



# 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*

*June 5, 2022*

## *Telling God's Story about the Holy Spirit*

**Gathering Hymn: VT #9 “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”**

**Welcome and Call to Worship:** *from Acts 2:1-4*

L: When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers gathered in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues and the flames separated and came to rest on each of them.

**P: All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before, as the Spirit gave them the ability.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Children's Gathering Song: VT#514 “I Saw a Tree by the Riverside”**

**Children's Time:** Jake Buhler

## **Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

### **Praying for the Work of the Church Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

- Rita's family coming soon
- Camps struggling to find staff
- Pastor Nora's preparing for MWC in Indonesia

**Hymn: VT #57 “Holy Spirit, Come with Power”**

**Gospel Reading:** *John 14:15-17, 25-27*

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the

world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.

This much have I said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world's peace. Don't let your hearts be distressed; don't be fearful.

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 8:14-17

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. For the Spirit that God has given you does not enslave you and trap you in fear; instead, through the Spirit God has adopted you as children, and by that Spirit we cry out, "Abba!" God's Spirit joins with our spirit to declare that we are God's children. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing in Christ's suffering and sharing in Christ's glory.

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 #636 "Spirit, Open My Heart"**

**Pentecost Reflection: "They let me eat the communion"**

**Pentecost Communion**

L: As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit baptized the body of Christ. God now gathers us at this table as the body of Christ to hear the voice of heaven, spoken over the waters of baptism, saying, "You are my beloved."

**P: Water, bread, and wine, the gifts of the earth, the gifts of the church, reveal that we belong with God and one another.**

L: Come with your hunger. Come with your thirst.

**All: This is Christ's table. This is our feast. Come, Holy Spirit!**

L: O God, Ancient of Days, your love brought galaxies into being, summoned water and sky, earth and all creatures and made us in your image. Through the ages you have cared for all you created. When we wandered, you called us to return to you.

In the fullness of time, you sent us the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to teach the law of love. He lived what he taught and loved his enemies to the end. In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived, laid down, and took up again for us. Send your Spirit upon us so that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us so that we can live, conformed to Christ, who taught us to pray...

***All: Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

L: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "When you share bread together, remember me."

***All: Blessed are you, abundant God, for you made bread to strengthen us; you gave us this bread as a sign of your body. Let our sharing be a taste of the bread of heaven that feeds the world. Amen.***

L: The gifts of God for the people of God.

***All: Thanks be to God. (Eat together)***

L: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant. When you drink it together, remember me."

***All: Blessed are you, bountiful God, for you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us; you gave us this cup as a sign of your life. Let our sharing be a taste of the wine we shall drink in your joyful feast. Amen.***

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. All Thanks be to God.  
*(Drink together)*

***All: Blessed are you, Eternal God; through this holy meal you have joined us to yourself and to one another. Blessed are you, Incarnate God; you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Blessed are you, Breath of God; as we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen.***

**Hymn: VT #462 "We Place upon Your Table"**

**Benediction:** Blessed One, we pray for the continued outpouring of your Spirit upon the church so that the fires of Pentecost may anoint us to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world. Help us to release the anointing of the Holy Spirit which dwells within us. Let us pour your blessing into the lives of others. Amen.

**Now we will ask God to bless our newly planted trees.** If you are able, please bring your 'tree blessing' liturgy and follow Nora out to the churchyard for our Congregational Blessing.

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

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**June 5 Pentecost Communion**

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leaders: Loretta, Michelle

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Jake Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold & Lloyd

Children's Sunday School: Diane M & Julie B

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

**Patty's Week:** June 6-14 Kansas for in-laws 60th; June 15 & 17 office

**Nora's Week:** Holidays June 6-9th; Working Friday & Sunday

**Birthdays this week:** 6- Joe Guenther; 7- Pete Sawatzky (90); 8- Ben Buhler; 8- George Janzen; 8- Russ Friesen

**Church Yard Maintenance:** The Grismers and Bruce Boldt

### **NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Speaker: Bert Lobe Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Michelle, Lynette Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Anne & Bill

Children's Sunday School: Diane M & Julie B

### **Announcements**

\*Tony & Jacqueline Funk's **new address:**

325-120 LaRonge Road Home 306 225 4550

Saskatoon Sk. T. Cell 306 221 8720

S7K 7Z9 J. Cell 306 221 3701

\* **Pastor Nora is going to MWC in Indonesia!** Unfortunately, the original MCSask Youth Delegate had to drop out of their spot at the conference, so Josh Wallace reached out to Nora in hopes of getting a replacement for Saskatchewan Youth (18yr-35yr) representation and presence at the conference. OMC Exec and Council speedily confirmed approval of this request and less than a week later Nora is registered for the event! The total Youth Conference and General Conference take place June 30 - July 10th, and the General conference can be attended online, so check out <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d->

[4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/summary](https://www.4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/summary) if you are interested in attending some of the event for yourself!

