



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 6, 2023

Manifest Your Love in Amazing Ways

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (*Common English Bible*)

L: Listen to what's right, Lord; pay attention to my cry!

Listen closely to my prayer; it's spoken by lips that don't lie!

C: **My justice comes from you; let your eyes see what is right!**

You have examined my heart, testing me at night. You've looked me over closely, but haven't found anything wrong. My mouth doesn't sin. But other people's deeds? I have avoided such violent ways by the command from your lips.

L: My steps are set firmly on your paths; my feet haven't slipped.

I cry out to you because you answer me. So tilt your ears toward me now—listen to what I'm saying!

C: **Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways because you are the one who saves those who take refuge in you, saving them from their attackers by your strong hand.**

All: *But me? I will see your face in righteousness; when I awake, I will be filled full by seeing your image.*

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #30 **Jesus Calls Us**

VT #124 **For the Fruit of All Creation**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of

the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peni'el, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penu'el, limping because of his thigh.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing
Children's Time: Lynette

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church
Prayers- farmers in early harvest

Thanksgiving-

Hymn: VT #514 I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

Epistle Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (*Updated RSV*)

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in God's kingdom. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 #789 Be a Sower

Sermon: To Weed, or Not to Weed

Hymn: VT #777 Seeds

Benediction: May the Patient Gardener grant growth in us and fruitful living. Go in peace.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Aug 6

Speaker: Dave Feick

Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Anna, Kathryn

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Lynette

Sound: James

Ushers: Harold & Lloyd

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

Patty's Week: Tues. worship prep home; Weds. office; Thurs-Mon.
Roth Reunion in Tofield

***Note Luke and Patty** will be gone Mon. July 31-Mon. August 14. (Patty can be reached by cell and will be around Tues/Weds. Aug. 8,9) For emergencies please call deacons: George Janzen 306-280-1775, Wilf Buhler 306-230-6690, Julie Bergen 306-250-2995, Karl Martens 306-716-7855, Frieda Rempel 306-239-4361 or the Mennonite hospital chaplain on-call 306-250-7362.

Birthdays: 9 - Lyle Stucky; 9 – Kendra Reddekopp; 10 – Eva Martens; 12 – Matthew Braun

Yard Maintenance: Lloyd Sawatzky & John Gascho

Join the OMC Walking Group starting at 8:00 am at the church

Free coffee every Friday in the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Education committee** has started to plan for the fall and is therefore looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school for our kids and youth classes.

Our goal is to provide age-appropriate Sunday school activities/learning while also building relationships with other kids in our church community. We are in a unique time for our church Sunday school programs as the number of kids we have participating in preschool and K-5 classes is smaller than it has been for the last few years. This has led to some brainstorming about ways we can be creative with Sunday school for next year and so we are proposing two changes for the fall:

1) We would like to try running children's Sunday school as a single class (pre-K-Gr 5) during the church service where children participate in the service until the children's story and then go to a Sunday school room for further activities until the service is done (about 20-30 minutes). We would like one adult and 1-2 youth to lead the Sunday school time during the service. We think that this would provide an opportunity for youth to participate as volunteers with the children without missing their Sunday school time, and also provide an opportunity for our younger kids to build relationships with youth in the church.

2) We would also like to try using a curriculum from MC Canada called Shine which has lesson plans and booklets for the kids which includes materials for activities, preparation suggestions and several options for teachers to choose from. The curriculum that was created by our church

members has served us very well, but was designed for a different model than what we are able to run at this time. Teachers are still certainly free to use our existing curriculum or create their own lesson plans for occasions that lend themselves to a particular story, but we would like to provide another option for youth/adults.

At this time, we would like to plan for this as a trial for September-December and see how it works for everyone. If you have feedback/concerns please let Education Committee know.

If you are an adult or youth willing to teach please contact Naomi at (306)202-3467 or naomi@schellenbergs.ca.

Thanks,

Diana Buhler, Stephanie Siemens, Naomi Schellenberg, and Luke Bushman.

Save the Date: Sun. Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Joint Service with Aberdeen, Warman, Langham at Wilf and Ruth's yard, featuring Midwives of Justice skit; Curtis and Jill Wiens music; and communion led by Gary Ewen-Peters. Rollkucken and watermelon to follow.

NPMC Kids' Club and Choir!

