



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Remain in My Love*

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 98 (*Common English Version*)

L: Sing to the Lord a new song who has done wonderful things;
whose strong hand and holy arm have won the victory!

**C: The Lord has made salvation widely known;
has revealed righteousness in the eyes of all the nations.**

L: God has remembered loyal love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.

**C: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!
Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre—with the lyre
and the sound of music. With trumpets and a horn blast,
shout triumphantly before our God!**

L: Let the sea and everything in it roar, the world and all its inhabitants
too. Let all the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains rejoice out
loud altogether before the Lord is coming to establish justice on the
earth!

*All: God will establish justice in the world rightly;
and will establish justice among all people fairly.*

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #80 We Sing to You, O God
VT #638 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 *First Nations Version*

While Stands on the Rock (Peter) was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down upon all who were listening to his words. They began to speak in new languages and give praise and honor to the Great Spirit. This amazed the Tribal Members who came with Stands on the Rock (Peter), for they could hear and see with their own eyes that even on people from Outside Nations the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out. Then Stands on the Rock (Peter) said to all, "Who can now refuse water for these people to participate in the purification ceremony? For they have received the Holy Spirit in the same manner that we did". So he instructed them to participate in the purification ceremony in the name of the Chosen One Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and all he represents, welcoming them into the sacred family. After that they asked Stands on the Rock (Peter) to remain with them for a number of days.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – family of Ian Wiebe - Sarah Buhler's 40-year-old cousin
who died of cancer last week
-preparations for seeding

Thanksgiving – for more rain

Hymn: VT #740 Spirit of the Living God

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

As God loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept the commandments and remain in God's love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from God I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed

you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask in my name, will be given to you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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 #628 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Sermon: Confronting Scripture, Fighting Injustice

Hymn: VT #813 Heart with Loving Heart United

Benediction: Jesus says, This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends so I have given my life for you. Go in my love and my peace.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Becca Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Sunday School Leader: Karl Helpers: Emmett, Eli

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Shelley Penner

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

Walking Club: Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Tues. exec/council, Weds. office, Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Tues. Exec + Council Mtg; Weds. Prep at Home; Thurs.

Youth Workers Mtg/Historical Society Event; Fri. OMC Office Hours,

OMC Youth; Sat. OMC Garage Sale

Birthdays: 8 – Sarah Buhler; 11 - Louise Buhler; 11 – Dave Feick

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: May 5 Patty & Wilf

May 12 – *You could put your name here* ☺

NEXT SUNDAY **May 12** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Anna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Dick

Sunday School Leader: Stephanie Helpers: Anna, Bree

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Loretta Sawatzky

CALENDAR

Sun. May 5 **10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

11:00 am Deacon mtg

Tues. May 7 6:00 pm Executive mtg/7:30 pm Council mtg

Thurs. May 9 8:00 pm Committee Connection mtg

Sun. May 12 **10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

11:00 SS Forum - Film: Conform: Mennonites and the
Mexican Migration

Fri. to Sun. May 17-19 Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Sun. May 19 **10:00 am Henry Funk speaking** *Pentecost Communion*

Sun. May 26 **10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking**

Weds. May 29 7:00 pm Summer Sing-A-long at church

Please sign the Grad Hymnal for Braeden Martens-Funk on lobby table before June 9 Outdoor Service/Church Picnic.

When dropping off cans at Sarcan please donate to code “omcgreen” for the Youth Green Fund.

Greening Mennonite Church Buildings video by MC Canada for trustees, council and interested congregants. https://youtu.be/dYk4-_u2NRE

Know of summer jobs/yard work for youth? Please contact Pastor Luke

John Gascho has a display of various cards on the back table that are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. The proceeds will be to assist a local student attending RJC this coming fall. Other assistance and monthly direct deposits welcome to local student’s account at RJC. This assistance is not tax receiptable. For more information talk to John.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OMC Summer Singalongs @ 7:00; Wednesdays in a backyard near you begins Weds. May 29th, 7:00 p.m. at church! Bring lawn chairs and

blankets for around a fake fire *if fire there's bans*. Weds. June 26, 7:00 p.m. Bethany Manor Courtyard Gazebo.

If you can host a backyard singalong this summer talk to Ben and Patty for Weds. July 24, Weds. Aug. 28, Weds. Sept 25.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club; second Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. starting Weds. June 12, 7:00 p.m. on Lyle & Linda's deck (*deck is accessible*) with Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue. Books available on lobby table. Questions and book-sign out on lobby table. We will deliver books for OMC on-liners. We'd love to have you with us.