**\*Relief Sale Drive Thru - by donation only!** Saturday June 11, 2022 - 11 a.m to 3 p.m. at Forest Grove Community Church (502 Webster Street). Sausage and vareniki, or watermelon and rollkuchen will be served. Join us in our outdoor tent for good food and conversation after you've picked up your meal!

**Online Auction** commences May 29 and ends June 11 at 10 p.m. Items on display at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon. Check out items and bid at <https://www.32auctions.com/mccskreliefsale22>

**Evening Salebration & Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser Saturday June 11– 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of learning about and celebrating the work of MCC both internationally as well locally. Musical entertainment provided by Cat Jahnke. The livestream will be viewable at [mccskreliefsale.com](https://www.mccskreliefsale.com). Dial in your donations during our live program in support of the Agroforestry project in Haiti (<https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/projects.html>)

**\*Further to the above notice** – please considering coming to help make the gravy this event. Thursday @ 1:00 pm in the church kitchen. We will need a few electric fry pans, some heavier pots and ice cream pails – at least 15!!

\*Harry welcomes visitors or mail to #6115, RUH, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0W8

**Youth Hymnals & Grad Bibles:** Our Graduation Hymnals and Upcoming Youth Bibles are in the Lobby! Please Take a moment to add your name, maybe noting your favorite hymn or a couple words of blessing for these individuals. If you are not coming to church in person feel free to email Pastor Nora with your messages and she will add them. The books will be available for signing until June 13th.

Graduate: Benjamin Penner

Upcoming Youth: Bree Schellenberg & Emmett Bergen-Braun

**Family Fun Day Fundraiser at Shekinah Retreat Centre.** June 12, 2-5PM. Check out our zipline and climbing wall, in addition to playing games and doing some camp crafts. Finish off the day with a wiener roast and ice cream. Admission is by donation to help fund our summer camp program.

**\*Pride Parade:** All are invited to join in the 'Proud Mennonites' group in Saskatoon's Pride Parade Saturday June 18th. If you are interested in walking in the parade with our group then we will be lining up between 11am-12:30pm for the Parade which begins at 1pm. Line up location to be announced. If interested, contact Pastor Nora.

**\*June 22 11:30 – 3:30 pm New Interpretive Site at Stoney Knoll!**  
You are invited to the ribbon cutting & celebration of the unveiling of a display of storyboards in a beautiful gathering site, which describes the on-going reconciliation efforts between local settlers and the Stoney Knoll Nation / Young Chippewyan band. Come for a time of visiting, learning and celebrating all the things we have in common. Free BBQ lunch. Schedule and details available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11072>

**RJC Red Carpet Open House June 23** - Prospective students and youth are invited to attend a fun-filled event at the premier performance of "Anastasia: The Musical". MC Sask youth are invited to games at **4:30 pm** on the RJC campus, followed by supper in the RJC dining hall at **5:30 pm**, campus tour at **6:00 pm**, and the musical performance at **7:00 pm**. Youth can register with their youth sponsors/pastors or contact Alex Tiessen at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca).

**Anastasia: The Musical | June 23-25** - Tickets for RJC's annual musical are available May 22 and should be purchased online this year. Visit [rjc.sk.ca/event/musical/](http://rjc.sk.ca/event/musical/) to buy tickets.

**Alumni & Friends BBQ | June 25** - Alumni and friends are invited for a BBQ supper in the RJC dining hall prior to the RJC musical on June 25 at 5:30pm. \$10 per person for the meal. RSVP to [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**Graduation Exercises | June 26** - Baccalaureate service at Rosthern Mennonite Church at 10:30 am followed by the Graduation Ceremony at the RJC Auditorium at 2:30 pm. All are welcome to attend in-person. A live-stream option will be made available.

