



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*April 2, 2023*

**Palm Sunday**  
**“Called to worship”**

**Palm Processional** (*Choir #314 Holy Lord*)

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,  
for it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**All: Hosanna! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Gathering Hymns: VT #313  
VT #619**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of the foolish cross, you are not the Saviour we expect. Your power does not look like the power we want our God to demonstrate. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the garden of Gethsemane, to the foot of the cross. Forgive our love of control. Help us to follow you in the humble foolishness of your love and grace. Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading: Psalm 31:1-5**

In you, YHWH, I took refuge; never let me be disgraced!

In your justice, deliver me! Turn your ear to me! Hurry! Rescue me!

Be the rock I hide behind; be the walled fortress that saves me!

Because you are my rock, my fortress, and for the sake of your Name,  
lead me, guide me!

Pull me out of the trap they set for me, for you are my refuge!  
Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, YHWH, God of truth!

**Children's Gathering Song: VT #282 "Come and See"**

Children's Time: Olivia Martens

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Choir**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

*Condolence* - Jacqueline Funk's only sibling, Arthur Friesen, died on  
Mar.24 - three weeks after diagnosis of cancer, at the age of 79  
- to the Bueckert family at the death of their mother Susan

*Prayers* - for meaningful Holy Week services  
-Jake preaching at Bethany Manor today

*Joys*

*Please raise your hand for the microphone as we would like to hear  
prayer concerns/joys directly from you.*

**Hymn: VT #551 Beautiful Things**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 23:32-43. The Thief on the Cross

Two others were also led off with Jesus, criminals who were to be put to death. When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Abba forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them.

The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, "If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was an inscription above Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, "Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!" But the other answered the first with a rebuke: "Don't you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!"

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory." Jesus replied, "The truth is, today you'll be with me in paradise!"

**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 #315 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**Sermon: Justice and Mercy**

**Hymn: VT #316 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

**Benediction:** May the Christ who moves on wounded feet, move with us on the road of Holy Week. May the Christ who served with wounded hands, stretch out our hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open our hearts to love.

*\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP April 2 Palm Sunday**

Speaker: *Patty Friesen* Song Leader: *Kevin & Choir* Accompanist: *Melanie*

Worship Leader: *Terry Stefaniuk* along with *Oliva & Dylan Martens*

Children's Time: *Olivia* Sound: *Doug* Ushers: *Benjamin/Dick*

*Kid's S.S. – Karl Martens, Youth S.S. – Matthew Braun*

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

**Patty's Week:** Mon. Exec; Tues. off; Weds. office; Maundy Thurs. service & last Grief Class Zoom; Good Friday service; Sun. Easter service/brunch; Apr.10-17 away to Red Deer/Victoria

**Luke's Week:** Mon. Exec mtg; Tues. off; Wed. sermon prep; Thur. Maundy Service; Good Friday @ Nutana; Sun. preach at OMC

**Every Friday 10:00 Drop-In coffee with staff available**

**Birthday:** 5 – Anna Neufeld

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** April 2 – Marlene Campbell

## CALENDAR

- Apr 2 9:00 am Choir practice  
**Apr 2 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Palm Sunday***  
11:00 a.m. Deacon mtg  
Apr 6 5:30 pm Maunday Thursday Communion & Faspa  
7:00 pm Grief Group (*last session*)  
Apr 7 7:00 pm Good Friday Service *Sanctuary*  
Apr 9 9:00 am Choir practice & set-up for brunch - group M-Z  
**Apr 9 10:00 am Luke Bushman *Easter Sunday***  
11:00 am Brunch – bring something ‘eggy’ to share  
**Apr 16 10:00 am Ron Schellenberg**  
11:00 am Youth SS class  
12:00 pm Osler Café backroom – all welcome  
**Apr 23 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Mennonites and Race***  
Apr 26 **5:30 pm Faspa and Conversation *Lois Miller***  
**Apr 30 10:00 am Jake Buhler**

**NEXT SUNDAY April 9 *Easter Sunday***

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Patty Friesen  
Song Leader: Anna & Choir      Accompanist: Naomi  
Children’s Time: Jake      Sound: Keri/James      Ushers: Lloyd/Harold  
*No Sunday School for Kids or Youth*

### **TODAY:**

**11:00 p.m.** Deacon mtg in Patty’s office

**The Warman Community Band** invited you to their Spring Concert on April 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Warman Communiplex. *Some of our OMC members play in this band.*

**April 2 - Forest church** outdoor worship at Shekinah 3:00. Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Upcoming Easter services:**

April 2, Palm Sunday – come at 9 am for an Impromptu Choir Practice  
April 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Fasma & Communion in the  
Gathering Room. You are invited to stay later for table games  
7:00 p.m. Grief Group meet to view last session  
April 7, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday  
April 9, 11:00 Sun. Easter brunch *Please bring eggy goodness*  
9:00 a.m. Group M-Z please come at to set-up  
Impromptu Choir Practice

**Anabaptism 500 Community Bible Study** led by Pastor Luke is tentatively scheduled to begin Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**SARCAN Drop and Go Donations** You can now donate your SARCAN recycling to benefit the OMC Green Fund initiated by the Youth and Community Connections. Simply visit your local SARCAN depot and log in with our group phrase: omcgreen  
For more information, please visit:  
[https://www.sarcan.ca/pages/drop\\_and\\_donate.html](https://www.sarcan.ca/pages/drop_and_donate.html)

**FYI** – the Celebration of Life for Helen Kruger will be held at OMC on Saturday April 29 at 3:00 p.m.

**\*MCC Connect:** MCC will be including local artisans at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 17. If you would like to sell your goods, tables are available to purchase for \$100 and all proceeds of sales will go to the artisan. For more information, please contact Rick and Marg Epp at [mepp@sasktel.net](mailto:mepp@sasktel.net) or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. We hope to see you there!

### **MC SK Updates:**

**Spring is almost here!** Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**Forever in Motion** will continue at the Osler Community Hall to the end of April - Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M.

**Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 12 – May 23.** Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses) .

**Canadian School of Peacebuilding** – Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca)

**MDS Canada** needs volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, from March to October for Hurricane Fiona repair work. Last year MDS volunteers did clean-up work and tarped roofs; now it needs people to help fix hurricane-related water and wind damage. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Clara Flores at [cflores@mds.org](mailto:cflores@mds.org) or 1-866-261-1274.

**Indigenous Relations** Pray for MC Sask and MCC Sask who are partnering with the New Leaf Network to present ‘Bridging Us’ on April 1 in Saskatoon. Pray that attendees will be inspired by how local residents are working to achieve greater connection in their communities and churches on their reconciliation journey.

<https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/bridgingus>

## YOUTH CALENDAR

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm @ OMC, Homemade Escape Room**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ OMC, Talent Show**

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