



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 3, 2024

Transcending Boundaries

“A conversation about faith between friends”

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any human, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

L: Happy are they who have God for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

C: The Redeemer sets the prisoners free; opens the eyes of the blind; and lifts up those who are bowed down; loves the stranger; sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

All: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us
VT #390 In Christ There Is No East or West**

First Reading: Deut.6:1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and

your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all decrees and commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Christians in China

Thanksgiving – Leonard Boldt's 90th birthday on Nov 9

-Pete & Tina Sawatzky's 70th wedding anniversary on Oct 23

Please sign cards on the back table.

-OMC Youth presenting their Green Fund at MCC Peace Conference on Climate Action

Candle Prayers for our inner desires and peace of the world

Hymn: VT #392 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and

ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 #420 God of the Bible

Transcending boundaries - a conversation about faith between friends by Jeanette Hanson and Pastor Yin Hongtao

Hymn: VT #409 For We Are Strangers No More

Benediction: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, remain with you this week and always. Amen.

Pastor Yin Hongtao returned to China in 2005 after graduation from AMBS and has since been working with North American Mennonites to connect them to the church in China. He pastors a local church part time and connects with church leaders and educators. He has also been working in informal education from an Anabaptist perspective and leadership development in the church.

After living and working in China for more than 20 years, **Jeanette Hanson**, along with her husband Todd and daughters, relocated to Rosthern. Jeanette became the director of Mennonite Church Canada International Witness in 2019 and coordinates global relationships with the nationwide church.

7th shared conviction of Global Anabaptists: As a world-wide community of faith and life we transcend boundaries of nationality, race, class, gender and language. We seek to live in the world without conforming to the powers of evil, witnessing to God's grace by serving others, caring for creation, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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

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

TODAY Nov 3

Speaker: Jeanette Hanson Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Loretta, Lynette, Benjamin Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Jake Sound: Matthew Ushers: Lloyd/Harold
Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Stephanie Siemens
Sunday School: Kathryn; Bree

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

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Tues. Advent prep: Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week:

Birthday: 5 – Kaytee Edwards- Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Nov 3 – Olivia/Carl
Nov 10 – Lynette/George

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good News – We have been awarded a \$3000 grant *from the Mennonite Church Canada's Sustainability Project* toward the installation of an on-demand water heater.

Nov 3: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Ric Driediger walks us through a reflection on "The First Word" in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

MCC Blanket Making Project – Blankets on display have been donated and will sell on Silent Auction with monies raised used to purchase supplies to make MCC blankets.

Sunday, January 12, 2025, Baptism and new members There will be 4 joining OMC - others welcome too. Please talk to Luke or Patty.

Do you feel lost trying to navigate changes in your life? **Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey**, is an online course from the Center for Action and Contemplation, based on Richard Rohr's content on the concept of

Falling Upward. It offers wisdom for transformation and self-discovery. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning October 23rd, at 7:00 pm, for this 15-week course and discover what it feels like when the soul finds its fullness. *Talk to Dave, Harold, or John G for further details.*

Planning is beginning for the December 1 celebration, A Very Shekinah Christmas. 38 dozen cookies and squares are needed to feed the festivities! Please consider signing up to bring a few dozen goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Arrangements can be made to deliver baking to Shekinah. Contact Julie with questions.

Employment opportunities: Canadian Mennonite is hiring a publisher and social media curator. Applications due Nov. 15. See canadianmennonite.org/employment.

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

MCC Connects: With Remembrance Day approaching, and as we walk alongside many people who are caught in conflict, we yearn for an end to violence worldwide and a just peace for all. We invite you to pray with us as we are challenged to in Isaiah 2: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that we may be taught God's ways, and walk in God's path."

MC Sask News:

RJC Kielke Supper Fundraiser at Bethany Manor | November 14 You're invited to join us for a kielke and sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff, with musical performances by the RJC Singers at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon) on Thursday, November 14. First dinner seating at 4:30pm for Bethany Manor Residents & Guests. Second dinner seating at 6:30pm for RJC families & friends. Admission by donation. Receipts will be issued for any donation over \$15/meal. RSVP to the RJC office by phone (306) 232-4222 or by email to development@rjc.sk.ca. (new)

The Mennonite Historical Society is hosting a 6-week CMU Xplore course via Zoom: "The Great Soviet Experiment: A Postmortem." The one-hour class will be held in the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor


every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., beginning October 10 and ending November 14. Instructor is Leonard G. Friesen. We invite you to join the class; no pre-registration is needed.

Save the date! Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m.: A Very Shekinah Christmas with Music by Golden Hour. Details coming soon!

CMU Discover Weekend – Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to learn more about CMU? Come to our Discover Weekend on November 28-30. You'll experience all the excitement of a Discover Day, plus two nights in residence and an off-campus excursion to get to know Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Sessional Instructor position in Conflict Resolution Studies. Other opportunities include a part-time Student Services Assistant with Menno Simons College, a part-time Kitchen Assistant, and a full-time Custodian position. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information. (new)

InCERT from MC Sask's CERT: Climate change good news shared by ClimateHero (<https://www.climatehero.org/en>): In Germany, some apartment dwellers are installing solar panels on their balconies. Eliminating red tape has boosted the practice. Read more here: <https://theprogressplaybook.com/2024/07/22/germanys-balcony-solar-boom-accelerates-as-re> (new)

The Youth Farm Bible camp is asking for donations of used Christmas decorations, artificial trees , blacksmith items, antique bowls, vases, table wear, fabric materials, feed bags etc to help create a Bethlehem scene at our annual corn maze Christmas event in December. (new)

Mennonite Church Canada

Mennonite Church Canada leaders approved a new clergy conduct policy at Joint Council meetings on October 4-6. Entitled Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada (GMLC), the new policy replaces the Ministerial Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure (MSMPP), including its Addendum. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44985>

This fall, Mennonite World Conference shared a word of encouragement from the MWC Faith & Life Commission and the Creation Care Task Force. Check out these two articles that “remind

us that we already share a basis for us to respond as a family of faith to the environmental crisis.”

* God so loved the cosmos... [<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/god-so-loved-cosmos>]

* Faithfulness in action [<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/faithfulness-action>]

International Witness

One Year Later” - Mennonite Church Canada Palestine Israel Network highly recommends the James Graff Memorial Lecture 2024 on Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. EST, organized by the Canadian Friends of Sabeel. Event is in-person (Toronto) or online. Pre-registration is required: <https://www.friendsofsabeel.ca/updates/james-graff-memorial-lecture-2024>

Celebrate with PeaceBuilders Community (PBCI), Witness workers, and the Indigenous communities surrounding the Malipayon Peace Hub. Pray for the official opening of the peace and reconciliation training and coffee processing centre on November 16th. Leamington United Mennonite Church and MC Canada Witness are sending representatives, Matt Tiessen and Norm Dyck, to join the celebration. Watch for photos and videos on Facebook and Instagram! Thank you to all the generous donors in MC Canada for making this happen!

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 10

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke/Becca Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Kevin Boldt

No Children's Sunday School

"OMC Youth Fundraising: Our OMC group trying to get to the MC Canada Nationwide Youth Gathering scheduled for July 2-5, 2025 at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, ON. There will be two opportunities to help raise funds at the end of November.

1) The Osler Christmas Market. We have purchased a table at the Osler Christmas Market, taking place November 30th, from 10-2:30. If you have crafts, baking, or other goods we can sell at our booth we would appreciate contributions.

2) Gingerbread Auction. On December 1st, during our church potluck the youth group will be auctioning off hand crafted, artisanal gingerbread houses."

Youth News

October

Saturday 26th Last of the Fall Air, Hot Drinks (5-7pm)

Sunday 27th Youth Sunday School, Planning for Peace Conference (after church)

November

Friday 1st Mega Menno 7-9 (at MRMC or MCC Building)

Saturday 2nd Peace Conference 9-1 (at MRMC)

Friday 8th Cozy Movie Night 7-9

Friday 15th Youth's Choice 7-9

Saturday 23rd Gingerbread Houses Pt. 2

Saturday 30th Christmas Market (10-2:30) and Handing Out Hot Chocolate (7-9:30)

December

Sunday 1st Potluck and Gingerbread House Auction 12:00-1:00

Saturday 7th Mega Menno Christmas at OMC 7-9

Tuesday/Wednesday 10th or 11th Bethany Manor Serving

Saturday 14th OMC Youth Christmas Party 7-9

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 3 – 10:00 am Jeanette Hanson & Pastor Yin Hongtao

MC Canada International Witness

11:30ish - Osler cafe *for more* with Jeanette & Pastor Yin

Wed. Nov 6 – 7:00 pm Fallin upward – via zoom

Sun. Nov 10 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman

11:30ish – Warman DQ lunch with coupons

– check with Patty re: coupons

Sun. Nov 17 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Mon. Nov 18 – 6:00 pm Exec mtg

-7:30 pm Council mtg

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