



# 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 3, 2024

*Hungering for Hope: Embodying Beauty*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 19*

**All:** *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky. You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, “It was good.”

**Many:** **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.**

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you—singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children’s children would hear as the voice of God.

**Many:** **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.**

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

**All:** *And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymns:** VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry  
VT #130 Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 20:1-6

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510**  
**Story for All Ages:** Luke

**Lenten Prayer of Confession** *based on Psalm 19*

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, God.

**Many: Forgive our distracted hearts.**

One: When we put our trust in other things,

**Many: remind us of your love and care.**

*All: Bring joy to us once again.*

One: May the meditations of our hearts

**Many: be pleasing on your sight,**

*All: our Rock and our Redeemer.*

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

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

**Prayers-** future pastoral needs discernment

- building discernment
- MC SK ADS in Drake Mar. 8/9

**Hymn: VT #420      God of the Bible**

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and

overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**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 #588 We Walk by Faith**

**Sermon: Rebuilding Community**

**Hymn: VT #828 There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind**

**Benediction:** Rest in Jesus. Rest in the beauty of creation. Rest in knowing that you are loved and that Jesus has made space for you in the temple courts.

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

\*\***Loose Change Sundays** coming back March 10 and April 14 for MCC Gaza project. Please start your stockpile!

**TODAY’S WORSHIP March 3 *Third Sunday of Lent***

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna      Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Lanae/Carl

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

**Pickle ball:** Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

**Coffee** at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

**Patty’s Week:** Today: NPMC with Mom listening to Charlie; Weds. office, Bible study; Fri. Office

**Luke's Week:** Mon. Council Mtg; Wed. NPMC Youth; Thurs. KCC;  
Fri./Sat. ADS in Drake; Sun. Church and Youth

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

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** Mar 3 - Julie  
Mar 10 – George

**NEXT SUNDAY March 10** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben      Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Adeline                      Sound: Keri/James      Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

## CALENDAR

**Sun. Mar. 3 10:00 Luke Bushman preaching** *Third Sunday of Lent*  
11:00 Forum: MCC Climate Change film with Erika

**March 4 -8 9:00 am** MCC Blanket Making

Mon. Mar. 4 6:00 pm Executive meeting

7:30 pm Council meeting

Weds. Mar. 6 10:30-11:00 Lent Prayer Group in Coffee Room

11:30-12:30 Lent Bible Study Zoom with Dan Epp-

Thiessen Coffee Room (Zoom link/recording available for homes)

**Sun. Mar. 10 10:00 Patty Friesen preaching** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

11:00 Deacons Meeting

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

**Sun. Mar. 17 10:00 Karl Martens speaking** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Weds. Mar. 13 10:30-11:00 Lent Prayer Group in Coffee Room

11:30-12:30 Lent Bible Study Zoom with Dan Epp-

Thiessen Coffee Room (Zoom link/recording available for homes)

**Sun. Mar 24 10:00 Patty Friesen preaching** *Palm Sunday*

Thur. Mar 27 6:00-7:00 pm Maunday Thursday *Faspa & Communion*

Friday Mar 29 7:00 pm Good Friday service

**Sun. Mar. 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter Brunch – Group C-M helping

## PASTORAL NEEDS SURVEY

*Last chance for an interview.....*

Sunday - Mar 3: noon-3 pm      Shelley, Christy

The Executive Committee is asking for the congregation's input as we prepare for Pastor Patty's retirement next year. Please give some thought to the following questions and sign up for a short 15-minute interview to relay your thoughts. Below are listed the hours we will be available. A detailed interview schedule will be posted on the bulletin board this Sunday so you can reserve a time. If none of these times work for you, you can contact any member of the Executive Committee to make other arrangements or you can email your responses to us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks, Kevin Boldt, Shelley Penner, Christy Martens-Funk,  
Loretta Sawatzky

### **QUESTIONS:**

In your opinion, what are the pastoral needs of our congregation going forward?

Thinking of a pastor's job, what percentage of time should the pastor spend on each of their tasks?

Historically we have had different pastoral arrangements equaling between 1 - 1.5 Full Time Equivalent positions. In your opinion, what would a good arrangement be going forward?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**From the Treasurer:** 2023 donation receipts have been distributed by email or by mail to everyone this week. Please contact Christy with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Osler Mennonite Church!

**MCC Blanket** making in the Multi-purpose room starting at 9 am during the week of March 4 – 8.

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 15 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

### **MC Sask Update:**

**March 3: 3pm Forest church at Shekinah** explores themes of Lent in outdoor worship with guidance from Ric Driediger. All are welcome!