Osler Community Garage Sale - In support of MCC's work in Palestine, Community Connections is hosting a garage sale table at the Osler Community Wide garage sale day on May 11th from 9 - 2:30 pm. We welcome donations of household items along with baking, plants, books etc. Please be in touch with Kaytee or sign up on the sheet in the foyer to let us know what you'd like to donate. We ask that all donations be brought to the church Sunday May 5th or during the week leading up to the event. Items will be stored in the gym. We are also looking for volunteers during the day to fill 2-hour time slots! Please contact Kaytee at 306-221-1729 or kaytee.edwards@yahoo.com

Livestream for NPMC MAiD Adult Learning Session:
https://youtube.com/live/VqnJs_YcxHM?feature=share

The Rejoice Devotional is due for Renewal. If you are currently subscribed, it will continue unless you notify the office that you **don't** wish to receive it any more. Any member of the congregation may subscribe – just let the office know before June 1.

TODAY - May 5: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. This month we reflect on the promise, hope, and divine beauty of spring's arrival after a season of wintering. Erika Thogersen will provide the input. First-timers and regulars, all are welcome! (new)

MCC Connects: Did you know about 783 million people in the world experience hunger? You can help - MCC invites you to participate in the 7th season of **Grow Hope Saskatchewan**, a collaboration of farmers

and non-farmers and five denominations raising funds for emergency food distribution and long-term food sustainability. This year, six farmers have committed a total of 411 acres to grow a crop to support the project. For more info or to help sponsor the input costs on the acres that Nathan and Jeanette Janzen of Rosthern have committed to the project, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>.

MC Updates:

Sunday, May 5th is Red Dress Day across Canada, a day to name violence against Indigenous Women and Girls - and commit to ending cycles of gender-based violence in our communities. CommonWord has curated worship and learning resources

(<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3877>) for the church that can be used May 5th or any time of the year.

Youth Retreat, May 17-19 – Calling ALL youth gr. 6-12!! Come join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a weekend of worship, activities, and fun! Cost: \$75/person (financial aid available). Visit

<https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for more information or contact youthminister@mcsask.ca. (new)

Camp Shekinah is inviting applications for female counsellors for the upcoming summer camp season. If you know someone who loves working with children and loves being outside in God's creation, please have them check out our website or go to <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/ReturningNewCounsellorApplication>. (new)

Don't forget to register your children for a great week of summer camp at Shekinah. Check out our website

<https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> or go to <https://shekinah.campbrainregistration.com/> (new)

“The Mennonite Nursing Home is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing outdoor furniture for our resident courtyards. Everyone is welcome!”

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25! RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories, and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca, or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Spend-a-day | May 22 (9:00am-3:30pm) Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 25, 2024 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:30am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register your team today! Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

Thai pastors Khamphan and Thipphawan will return home April 29 after travelling in Canada with colleague, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong. Praise God for the rich time of sharing with Canadian pastors and congregations arranged by regional churches. Pray that relationships built will draw people together as they follow Jesus in Canada and in Thailand. (new)

Check out Anabaptist Climate Collaborative's Climate Pollinator. Here is Pollinator #37: Cooking with the Climate in Mind, Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration for Plant-based, Planet-Conscious Meals. <https://www.anabaptistclimate.org/climate-pollinator-series/nx954pnrtscst5-a58gm-hgjr8-w57jr-m2rwl-lk666-nweyp-bg3j9-5efmn> (new)

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life, Enrolment, and Human Resources. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

Voice together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians. May 10/11, 2024. Hosted by Mennonite Church Manitoba, sponsored by Canadian Mennonite University. Cost: \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Accommodations available at CMU. Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship (new)

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Get your copy of The Anabaptist Community Bible and celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. 3 editions available (hardcover, soft touch, genuine leather). Pre-order now and save!

<https://www.commonword.ca/go/bible500>. (new)

OMC Super Summer - (it's Pastor Patty's last and she wants to party!)

Fri./Sat May 10/11 Osler Garage Sale for MCC

- please donate and if able, volunteer.

Weds. May 29, 7:00 Summer Singalong – church side yard

-bring a lawn chair/blanket

Sun. June 9, 10:00 am Outdoor Service led by youth and picnic provided by deacons - bring lawn chairs. SS teacher and grad recognition

Weds. June 12, 7:00 Backyard Book club - Linda and Lyle's deck at

Bethany (Pull of the Stars - books on lobby table)

Sat. June 15, MCC Sale - Forest Grove Church

Weds. June 19, 7:00 Summer Singalong Bethany Courtyard

Sat. June 22, Mennos at Pride Parade, 12:00 University Bridge

Sun. June 23, 1:30 Katherine and Dakota's shower

@ Kathy and Dick's yard

Mon. July 1, 11:00 Osler Parade, OMC Ice Cream & Water

- talk to Kaytee about volunteering

Just for you: When I get to work, I first hide.

Because a good worker is hard to find.

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