



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 6, 2025

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *from - Words for Worship I #105*

L: We come together as the family of faith.

P: We assemble to honour the living God.

L: Through Christ we become God's holy household.

P: In Christ we are bonded together to be God's people.

L: Our worship is united into oneness by the Holy Spirit.

P: In communion with the Holy Spirit, let us celebrate our unity.

Invocation: *from - Words for Worship I #118*

Glorious God,

we give you our complete adoration.

Your marvelous love planned the way of salvation.

Tender God,

we kneel and ask for pardon.

Your gracious forgiveness restores our souls.

Triumphant God,

we proclaim your praise.

Your victorious power defeats death and give life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

Hymns of Praise: VT #666 In Thee Is Gladness

VT #605 My Life Flows On

First Reading: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Congratulations: to Dayna & Matt on the birth of Fletcher Goerzen
Stefaniuk on June 23

Prayers: for safety and joy as families travel over the summer

Thanksgiving: for those helping with handing out ice cream on July 1

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

Hymn: VT #101 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

Second Reading: Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.” Selah
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah
Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

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 #182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Sermon:

Hymn: VT #827 Move in Our Midst

Benediction: *from Voices Together Leader Edition # 418*

Leader: From where we are to where you need us:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have prepared for those who love God:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

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

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

TODAY July 6

Speaker: Casadi Schroeder

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kevin

Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Casadi

Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Susan/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Doug

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

Luke's Week: Away to Ontario for the MC Canada Conference

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 6 – Morrison Bird; 9 – Joanne Feick; 9 – Kathy Braun;

10 – Benjamin Clark

Summer coffee will be made by deacons. There may not be snacks. If you would like to provide snacks for special occasions - please be in touch with Karl, Matthew B, Wilf, Lynette, Sarah B. If you would like a visit by deacons or pastors this summer please be in touch with them about that as well.

Church Yard Maintenance: July 7 – July 12 – Matthew Braun & family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery opportunity! There is a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to care for young children (0-4 yrs old) in the nursery during the church service.

Check out what is happening at the MC Canada Gathering!

Go to <https://www.commonword.ca/Browse/10749> to find the daily newsletter "*The Gift Exchange*", livestreams, report books and more!

From your Worship Committee: Tell us a story. We want to hear your family stories, reconciliation stories, human interest stories. Perhaps you have some visual art that you'd like to share and talk about. If you have a story to tell, please talk to a member of the Worship Committee.

Seeking: OMC Librarian

The Ed Committee is on the lookout for someone who is passionate about books and interested in learning the role of OMC Librarian. Our ever-steady, long-serving, rockstar librarian, Ruth, is looking to close the chapter on her work as librarian, and pass on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but Ruth has kindly offered to help the next person learn

the role. For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C.

Celebrating Our 500 Years: Saturday July 26, 3:00 p.m. at the Mennonite Youth Farm, Rosthern. Join with fellow heirs of the Anabaptist Reformation in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of our Anabaptist faith family, and our 130 years in Saskatchewan. The afternoon will include music and storytelling. Supper will be available for purchase on the grounds. Bring lawn chairs.

Warman MCC Thrift Shop is hosting an MCC sponsored Youth Summer Camp. Admission is free

Fun & Interactive Activities for 12 years old & up

Wednesdays from 1pm – 4pm July 9th to August 20th

For more details see the poster on the bulletin board.

Warman MCC Thrift Shop is hosting a Mini Carnival

Friday, July 25th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on the street west of the building

Games area Jumpy Castle Face Painting Craft Corner

Free Admission!!

Saskatchewan Updates – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

I'm writing this introduction on Saturday, June 21, grateful for the rain that is currently falling and hoping the southwest region of SK, which is experiencing significant drought now into its 9th year, is also receiving this blessing. As Canadian Foodgrains Bank (as well as simply being Canadian), we can't avoid talking about the weather, which can certainly influence the amount of "grains" grown that support member agency "bank" accounts to provide "food" (or supports to grow more and better food) for program participants around the world who are suffering from hunger. And so it appears we come by our name quite literally – Canadian Foodgrains Bank 😊

During a recent Friday morning Bible study, our group discussion touched on the generosity of the church in Philippi, which blessed the Apostle Paul (photo, left) and spurred further practice of giving to the needs of others as a manner of sharing the Good News of God's kingdom. Just as in Paul's day, these tangible gifts that come (from those who are keeping their eyes open) to those in need are indeed a fragrant offering of sustenance, community, and hope.