**SMYO @ ADS – March 8-10.** Are you in grades 10-12, and interested in getting more involved in the church, developing your leadership skills, and having an all-around pretty great time while you're at it?? Then this weekend is for you! Join us at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake for all or part of the weekend, rides provided. Registration deadline: March 1. Visit [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry), or contact [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more information.

**A resolution has been put forward by the MC Sask Camps Subcommittee.** Their report and the resolution can be found on pages 12 & 13 of the 2024 MC Sask ADS Report Book which can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596>. You are encouraged to review the report and resolution prior the Annual Delegate Sessions. It's not too late to register for the Friday afternoon session with Doug Klassen and/or the Saturday sessions at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596>! (new)

**Give it up for Lent.** Consumption. Our North American habits of over consumption are responsible for driving much of our Climate Change woes, by way of producing, transporting, disposing of waste created, and by supporting unjust employment practices around the globe. Annie Leonard explained it well, back in 2007 in this engaging video: <https://www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/> (new)

**RJC Songs & Sweets | 7:00pm, Sunday, March 10, 2024** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at Songs & Sweets: A fundraising concert and cake auction at RJC High School. Featuring performances by RJC Singers & Bass Choir, RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, with special guests Elixir Ensemble: chamber music for piano & strings. The evening will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery. YOU are invited to sing in the alumni & friends choir. One rehearsal will take place at RJC the afternoon before the event on March 10. Email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like to participate in the choir. Rush table seating, no tickets required. More information available at [rjc.sk.ca/sweets](http://rjc.sk.ca/sweets)

**Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Shekinah Retreat Centre** and Carmen Corner Meats are "*Puttin on the Ribz '24*". For more information and to purchase tickets see [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or call (306) 945-4929. (new)

**The Shekinah board is pleased to announce that Sharon Murugiah** will be starting as permanent full time Executive Director on March 4. Sharon worked for many years in Sri Lanka with World Vision's child sponsorship program .He has an MBA, a Project Management certificate and a diploma in IT networking. His skills will be well used at Shekinah. We are grateful for this answer to prayer. Please join the board in welcoming and supporting Sharon to this important role in our church community.

**Join Mennonite Church Canada Climate Action and Indigenous Relations** for a joint nationwide, online book study – Thursdays, March 7-April 11, 7 p.m. CDT (8 ET / 6 MT / 5 PST). More info and registration (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/31851>).

“This book study will reveal how climate activism is inseparable from Indigenous justice, and will deepen your commitment to solidarity with Indigenous peoples.” (new)

**CMU Discover Day** – Full- or half-day options available on March 8. Tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid, ask questions, and have treats on us! Visit [cmu.ca/discover-days](http://cmu.ca/discover-days).

**Midwinter Together:** An Evening of Food, Music, and Books for CMU-era alumni (2000-present) on Friday, March 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Support student bursaries and reconnect with friends old and new. CMU faculty are hosting a banquet down the first floor of the castle building, followed by visiting in the Blaurock Café with music from CMU alumni Jesse Krause, Thomas Krause, and friends. Space is limited. For information and tickets visit [cmu.ca/midwinter-together](http://cmu.ca/midwinter-together).

Retired pastor **Vern Retzlaff** passed away on February 16 at the age of 86. Vern was a lifelong teacher and pastor and served as pastor at Nutana Park Mennonite (1975 - 2005) and Aberdeen Mennonite (2006 - 2018). Memorial details will be available in the coming weeks. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family. (new)

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from CMU alumni Jesse Krause, Thomas Krause, and friends. Space is limited. For information and to purchase tickets visit [cmu.ca/midwinter-together](https://cmu.ca/midwinter-together).

### **Mennonite Church Canada**

MC Canada is hiring a half-time Administrative Assistant for leadership and Executive offices. More information on this position (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved/employment.t>).

**MC Canada Year-in-review** ministry video reports are available for viewing here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUK6wT1q9mh6Czf3GEXaiX7IxltVr60ya>

### **International Witness**

**Ukraine.** Church and Christian leaders of Canada call for peace as war in Ukraine enters its third year. Please join the Canadian Council of Churches in united prayer and action for peace in Ukraine. (new)

### **Climate Action**

MC Canada Climate Action invites you to join with other faith communities across Canada for the Give it up for the Earth campaign organized by Citizens for Public Justice <https://cpj.ca/fortheearth/> (new)

**Bethany Manor** is looking to hire an Accounting Clerk to cover a temporary maternity leave (full time). Please see SaskJobs website for a full description and details of the position.

**Mid-Winter Winds & Pipes Concert** at Grace Westminster – Sunday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm with *The Warman Concert Showband*.

*For more details see the Poster on the bulletin board.*

**Forever in Motion** - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday 10:00 am at the Community Hall

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