



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 3, 2026

Peace with Others

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

All: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love;...

One: it seeks, serves, and reveres God in its inmost soul;

Many: it clothes the naked;

One: it feeds the hungry;

Many: it comforts the sorrowful;

One: it shelters the destitute;

Many: it aids and consoles the sad;

One: it does good to those who do it harm;

Many: it serves those who harm it;

One: it prays for those who persecute it;

Many: it teaches, admonishes, and judges us with the Word of God;

One: it seeks those who are lost;

Many: it binds up what is wounded;

One: it heals the sick;

Many: it saves what is strong;

One: it becomes all things to all people.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #11 Mountain of God

VT #719 Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

First Reading: Romans 12:9-18

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope,

stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church (VT# 901)

Prayers –for Doug and Eva in hospital

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

Hymn: VT #456 Oceans

Second Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

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 #47 God of Our Strength

Sermon: Peace with Others: Loving our Enemies

Hymn: VT #453 As I Went Down to the River to Pray

Benediction:

From the Book of Joy: “The Archbishop [Desmond Tutu] often liked to quote one of his heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who in turn was quoting one of his heroes, an abolitionist minister named Theodore Parker, who said: ‘The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.’” (pp. 117-118). As we go from this place may we strive for justice in our world. May we seek to not meet violence and hate with the same. May we seek to follow after Jesus in the way of peace.

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

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

TODAY May 3 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Guitars

Story: Kathy Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin Offering Counter Team: Jim/Rachel

Coffee/Snack: Susan

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:

Friday Coffee Time with the staff @ 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 8 – Sarah Buhler

YOUTH CALENDAR

May 2nd OMC Variety Night Followed by Karaoke

May 8th OMC Bake Off

May 16th-18th Retreat at Christopher Lake

Community Connections is asking for 5-6 volunteers to serve as ushers to help with greeting, seating and the merchandise table before and after the TOTB show at Wildwood Mennonite Church on May 21st at 7:30 pm. Please speak to any Community Connections committee members if you would be able to help out in this way..

"A small group working through the book *'The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today'* by Meghan Good will be meeting over the next couple months on every other Thursday at the church. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Brad." ***Next meeting will be May 14th at 7:00 pm.***

May 9, 6:00 P.M. Potluck Supper, followed by an evening of celebration, reminiscing, singing, and sharing time with Hilda Franz, wife of Walter, who was pastor here from 1964-69. It's an opportunity to meet with other youth from that era, that have moved away but will be attending.

Sunday May 10 at 3:00-Saskatoon Chamber Singers at Knox United Church. Tickets through Michelle or at:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/saskatoon-chamber-singers/events/may-2026/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: May 3: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Josh Wallace offers his perspective on the theme "The word in the world." All are welcome! Rubber boots might come in handy...

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mennonite Nursing Home Auxiliary is hosting its annual May Day Tea Fundraiser. There will be a cake walk; door prizes and a light lunch. All proceeds will go towards a *Hotpress Labeler* for Sunrise Place and help with the cost of new cabinets for our Activity Department. If anyone is interested in bringing a cake for the cake walk, they can contact Alana at 306-232-4861.

MCC Connects: For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated to the online auction, which runs from June 6-13. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, gardening equipment, and more. For more information and to fill out the online form to donate, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?

This week Len is traveling with Brent Guenther (MC Sask moderator) and Charlene Krahn (MC Sask rep) to Calgary for a meeting of the Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council. The Joint Council meets four times per year – twice in person and twice online. Please pray for these meetings as important topics are being discussed and decisions made. (New)

Shekinah is looking for a few volunteers to help with a work bee on Monday, May 4th, at 1:00 PM. We will need about 7–10 strong individuals to assist us.

Shekinah recently experienced a flooding situation near the chalet due to an ice jam downstream, which caused the river levels to rise. Large water barriers around the chalet were set up to prevent flooding. We are very thankful that the water did not enter the chalet, although the cabins were affected. With the water levels now going down and the weather improving, we need help rolling up the water barriers and moving them back to the pole shed. This will help us prepare the chalet to welcome school groups this spring. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact: Sharon Murugiah - Executive Director at 639-480-3394. (New)

Are you involved in congregational leadership? Attend affordable, online focused webinars, designed to resource church leaders and their congregations. Upcoming workshops:

When Bullying Happens in Church: Thursday, May 7, 7–9 p.m.

More information: uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/congregational-leadership-webinars

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details.