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is once again excited to offer Kids' Club and Choir on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. beginning September 7, 2023. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. We will run the program each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March.

Each Thursday will include a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking!

If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child. There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help! Looking forward to seeing you and your children at Kids' Club and Choir!

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Sun. Aug. 20, 1:00 Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare on the SK with Patty and Robin. Please get tickets ahead - may sell out.

Note Date Changes - European Holiday sharing with coffee and kuchen Sunday, Sept 3, 11:00 a.m. sanctuary. We would like to see 3 slides of your holiday (doesn't matter when) and hear your brief reflection on a highlight and lowlight of your trip and why we travel. Please bring slides on USB over the next weeks and we'll assemble a slideshow on the sanctuary computer. Feel free to bring other souvenirs or European chocolates!

Save the Date: Shekinah Move-a-Thon, Sept 17, 2023. Watch for details.

MCC Connects: Join *The School Kit Challenge* in August! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS, please visit: mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge.

MC SK Updates:

The 2023 MC Sask Scholarship application forms are now available at www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry

***August 6 Forest Church** gathers at Shekinah 3pm. If you have been curious but never made it out, this would be a great opportunity to see what forest church is like. Zachary Stefaniuk leads us in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

August 6 Singing in the Arbor at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation sponsored by Walking the Path, MC Sask and Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come, have fun, meet your neighbors and share food. Various choirs, singers and dancers from 3-5 pm. Supper at 5pm, Bannock and farmer's sausage provided, bring a dessert or salad.

August 12 The Spruce River Folk Festival is back for 2023 at Spruce River Farm, Spruce Home. Great entertainment, education and food. See <https://www.spruceriverfolkfestival.com/> for details. Volunteers still

needed for set up Aug. 10, help with parking, gate, silent auction, children's activities, running a coffee and drinks stand and grounds management on Aug. 12 and clean up on Sunday Aug. 13. If you can help please contact Ray Funk at rayfunk8@gmail.com or 306-961-7964

***The board of Shekinah is happy to announce that Curtis Wiens, Vic Pankratz and Phyllis Goertz** will share the full time Executive Director position on an interim basis until the end of October. Please continue to pray that Shekinah will find a full-time permanent person to take the Executive Director position. The Board also wishes to thank Ron and Sue Schellenberg for their leadership over the past 5 ½ years, especially through the exceedingly difficult active COVID years. We wish them well in their future ventures.

Virtual Worship Service - Worship with CMU: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” is now available for download, to be used for church worship services or personal devotion. It includes a personal, moving sermon by Dan Epp-Thiessen, who weaves together his personal journey with cancer and deep hardship with the praise of Psalm 103. View the service at youtu.be/KkONjAvIb4Y.

Climate Action

You may have heard the soundbite last week about “the era of Global Boiling” after scientists confirmed that July 2023 was the world’s hottest month on record. Are you, like many others, wondering what to do with that? Right now, our Mennonite muscles are needed as the global community works to avoid the worst possible scenarios of a climate changed world.

One place to start is in worship – we need spiritual transformation! Consider connecting with the larger church by joining with Mennonite World Conference churches for Peace Sunday on Sept. 17, 2023.

Resources: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/resources/peace-sunday-2023-worship-resource>

And don’t stop there - let worship guide you to collective action! Find out what muscles the Mennonite Church is building where you live by contacting the **MC Sask Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT)** at <https://mcsask.ca/cert>

Indigenous Relations

Hold in the Light the organizers and participants from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, who are continuing to build partnership with Indigenous friends and neighbours in the month of August at 'Singing Under the Arbour' on the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation and also the Spruce River Folk Festival in support of the Stoney Knoll Fund. <https://www.spruceriverfolkfestival.com/>

CALENDAR

- Aug 6 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking**
Aug 13 10:00 am George Janzen speaking
Aug 15 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg
Aug 20 10:00 am Charlie Clark speaking
11:00 am Q & A after a quick coffee
Aug 24 7:30 pm Worship mtg
Aug 27 10:00 am Joint Service AWOL on the Buhler yard
Sept 3 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking
11:00 Coffee, Summer Slideshow and Sharing
Sept 10 10:00 Julie Bergen speaking
11:00 Sunday school, deacons meeting
Sept 17 11:00 am Semi-Annual mtg followed by Potluck

NEXT SUNDAY Aug 13

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Benjamin & Dick

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