



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Lent 5 – April 3, 2022

“From Scarcity to Abundance”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Focus: As we seek God’s way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God’s abundance.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together

Prayer of Invocation:

You have assured us, O God, that you make a path in the wilderness, a river in the desert. In the words of Scripture and the experiences of your people, over and over again the answer was always right under our nose, the provision was always there before we could see it. May we trust in the gifts that have been given. May we trust that they are enough, enough and overflowing to the point that they may pass through us like a river in the desert, like perfume over our Savior’s feet. Even now the fragrance fills the air. May we breathe deeply your abundance

Hymn: VT #37

“Be Still and Know”

Scripture Reading: John 12: 1-8

Six days before Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus' honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the scent of the ointment.

Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who was to betray Jesus—protested, “Why wasn't this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a year's wages, and the money been given to poor people!” Judas didn't say this because he was concerned for poor people, but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it. So Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won't always have me.”

Responsive reading:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God's ways.

All: Lord, move us away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children's Time: Lynette

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

-Karen (Frieda's daughter) cancer diagnose is more serious

- Frieda's brother David needs move out of the Lighthouse

-prayers for family & friends of Rod Wiens whose funeral was

Thursday at Herschel Ebenfeld

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our way are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.

Help us live into your abundance.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Hymn: VT #305 “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4a-11

If they think they have the right to put their trust in external evidence, I have even more right! I was circumcised on the eighth day, being of the stock of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew origins; in legal observance I was a Pharisee, and so zealous that I persecuted the church. I was above reproach when it came to justice based on the Law. But those things I used to consider gain, I now count as loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss in light of the surpassing knowledge of my Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake I have forfeited everything. I count everything else as garbage, so that Christ may be my wealth— indeed, that I may be found in Christ, not having any justice of my own based on observance of the Law. The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ. It has its origin in God and is based on faith. All I want is to know Christ, and the power of the resurrection, and how to share in Christ’s sufferings by being formed into the pattern of Jesus’ death - perhaps even to arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

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 #323 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sermon: From Scarcity to Abundance

Hymn: VT #416 “Beyond a Dying Sun”

Benediction: From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God’s way of abundance. May you recognize messages of scarcity as lies and open your eyes to the abundant life of God in this world. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Matthew Usher: Lloyd
Children's Sunday School: Loretta, Rachel & Sarah

Patty's Week: Tues. Easter prep; Weds. Office; Thurs. MC SK; Fri. Office

Nora's Week: Wed, Thur, Fri – holidays April 9-25

Birthday this week: Anna Neufeld

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP **April 10** *Palm Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Adeline Sound: Stephanie Usher: Harold
Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 3 **10:00 am Nora Pederberg**

Apr 6 1:00 pm Education Comm mtg

Apr 8 6:30-8:30 pm OMC Youth Event

Apr 10 **10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Palm Sunday*

Apr 14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion *In person & zoom*

Apr 15 7:00 pm Good Friday Service *In person & Facebook*

Apr 17 **10:00 am Patty Friesen** **Easter Sunday**

11:00 am Easter Buns & Coffee in Multi-purpose room

Apr 20 2:00 pm Ernie Hildebrandt book reading

Apr 24 **10:00 am Jake Buhler**

Apr 27 6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:00 pm Council mtg

April 29 7:00 pm Youth Mega Menno at OMC

Announcements

Re-opening committee has recommended masks but it is no longer required. Please DO NOT come if you have any symptoms of COVID. Food and drinks will be served on Easter Sunday with the Deacon's working on the details. Coffee time will re-start after Easter (in the multi-purpose room). Church will continue to be live-streamed.

* **TODAY** – 3:00 p.m. at Shekinah. Join Phyllis, Audrey and Laura as they lead in outdoor worship at forest church. Rubber boots might be handy!

***Needed** – **Easter buns** *home baked or store bought* for Easter Coffee. Let Anne Peters and Louis Buhler know. Can be put in kitchen freezer.

***Upcoming Holy Week:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 14, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Gym. Zoom link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81434648897>

*Frieda Rempel and daughter Karen, could use some words of comfort and encouragement. Karen's cancer treatments will need to be on going for the next 18 months. Mailing address: Karen and Albert Hargove – 1007 West Picadilly Rd, Phenix, AZ 85013

***OMC MDS trip July 3-8 at Monte Lake, BC** with travel dates July 1/2/9 with Pastor Patty. Interested participants can receive financial assistance for food/gas or train. In August 2021, the White Rock fire destroyed 28 structures at Monte Lake, B.C. It was one of about 1,600 fires in the province during last year's fire season. In collaboration with the B.C. unit, we are rebuilding up to five new homes in the small community. Many volunteers of all skill levels will be needed for this project, which will run from May until fall. Monte Lake is located about 50 kilometres from Kamloops in B.C.'s interior with camping options at Monte Lake Provincial Park. For more detailed information contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org.