The rows of lentils from the growing project in Fiske reflect this same practice of a compassionate Christian response to suffering, giving generously, and utilizing a trusted network to ensure the gift/support is appropriately received.

Connect with us at Ag in Motion! For more than 40 years, farm families and ag businesses from across Canada have been central to the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. And we want to say THANK YOU for helping our network provide food relief to regions most severely impacted by hunger. We are hosting an appreciation lunch in the S3 Business Hub Tent at Ag in Motion on Wednesday, July 16th. There is no cost to this event, but we do need people to register for the lunch - RSVP now to secure your spot!

The deadline to register is July 10. The luncheon will include a 30 min panel presentation/discussion focused on the topic of “Working together for sustained impact.”

If you are planning to be at Ag in Motion on Tuesday or Thursday only, please come by our booth (AG3) in the FCC Pavilion – we’d love to chat about farming AND express our gratitude to you in person!

This is only a small part of their Monthly Newsletter... for more go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website

Connect with us at one of several field days with Grow Hope SK!

There are a variety of upcoming field days where Grow Hope SK will be present to help connect rural and urban residents of SK together around food security, farming, and faith: July 24th in Langenburg (Aberhart Farm Field Day), August 9-10 in Willowbrook (Sask Open Farm Day at CreekrIDGE Farms), August 10 in Bruno (Cherry Sunday), and September 6 in Carrot River (Doerksen family threshing bee).

Other upcoming events:

This year's CLAY Gathering (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth) will be held August 21-24 in Saskatoon, SK. Foodgrains Bank will be there, so please find us and say hello if you or the youth in your life are attending. [Click here](#) to learn more about the upcoming gathering.

A “Christian Response” to Hunger

Throughout our years working with the Foodgrains Bank, Rick and I (Jacquie) have asked ourselves and our supporters several times, "What does it mean to be a Christian response to hunger?"

It is likely that all of us might have a slightly different answer, and in the end, we are simply thankful that each one of you responds.

On our website you can find our current strategic framework. On this page there are two quotes, the first is our 5-year destination statement, which reads:

"In living out our Christian response to hunger, we will be known for sector leading, locally driven innovative partnerships that by 2026 will support systemic change to increase food security for at least 1.5 million people each year."

The second is a quote from Luke 3:11, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who doesn't have any. Whoever has food should share it too."

There is also a current news article on our website that highlights how a few of our member agency staff and program partners talk about their own thoughts on a Christian response to hunger, here is one from Lt. Colonel Brenda Murray of the Salvation Army:

"Today, my faith in a God who calls us to love and serve others, inspires me to use the resources available to me, to make a difference in the world. When we work alongside individuals, recognizing their unique and inherent worth in God's eyes, it changes how we engage with them. It encourages us to interact with greater respect, empathy, and care, understanding that everyone is special and valuable."

July 6: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. This month, outdoor worship will include a blessing for camp staff as they begin another summer of welcoming young people to experience God outdoors. Help us bless them in this important work! All are welcome!

MCC Connects: Join the School Kit Challenge in August and help support 25,000 children around the world! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies, and many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge, access a fun activity guide, and for details on how to be entered to win a pizza party with your School Kit-packing group, please visit:

<https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>

You can watch this link, a video of school kits in Ethiopia: "A thank you message from recipients of MCC school kits in Tigray, Ethiopia"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vha7TQWrC50>

MC SASK Updates:

Praying for each other: We pray with Osler Mennonite and Nutana Park Mennonite as they prepare to welcome new pastors. Brad Schroeder will begin as pastor in Osler and Don Froese will serve with Nutana Park. Please hold Brad, Don, and both congregations in your prayers. May God bless them and lead them in this time of transition.

We thank God for the opportunity to gather as a nationwide church this week in Kitchener, Ontario. About 380 people were together for this time of fellowship and worship. There was also a U30 group and more than 100 youth. Please pray that the connections and discussions during the Gathering will continue to build the church and help in discerning God's leading in the future. (new)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2025, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details.

CALENDAR

Sun. July 6 – 10:00 am Casadi Schroder speaking

Sun. July 13 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Sun. July 20 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Noon – Bag lunch hosted by the Education committee

Sun. July 27 – 10:00 am Chris Buhler speaking

NEXT SUNDAY July 13

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Becca Sound: Matthew Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Loretta

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis