



# 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

March 2, 2025

## Transfiguration Sunday

### Prelude

### Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

### Call to Worship: Psalm 99

Leader: God rules. On your toes, everybody!

God rules from the angel throne—take notice!  
God looms majestic in Zion,  
God towers in splendor over all the big names.

### Congregation: Great and terrible your beauty:

**Let everyone praise you!**

**Holy. Yes, holy.**

L: Strong Ruler, lover of justice,

You laid things out fair and square;

You set down the foundations in Jacob,

Of the line of Isaac and Rebecca, Abraham and Sarah.

Foundation stones of just and right ways.

### C: Honor God, our God; worship God's rule!

**Holy. Yes, holy.**

L: Moses and Aaron and Miriam were God's prophets,

Hannah and Samuel among those who prayed to God.

They prayed to God and God answered them;

God spoke from the pillar of cloud.

And they did what God said; they kept the law God gave them.

And then God, our God, answered them

(But you were never soft on their sins).

### C: Lift high God, our God; worship at the holy mountain.

**Holy. Yes, holy is God our God.**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #11 Mountain of God**  
**VT #126 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

**First Reading:** Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

**Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**

**Story for All Ages:** Kaytee – *Loose Change Sunday*

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

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

**Prayers** – Remember Loretta's family as they commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Mother's death

**Candle Prayers for inner and world peace**

**Hymn: VT #456 Oceans**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:27- 9:8

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" "And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets. "He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah. "And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?"

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

### **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 # 301      Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

**Sermon:      Discipleship: The Ups and Downs of Cross Carrying**

**Hymn: VT #813      Heart with Loving Heart United**

**Benediction**

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

\*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

**TODAY      March 2      *Tranfiguration Sunday***

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna, Lynette      Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kaytee      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Loretta Sawatzky

Sunday School – Karl, Eli & Dylan

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

**Coffee time at church** – 10:00 am all are welcome

**Luke's Week:**

Wed. NPMC; Thurs. KCC; Fri. & Sat. ADS; Mon. Exec mtg

**Birthdays:** 5 – John Gascho; 6 – Erna Funk

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** Mar 2 – Sandra & Torben  
Mar 9 - ???

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2025 MC Sask Gathering** (annual delegate sessions) **March 7 & 8 at RJC High School.** A working copy of the report book, complete with agenda is now available!

*Alex has agreed to be a delegate – we need a few more!!* If you are willing to serve, please contact Shelley, Ben, Sandra or Steve.

**Registration deadline for meals is TODAY.**

**Gospel of Luke CMU Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays, February 26-April 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Osler Mennonite Church Coffee Room**

The quest stories in Luke belong to a cycle of seven stories in which someone approaches Jesus in quest of something vital for human well-being. Some of these quests are for physical healing, other kinds of healing, for release from alienation, social ostracism or other common human plights. Three of them take place early in Jesus's Galilean ministry, three take place as he nears Jerusalem on his journey toward the cross. The last one, and the most poignant, takes place on the cross.

The motif of the quest, with its patterns of sifting priorities and overcoming obstacles along the way, can be a powerful prompt for our own spiritual reflection and growth as we move through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Join us as we study these Bible stories confessionally—or as though our lives depended on it.

**Bethany Family** / Friends are you willing and able to serve the Bethany Community? Get involved by becoming a Volunteer Dining Room Server! This is your opportunity to get some light exercise while serving your community. Plus, you receive a meal free each time you serve! We especially need volunteers on Sundays, even one Sunday a month can help! Check the bulletin board for more details....

### **What Do I Do with My Anger?**

Friday, March 14, 2025, 10 – 11:30am PT (11 - 12:30 MT)

Featuring Richard Rohr and Brian McLaren

Presented by the Center for Action and Contemplation

If you wish to participate in this live event or in a later recorded event, please contact Dave 306-270-5031 or feick.dave@gmail.com

### **Anabaptism at 500 Change the date!**

Due to a conflict with another event, we are moving the date of the celebration. Watch for the new date available soon! (new)

**MCC Connects:** Are you or someone in your community interested in working at MCC Saskatchewan? We are currently hiring for the position of Communications & Donor Relations (CDR) Director! This management position fosters, nurtures, and expands Saskatchewan-wide relationships to sustainably grow revenue which funds MCC Saskatchewan and contributes to MCC Canada and MCC's global relief, development, and peacebuilding program. Apply online by March 10 at <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>

**The story of Reserve 107** is important for all Canadians. This story has been told in the 2016 documentary Reserve 107:Reconciliation on the Prairies.

Much has happened in the years since that film was made and we are so excited to let you know that a new film: Reserve 107: A Path Forward is now available. for you to view. This powerful update, produced by Rebel Sky Media, highlights truth-telling, reconciliation, and the impact of Indigenous-settler cooperation.

We would like to invite you to attend one of two Saskatoon premiere screenings:

March 2, 3 PM – Lakeview Church

For questions, contact Randy Klassen at (randyklassen@mccsk.ca) or by replying to this email. Thank you for your support!

## **MC Sask News:**

**March 2: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Josh Wallace will be our guide through outdoor worship under the theme "Hope In and Out of Season" based on 1 Peter 3:15 and 2 Tim 4:2. Come experience the beauty of this late winter season; all are welcome! (new)

**The Youth Farm Bible Camp** invites you to our 32nd Annual Vereniki Fund Raiser on Wednesday, March 26 from 5:00-7:00pm. Admission is by Donation. More information about the event can be found at [www.yfbc.ca/march](http://www.yfbc.ca/march)

**Through the winter, Len Rempel and Council members** have been holding Town Hall meetings in our congregations across the province. It has been a wonderful time of connecting and hearing from many of you. We have set up a web-form so that those who couldn't attend can now respond as well. Please go to <https://mcsask.ca/townhallmeeting> we'd love to hear from you! The link will be available until ADS. (new)

## **Shekinah is hosting a "Whodunit Extravaganza" March 14-15.**

Shekinah is hosting its first ever murder mystery night! Doors open at 6:30, buffet opens at 7:00. Guests will enjoy a gourmet buffet while solving an exciting Whodunit Friday evening. After a peaceful sleep in the Timberlodge, they will solve the second one while enjoying a brunch buffet. Registration is \$155 per person. Registration deadline is Feb 24th. Register at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/CSIShekinahWhodunitExtravaganza>

Puttin' on the Ribs is happening on March 15th at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$65/person or \$425/per table of 8. RSVP by March 9th. Tickets available at [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org)

**RJC Grade 9 Open House | 6:00pm Wednesday, March 5** Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9

GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC!  
Register for the Grade 9 Open House at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC Songs & Sweets | 2:00pm Sunday, March 9** We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community at Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca). We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

**CMU Press: Buy One, Give One** – CMU Press reached its 50th anniversary in 2024. It has produced over 100 books since its inception. To celebrate, CMU will donate a book to charity for every CMU Press title purchased from CommonWord between January and March. Visit [cmu.ca/cmu-press](http://cmu.ca/cmu-press) for more information. (new)

**CommonWord Book Launch:** The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus – On Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 PM, Michael Pahl and guests Janessa Nayler-Giesbrecht and Phil Campbell-Enns will discuss how Jesus read His Bible and what that means for how we should read ours. Join in person or via livestream at [commonword.ca/go/3820](http://commonword.ca/go/3820). (new)

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **March 8th: ADS Youth Involvement (Afternoon)**

Evan is looking for some youth who might want to participate in part of the Annual Delegate Sessions. Here is what he wrote "We are looking for some youth to be a part of the Annual Delegate Session on March 8th. This would include helping with communion and opportunities for youth to either share a bit about what being in youth is like, reading scripture, and/or playing an instrument during any hymn singing. Please think about joining us! Contact Luke or Evan if you want to be involved ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca))

**MC Sask Youth** are hoping to designate a Sunday where churches can dedicate some (or all!) of their offering that day towards youth

programming across the province. We hoped to designate March 23. Money collected this way would be designate towards sending youth to Waterloo for the MCC Youth Gathering in July.

**Spirit and screen.** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google.... *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring *detoxers* together by teleconference (?) during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see [canadianmennonite.org/detox](http://canadianmennonite.org/detox)

## CALENDAR

**Sun. Mar 2 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

*Loose change Sunday*

**Sun. Mar 9 – 10:00 am Sharón M from Shekinah speaking**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon. Mar 10 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Tues. Mar 11 – 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ John's house in S'toon

**Sun. Mar 16 – 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking**

Sat. Mar 29 – 9:30 am Visioning Session with Tim Nickel

### **NEXT SUNDAY     March 9**

Speaker: Sharón Murugiah     Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta     Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Jake     Sound: Keri/James     Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Matthew Braun

Sunday School – Stephanie, Nora

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