MCC Connects: For the Love of Creation is a faith-based initiative for climate justice of which MCC is a partner. MCC Saskatchewan is providing opportunities for small groups to participate in workshops on meaningful climate conversations throughout the year. Whether you're new to this conversation or you're ready to become a climate advocate - contact Erika at 306-665-2555 or erikathogersen@mccsk.ca for more information.

Mennos with Ukes - Tues, 7:30 p.m. Mount Royal Mennonite Church gym. Come learn to play ukulele at MRMC with Val Regier leading.

***Read** the latest Bethany Manor Newsletter *on the bulletin board*

CommonWord Webinar: 100 Years of Mennonite Central Committee. Join Alain Epp Weaver, Esther Epp-Tiessen, and César Flores for an

online conversation on **Thursday, April 7** at 7:00 PM CDT. Hear about MCC's 100-year history of service and reconciliation, including the complicated ways Christian service has been intertwined with colonialism, racism, and regimes of power. Visit commonword.ca/go/2314 to register

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online!

Can't make it to Indonesia 2022? With online registration you will get access to a virtual hub, the "home-base" of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group. There will be exhibits of MWC related organization, concerts, children and youth activities. Cost is \$150 USD. Details at <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/websitePage:371aa2ec-8bd6-47fb-bfad-deb6c4c16fa6>

Spring at CMU, April 10, 7:00 CDT online. Engage with the CMU story hearing reflections from CMU students, faculty, and alumni. Choral performances by CMU's ensembles. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu

***Amplify earlybird registration has been extended until May 2nd, 2022.** Register online at <https://mennonitechurch.ca/amplifyChurch> Canada Proof of vaccination is required for this event. Amplify is open to all youth ages 12-18. Vaccination is required to attend.

Travel from Saskatoon is available!! (\$35/person) register for travel at [https://mcsask.ca/event/10659We are still looking for another sponsor who's able to attend and willing to help share driving duties. If interested please contact Mel Harms at \[cmharms3@gmail.com\]\(mailto:cmharms3@gmail.com\)](https://mcsask.ca/event/10659)

***May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah!**

Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "*The Divine Spark*". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125 Registration is now open!! Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899> Open to all ladies 16 years and up!!

Employment Opportunities

***The Mennonite Nursing Home** in Rosthern, SK, an affiliate of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), is seeking a **PERMANENT FULL TIME OUT OF SCOPE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** who will be responsible for the operations of an accredited 68 bed long term care home, with an attached 32 assisted living units (Pineview Manor), a 20-bed licensed personal care home (Sunrise Place), and 2 independent senior living four-plexes (Country Gardens). Reporting directly to the MNH Board of Directors, the **Chief Executive Officer/Administrator** will be responsible for providing overall leadership, direction and management while achieving the mission and values of MNH.

Applications close when a suitable candidate is found *Anticipated start date: Immediate* Details available at

<https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Documents/CEO-Administrator-Description.pdf> or email tbianzen@sasktel.net

RJC– needed Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE) For more information visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come and join our team!

Shekinah Retreat Centre needs summer workers and also a full-time, permanent Administrative/Hospitality coordinator. <https://shekinah.ca>

Camp Elim Is looking for staff. Check the poster on the bulletin board.

In fall of 2022, a spot will be open on the **Christian Horizons International Board of Directors**. This director will represent Saskatchewan. The mission of Christian Horizons is: For more information please visit christian-horizons.org or contact Lori Weiler-Thiessen at loriwt60@gmail.com or 306.933.0285

From Mennonite Church Canada International Witness

***Myanmar conflict continues**

As we watch with horror the images of Ukrainian refugees fleeing bombing and burning buildings, please continue to pray also for the continued bombings and atrocities of the Myanmar army on its own people. Pray for Anabaptist brothers and sisters in the Chin state.

***Colombian church feeds Venezuelan refugees**

Many congregations within the Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL) are feeding, housing and caring for refugees from Venezuela. Pray that God will provide what the Colombian churches need to meet the physical and spiritual needs of these new neighbours.

***Prayer for elections in ministry countries**

Important elections are upcoming in Colombia and Philippines, and possibly in Thailand later this year. Pray for peace in the process of choosing new leaders. That God will “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Pray for and send messages of encouragement to the Witness workers and our siblings in faith in these places. (Send messages to jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca.)

Indigenous-Settler Relations

Indigenous delegates seek justice at Vatican

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called on the Pope to issue an apology to the survivors of residential schools, their families and communities for the Catholic Church’s role “in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools.” This week, a delegation of First Nation, Metis and Inuit persons meet in Rome with Pope Francis, to seek that apology and more. Pray that truth and justice may flow from these meetings; meetings that could nurture significant healing amongst both Indigenous peoples and the larger body of Christ.

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