Sermon: Knowing and Not Knowing

Hymn: VT #738 Open My Eyes That I May See

Benediction

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

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

TODAY MARCH 1 *Second Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Casadi – Coins Sound: Matthew

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Jim/Stephanie

Coffee/Snack: Louise

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad's Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you'd like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601.

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC office, NPMC Staff mtg; Thurs. MC Sask Youth mtg., Ed mtg, KCC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat. Sermon prep from home

Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 5 – John Gascho; 6 – Erna Funk

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar 1 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *2nd Sunday of Lent*

Wed. Mar 4 – 7:00 pm Deacon mtg

Thur. Mar 5 – 11:00 am CMU Explore Class

- 5:45 pm Education mtg

Sun. Mar 8 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *3rd Sunday of Lent*

*Thur. Mar 12 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 15 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *4th Sunday of Lent*

Wed. Mar 18 – 11:30 am Lunch at Bethany Manor

*Thur. Mar 19 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 22 – 10:00 am Mark Bigland-Pritchard speaking

*Thur. Mar 26 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 29 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *Palm Sunday*

**Note the time change*

"**The Pastors and Deacons** would like to host another lunch gathering at Bethany Manor on March 18th at 11:30am for residents of the Manor and any OMC members who would like to join. If you would like to attend, please speak to Brad or one of the Deacons to confirm."

"**Contemplative checkin**" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

"**Greetings everyone**, you are invited to join us at the church on Thursdays at 11:00am (until the impending time change) for a CMU Xplore Class. The class began on February 19th and will run until March 26th/ This year's topic will be Theologies of Trauma and Healing with Dr. Susanne Guenther Loewen. Everyone is welcome – even if you missed the first one! Please come for some coffee, conversation and a chance to learn!"

- Luke Bushman on behalf of the Education Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Updated 2026 Directory is on a table in the entrance – please check your information.

A New Way!! The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

If you have one, it is very important to report any loss to the office immediately as we will then need to reprogram everyone's Fob.

Check out the latest Bethany Manor Newsletter.

MCC Connects: The MCC Saskatchewan Board has openings for new members. If you are interested in governance work with MCC or would like to nominate someone, please email SaskOffice@mccsk.ca or call 306-665-2555 for an information packet.

MC SASK Updates:

Merciful God.

Hear our prayers:

for those who suffer under oppression
and because of conflict and war.

The powerful rage at each other
and the people suffer.

Jesus came as one who serves
and not to be served.

May this be our guide
as we bring healing and hope, love and grace,
to the world around us.

Let me hear joy and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

Hide your face from my sins;
wipe away all my guilty deeds!

Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

Please don't throw me out of your presence;
please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

Return the joy of your salvation to me
and sustain me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:8-12

Praying for each other: We pray for Mennonite Church British Columbia as they hold their LEAD Conference and Annual Meeting. Their theme is "Hope & Healing in a Broken World" May God guide and inspire them as they gather. (new)

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the hiring of Cynthia Kovaks as Office and Finance Administrator and Dalen Applegate as Faith Development Minister.

Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. February 19-April 16 (5 sessions) To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

March 1: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. How are themes of Lent present in all creation? Find out more during outdoor worship. Dress for winter and take your place around the fire. All are welcome! (new)

March 11 | Face2Face at CMU: Being Peacemakers for a World of Surging Polarization – You are invited on March 11 at 7:00 PM to Marpeck Commons or via livestream for an opportunity to explore how faith-driven empathy can bridge deep cultural divides with Dr. Chris Rice and faculty from CMU. Visit cmu.ca/face2face for more information and the livestream

March 13 & 14: You are invited to attend the 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at the Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Our theme is "Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power" Jesus spoke in parables to describe the kingdom of God, often it was about the small things like the mustard seed and yeast. We will explore this theme through storytelling and worship. Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

Strengthening the Pastor Congregation Relationship

Is the pastor an employee? How does a congregation deal with part-time, bi-vocational, or lay ministers? What are some practical tools congregations and pastors can use to enhance the pastor-congregation relationship? These are some areas that we plan to address at this year's Pastors' & Leaders' Day at ADS. In addition to pastors and leaders, we are also inviting congregational board/council members to attend this year and engage in the discussions. Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Congregation Leadership Minister for MCEC and D.Min candidate, will lead us. You are welcome to bring your own "bag lunch" at noon. The workshop will begin at 1:00. Friday supper will be provided for those who attend. Please register on the general ADS registration page at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

March 15 | 2:30 pm RJC Songs & Sweets Join us for a celebration of music and generosity at RJC High School. This lively fundraising event features performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir, and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets. To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email

development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

March 15, 4:30 pm | RJC RENEW Capital Campaign Public Launch Join us in the RJC Chapel, immediately following Songs and Sweets, as we publicly launch our RENEW \$10M capital campaign and celebrate major milestones, Phase 1 completion, and what God is doing through our community. If you're unable to attend in person, watch live at rjc.sk.ca/renewlaunch or visit rjc.sk.ca/renew afterward to see campaign updates, donor stories, and opportunities to give. (new)

March 28th CSI Shekinah: A "Whodunit?" Extravaganza: Join Ric Driediger (former owner of Churchill River Canoe Outfitters) to solve mysteries reflecting the history of the Churchill River Basin. Registration is \$150 for the full event or you can choose to participate in only the afternoon or the evening mystery. A gourmet Saskatchewan lunch and supper accompany the fun. Follow the link for further information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3ZH0C1C> (new)

March 29 2:30 - 5 pm | A MultiFaith Saskatoon event at Sri Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination -- Combatting Hate: An Interfaith Response. A facilitated interfaith dialogue and panel discussion focused on identifying, understanding, and responding to hate in its various forms, including racism, religious intolerance, and misinformation. The session will highlight community-led solutions and collaborative action. (new)

Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the positions of Human Resources Generalist (full-time, one-year term contract), Custodian, Campus Receptionist, and more. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information. (new)

Mennonite Church Canada

Mennonite Church Canada invites you to join us in walking the path of faith with our global companions. Mennonite Church Canada's Global Companions program strengthens relationships with international church partners—learning together, sharing resources, and encouraging one another to live into God's call. Read more at

https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/winter_campaign_2026 (new)

You can still join! Imagine Thursday evenings with your besties - surrounded by your people, good food - what better way to figure out your next steps in responding to the climate crisis! Get your friends to sign up, then start divvying up hosting duties! Nationwide Book Study: Climate Pollinator: Stories on Anabaptists and the Climate - Mennonite Church Canada. (new)

Walking with Indigenous People through Lent! Are you looking for a way to attend to Indigenous relations as part of your Spiritual Practice? There are many options available online, but new for 2026 is "Walking Softly with the Declaration: A Lenten Pathway to Right Relationships" available here. Blessings and peace be with us all as we join Jesus and his uprising. (new)

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 8 *Third Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Kevin

Coffee/Snack:

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