**\*Shekinah is looking for summer camp counsellors!** If you love kids and the outdoors, we would love to talk to you. We are offering 8 weeks of paid work in July and August. The work is hard, frustrating, and

exhausting, but it is also fun, uplifting, exciting and rewarding. Please contact Reno if interested: [reno@shekinah.ca](mailto:reno@shekinah.ca).

**Want to work at a Camp?** Camp Elim is hiring. Apply at [campelim.ca](http://campelim.ca); phone 306-627-3339 or email: [elimdirector@saktel.net](mailto:elimdirector@saktel.net)

**Need help to go to camp?** The OMC Education Committee has funds available for anyone who needs financial assistance to go to camp this summer. Please see any member of the committee (Diana Buhler, Naomi Schellenberg, Steve Guenther, Christy Martens-Funk) for more details.

**\*From Re-opening Committee:** The pandemic appears to be taking a course which, if it continues on this course, will end up requiring some type of continuous vaccination to keep people from the worst outcomes of the disease. Currently, we are encouraging mask wearing but definitely leaving it up to the individual, we also have left the overflow open as a place to sit physically distanced from the main group of congregants and have started the coffee time in the gym. If the pandemic proceeds as it is we are thinking of starting regular food services in the fall. As a committee, we would like to hear your comments and ideas for how we should proceed. If you have any ideas we could consider about this, please send it to Doug, Louise, Patty, Karl, Bill or Kathy in the office to pass on to us. Thanks for the support you have shown us in the past and also thanks in advance for any ideas you may have.

**\*Ice Cream Party at Bethany Manor** on June 22– 2:00 p.m. All are Welcome.

**\*The Mennonite Nursing Home is pleased to announce the hiring of Mark Hildebrandt** as the new Administrator/CEO effective June 27/2022.

## **Commonword – New Books**

**On Holy Ground: Stories By and About Women in Ministry Leadership in the Mennonite Brethren Church, edited by Dora Dueck**

**Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance by Edith and Neill von Gunten**

Covering almost fifty years of peace and reconciliation work—from the Black-led civil rights struggles of the 1960s to decades-old relationships with Indigenous peoples on both sides of Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba—

these stories draw similarities between familiar biblical concepts and the Anishinaabe seven “A Way of Life Teachings.” Includes study guide. Book Launch will be held in person and by livestream on Thursday, September 29, 7:00 PM (CDT). To pre-order the book, place a loan copy on hold, or for more information about the launch, see <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2987>.

**Gathering 2022:** Mennonite Church Canada gathers July 29-Aug 1 in Edmonton. Study and worship materials are now available to help prepare – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2448>.

**MCC School Kits for Ukraine.** *Collection boxes in the lobby*  
Contents (NEW items only) - need bag sewers as well!

Any combination of 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totaling 500–600 pages, OR 7 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (80 pages each; about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 coloured pencils (in packaging)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small **\*all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes

\*If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and MCC will add the sharpeners.

### OMC CALENDAR

June 5 9:00 am Deacon mtg

**June 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Pentecost Communion*

June 11 MCC Releaf Sale – *check poster for details*

**June 12 10:00 am Bert Lobe**

**June 19 10:00 am Church Picnic** in the Church yard

June 22 2:00 pm Ice Cream Social at Bethany Manor

June 23 Mega Menno at RJC

**June 26 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *The 50 Year Journey*



## Blessing of the Trees: A Litany

**Leader (Nora):** We acknowledge the gift of God's creation and accept our responsibility as stewards of this land to tend to this space. Creator of life and sustainer of seed and soil, we come to before you this morning to ask once more for your blessing in this place.

**People: May God bless the creation surrounding us.**

**Voice 1:** Our oldest trees on this yard, Manitoba Maples along the south and west streets.

**People: May God bless the Manitoba Maples**

**Voice 2:** Our tallest trees, the Black Spruce along the north street

**People: May God bless the Black Spruce**

**Voice 3:** The Amur Maples and Blue Spruce, found in the cemetery

**People: May God bless the Amur Maples and the Blue Spruce**

**Voice 4:** The Green Ash, Mountain Ash, and Lilacs all around us

**People: May God bless these trees as well**

**Voice 5:** The one Chortitza Oak tree that comes from the Ukraine, as it stands beside the garage behind us.

**People: May God bless this Oak Tree.**

**Voice 6:** And lastly, the 3 Spring Snow Crabs that stand before us.

***Everyone: May God bless these newly planted Spring Snow Crabs!***

***Amen.***

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