Theatre of the Beat is back with their new show *Invisible Threads* on Thurs, May 21, 7:30pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church (1502 Acadia Drive). This investigative drama follows a well-intentioned retail employee who discovers a factory worker's handwritten note inside the new pair of jeans he's folding. As he begins to pull at the threads, he's entwined in a sprawling overseas network that leads right back home. Tickets are available at the door, pay-what-you-can (suggested \$20). (New)

Before Invisible Threads: Theatre of the Beat is hosting a FREE pre-show event called: "Clothing Swap, DIY Mending & UpCycling." Bring some clothing for swapping, or mending, and make your own custom "TOTB Merch" by adding embroidery, patches, or hand-carved linocut prints. This event is Bring Your Own Clothes - and Theatre of the Beat will provide the rest. (New)

RJC Spring Concert | Tuesday May 26, 7:00pm Join us as we celebrate the spring season with the RJC Spring Concert! Featuring performances by RJC's Concert Choir, Singers, Concert Band and Dance Class, and showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. Admission is by donation. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 30 Join us at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf, fun, and connecting with friends at RJC's annual Golf Classic. The day begins at 11:30am with registration and pre-game activities, followed by a 1:00pm shotgun start. Cost is \$175 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner. Guests are also welcome to join for dinner after golf for \$25 per person by RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for sessional instructor positions in Business, Music, and Conflict Resolution Studies. Other opportunities include a renewable contract position for a Women's Basketball Head Coach. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Climate science is clear: the principal cause of global heating is the emissions from burning oil, gas and coal (and from the leaks of carbon dioxide and methane from those industries). The scientific and legal limit of warming is 1.5C, but current fossil fuel expansion plans would take the world past 3 degrees of warming, with potentially catastrophic consequences. Therefore we can only mitigate the climate crisis by transitioning away from using those fuels – replacing (not supplementing) them with renewables.

This is a massive challenge, but numerous faith communities worldwide are responding to it by joining the growing international call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. This would commit nations worldwide to:

- (i) stop all new fossil fuel production – mines, wells, pipelines, refineries, etc.
 - (ii) produce a plan to phase out fossil fuel production, while implementing the necessary fairness measures to ensure that workers in the industry and their communities are not left behind
 - (iii) again, on a principle of fairness, agree a plan where nations with the capacity and historical responsibility for emissions transition fastest.
- A sign-on letter for faith communities may be found at:
<https://www.fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

Mennonite Church Canada is seeking a full time General Administrative Assistant to provide a presence at the reception desk for Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church Manitoba offices. To learn more about this opportunity, view the full job description here: (<https://tinyurl.com/msdfn773>) (New)

Liam Kachkar is a city planner, member of First Mennonite in Edmonton, and the new North America representative for Mennonite World Conference's (MWC) Young Anabaptist Committee (YAB). Read more about the Young Anabaptists and their time at MWC's Renewal conference in the Philippines here:<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/46107-who-are-the-young-anabaptists> (New)

Climate Action

God does have hands besides ours: paws and beaks, roots and branches to bring about God's purposes. It is not all up to us, though we have our part." To read more about the Gospel of All Creatures, check out Doug Kaufman's Anabaptist Climate Collaborative article (<https://www.anabaptistclimate.org/>) - God does have hands besides ours | Anabaptist World <https://anabaptistworld.org/god-does-have-hands-besides-ours/> (New)

Indigenous Relations

On May 5, Communities across Canada will gather for vigils and walks to raise awareness and care for the families of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. As congregations of MC Canada, we can bring prayers for our hurting neighbors in this season. Here is a prayer to use from a Candlelight Vigil for MMIW – written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy (Oglala Lakota).
https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/MMIW_Vigil.pdf

‘Our hearts are heavy as we come to you, God, seeking your mercy and grace for Indigenous women and girls who have been taken from us too soon. Provide the families and communities with comfort and peace. We pray for guidance and strength as we fight for justice on their behalf. We will not forget those who have lost their lives or the love that remains in their wake. Today, we honor their memory in prayer, grateful for the hope you provide in times of heartache and injustice. Hear us as we offer our prayers and plea for justice. AMEN’

The Coalition to Dismantle the DoFD facilitates a working group for Activists Living with Disabilities, lifting up the unique gifts people can offer the movement for repair and seeking justice alongside Indigenous relatives. Together, the group explores these gifts and how we can effect change towards disability justice and increased accessibility within the movement. Anyone living with any kind of disability or chronic illness is encouraged to join our monthly drop-in calls. We meet monthly on the second Wednesdays. You can register here to receive the Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/4cXIAOW> (New)

CALENDAR

Sat. May 2 – 7:30 pm OMC Variety Night

Sun. May 3 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Mon. May 7 - 6:00 pm Education mtg

Sun. May 10 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. May 17 – 10:00 am Lois Siemens preaching

Sun. May 24 - 10:00 am Heather Peters speaking

Sun. May 31 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – May 10 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Kaytee Sound: James

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin Offering Counter Team: Jim/Doug???

Coffee/Snack:

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis