



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 5, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance

Opening Song: VT #329 Were You There

To open the service, congregants who wish may join the Choir singing as they enter the sanctuary in the dark.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: The darkness is banished.

All: The Brightness of God's love floods in on us.

L: Yet mysteries remain.

All: Our work continues.

L: Christ is risen?

All: Christ is risen indeed.

L: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Gathering Song: VT #333 Low in the Grave He Lay

Prayer of Invocation

Choir Song – This Glorious Easter Day!

First Reading: John 20:1-10

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.” Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and

saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

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

Announcements/Offering Prayer

Music for Meditation – Choir - Alleluia Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church Prayers –

-Continued prayers for peace in Middle East, Ukraine, and too many other locations around our world.

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

Hymn: VT #494 Gravity of Love
VT 332 In Christ Alone (verse 2 &3)

Second Reading: John 20:11-18

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

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 #346 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Sermon: "Celebrating in the Dissonance"

Hymn: VT #458 The Water Is Ready

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY APRIL 5 *Easter Sunday*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Chris Buhler

Song Leader: Kathryn (Choir) Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kaytee Sound: James

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Susan/Shelley

Coffee/Snack: Brunch Potluck

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: Tues. Youth volunteering at Village Green; Wed. OMC office; Thurs. NPMC work; Fri. OMC office; Sat. OMC Youth

Friday 10:00 am Coffee Time with the staff

Birthday this Week: 5 – Anna Neufeld

The 2026 OMC Directory is ready. Printed copies are available on a table in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: As we celebrate the hope of the resurrection, MCC Saskatchewan wishes you and your congregation a blessed Easter. Christ is risen, indeed!

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer

God of life and resurrection.

We recognize the pain and agony of Good Friday
and we wait with the disciples through Saturday.

Easter Sunday brings the promise of new life
through Jesus' resurrection.

In the act of raising your Son

You show us your steadfast love.

We long to experience that love,
we long to see Jesus, alive and risen!

Your steadfast love endures forever.

May we abide in Your love,
and live as Easter people.

Amen.

Where's Len this week?

On Good Friday, Len will be attending the joint service held at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. First Mennonite, Wildwood, and Langham Mennonite Fellowship will be joining. Earlier in the week Len was at the Micah Mission Evening of Appreciation where they celebrated the volunteers and community partners who make the transformative work possible. It was also a time to celebrate the incredible contributions of their Executive Director, Adriana Appleton, and Reintegration Support Worker, Aysha Aziz as they complete their time with Micah Mission. (MC Sask) (New)

" there was some exciting news from **Mennonite World Conference** this past week. The **Tanzanian Mennonites have invited the world to Arusha in June 2028** for the 18th MWC global assembly. Please ensure that your congregations are aware of this and start planning to attend! This is a very exciting and hopeful development for the global Anabaptist church. Here is the MWC news about it: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/tanzanian-mennonites-invite-arusha/>"

Shekinah Summer Jobs: 1) Kitchen Coordinator 2) Camp Medical Professional. Both positions begin June 29th and end August 28th with one week off. Application forms are available at:
Medical Professional: <https://bit.ly/40vdh8u>
Camp Kitchen Coordinator: <https://bit.ly/4rpaMQ8>

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

April 24, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm | RJC Spend-A-Day Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! You'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend a day with us and see what we have to offer! Visit rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day to register.

April 25 5:30 doors open | Puttin' on the Ribz 2026 at the Shekinah Retreat Centre Timber Lodge Shekinah Annual Fundraiser in partnership with Carmen Corner Meats. Join us for an evening of gourmet ribs dinner, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$550 for a table of eight. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Reach out to us at 306-945-4929 or office@shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information. Click the link below or visit the website to purchase tickets. <https://bit.ly/4sEWb4C> (updated)

Theatre of the Beat is coming back to Saskatchewan this May. If your congregation is interested in hosting a performance or workshop in your community, please contact the MC Sask office or Theatre of the Beat directly. Their current production is *Invisible Threads* which explores the realities of human trafficking, enforced labour, and unfair working conditions - issues that may feel far away, but exist here in Canada as well as globally. The story begins when a clothing store employee discovers a note sewn into a pair of imported jeans, sparking a chain of revelations about wage theft, unsafe workplaces, and the hidden systems that enable exploitation. (New)

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the positions of Human Resources Generalist (full-time, one-year term contract), Custodian, Campus Receptionist, and more. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

April 16 | “The average age in our congregation is 67. We have tried a few things to attract new people. We have much to offer but are concerned about our future.” If your congregation is feeling stuck, stretched, or simply ready for a fresh vision, join us on Thursday, April 16th, on Zoom for a practical conversation with MCBC’s Executive Minister Shelby Boese that will offer encouragement, real-life stories, and space to connect with other leaders who share your heart for the church. Come ready to listen, share, and imagine together what renewal could look like in your congregation.

Register: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/cell/register/default/id/45941>

Join siblings in faith in Cuba in prayer as they live into increasingly desperate conditions. Hear directly from BIC Cuba president Luis Hernandez from a video prepared for the Mennonite World Conference Online Prayer Hour. Listen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oMn42lSlKs> (New)

As we commemorate Jesus’ path to the cross, and celebrate the mystery of resurrection, hear these words of lament and hope from Jack Sara, president of Bethlehem Bible College, as he asks for our prayers for peace as well as to stand in solidarity with our family of faith in Israel/Palestine.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1299137688802583> (New)

Water is life! Pray for Water Protectors everywhere. A planned geological repository for nuclear waste storage in Ontario lies on the watersheds of the Rainy River and the Wabigoon River, which both flow to Lake Winnipeg. Free Grassy/Grassy Narrows Solidarity is leading the movement to protect the water, which means protecting all of us! The risk of nuclear waste storage might be out of sight but the dangers are extreme and irreversible. Take Action by signing up for their newsletter and show up when and where we are invited. <http://freegrassy.net/> (New)

Serve with MDS in Denare Beach, Sask. as we plan to build four new homes for survivors affected by the devastating 2025 Wolf wildfire. This project will run from May-September 2026. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Weekly Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Stoesz, at 1-866-261-1274 or mstoesz@mds.org. Find more info about this response at <https://mds.org/response/denare-beach-sk/>.

Join the Mennonite Disaster Service Saskatchewan Unit for an evening of dessert, stories, and music on Monday, April 20, 7pm, at West Portal Church (3134 33rd St. W. Saskatoon). Meet MDS staff Reynold Friesen (Executive Director) and Moses Falco (Operations Manager), and enjoy the music ministry of "BJ and Friends." All are welcome. Contact the MDS office (1-866-261-1274; mdscanada@mds.org) if you have any questions.

Great Plains College is pleased to announce the expansion of its healthcare training options in Warman with the launch of a **new full-time Continuing Care Assistant (CCA) program** beginning January 2027.

CCA students will gain hands-on training through a blend of classroom instruction, labs, and clinical placements in rural long-term care facilities throughout the region. Graduates will be prepared to provide compassionate care to the elderly, as well as clients of all ages, in a variety of care settings.

Students who apply to a full-time CCA program by **October 31** will automatically be considered for an **Entrance Scholarship of \$500-\$3,000**.

The part-time CCA program will also continue to be offered, providing flexible pathways to complete their certificate based on their schedule and goals. Part-time courses run August-June.

To learn more about the program options, admission requirements, or transportation options, please reach out to Ryan Spence, Student Adviser, at ryans@greatplainscollege.ca, phone 306-657-1851 or visit greatplainscollege.ca/cca.

Youth Calendar

April 3rd No Youth... But Lots of Church!

April 7th Volunteer Opportunity

April 11th Board Games/Movie Night (something chill and low-key)

April 17th Games and Green Project Planning

April 25th Mega Menno in Drake - Menno Run

CALENDAR

Thurs. Apr 2 – 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday service – soup & buns

Fri. Apr 3 – 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sun. Apr 5 – 9:00 am Choir practice for Easter Sunday

Sun. Apr 5 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter potluck brunch

Sun. Apr 12 – 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking

Mon. Apr 13 – 7:00 pm Council mtg

Sun. Apr 19 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Sun. Apr 26 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 12

Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Sarah Buhler Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Susan/Dave

Coffee/Snack:

The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

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