



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Lent 1 – March 6, 2022

“From security to generosity”

Focus: As we seek God’s way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbors.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God’s shelter,

**People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

People: the gentleness of creation, the protection of love.

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

All: so come, let us seek God’s way of generosity.

Prayer

When the fruit from the soil springs forth and ripens, and the laughing trees seem to bow before us, may we remember that a wandering Aramean was our ancestor. May we remember that the earth is yours, O God, and that our dwelling place is only a tent. Our security is in you and your way. May your winds rattle our walls and shake our false sense of security. May we walk with Jesus as we seek your way while he turns from the temptation to rule the world and turns toward those who cry out in their affliction, toil, and oppression. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VT #764

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues”

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Once you have entered the land that YHWH, your God, is giving to you as your inheritance, and you have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that YHWH, your God is giving to you and put them in a basket. Take them to the place which YHWH, your God, will choose as a dwelling place for God's Name and say to the priest in office at that time, "This day I declare to YHWH, our God, that I have come to the land YHWH swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest will then receive the basket from you and will set it in front of the altar of YHWH. Then you will declare before YHWH, "My ancestor was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. There they became a nation great, strong and numerous. When the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to YHWH, the God of our ancestors, who heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonder; YHWH gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have brought now the first fruits of the products of the soil that you, O God, have given." Then you must set them before YHWH, and bow down before YHWH.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #762 "This Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children's Time: Adeline

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-Karen Hargrove's (Frieda's daughter) recovery from surgery

Frieda will be travelling to Arizona March 14-May

-food supplies running low in the Ukraine

-Happy birthday to Erna today, John Gascho yesterday

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

**Hymn: VT #306 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
VT #641 “And I Will Raise You Up”**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit, and she led him into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished. The Devil said to Jesus, “If you are God’s Own, command this stone to turn into bread.” Jesus answered, “Scripture has it, ‘We don’t live on bread alone.’” Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant. The Devil said, “I’ll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours.” In reply, Jesus said, “Scripture has it: ‘You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.’” Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, set him up on the parapet of the Temple and said, “If you are God’s Own, throw yourself down from here, for scripture has it, ‘God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they’ll support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.’” Jesus said to the Devil in reply, “It also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’” When the Devil had finished all this tempting, Jesus was left alone. The Devil awaited another opportunity.

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 #307 “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

Sermon: Jan Bigland-Pritchard

Hymn: VT #832 “The Lord Lift You Up”

Benediction: From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God’s way of generosity. May you release whatever you hold in fear, so that you may be free to live generous lives. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP *First Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Jan Bigland-Prichard Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Mark
Children's Time: Adeline Sound: Doug Usher: Harold
Children's Sunday School: Diane M & Karl

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon; Weds. office, pickle ball; Thurs.
Community Connect; Fri. Office; Sat. MC SK ADS

Nora's Week: Continuing Education final week of CPE

Announcements

***Katherine Penner is undertaking a university research project** on Mennonite Pacifism in Practice. Her study is interested in looking at how individual Mennonite's understandings of being a pacifist impact their daily lives. She is looking for older members of the church who would be willing to share their thoughts in a short interview- 1/2 to 1 hour approximately. All personal information will be kept confidential. For more information please email her at katherine.penner4@gmail.com

*Volunteers are needed Sat. Mar 19 to serve at Friendship Inn

*Anyone interested in an MDS Service trip contact Community Connections

*Other notable dates: Maundy Thursday April 14; Good Friday April 15 and Easter Sunday April 17.

Intergenerational Drop-In Pickleball Tuesday nights at 7:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. No athletic talent required. Come for fun. Fans welcome.

MC Sask Updates

-2022 Annual Delegate Sessions - Saturday, March 12, 2022 Youth Farm Bible Camp, Rosthern. Hybrid event.

-March 6 @ 3:00 pm Winter outdoor worship with Forest Church at Shekinah with speaker Mark Bigland-Prichard.

-Registration for Amplify! is now open. Come join other youth from across the country for a week off fun and praise. July 31-August 4

-Save the date! Mc Sask Women's Retreat is booked for May 13-14 at Shekinah.

-RJC employment opportunity – needed Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE) For more information visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come and join our team!

-RJC Spend-A-Day - March 17: Are you a prospective student in grades 7-11? Come experience a day at RJC to see what it's all about? Shadow a current student, attend classes, chapel, lunch, and other fun activities planned by our student leaders. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

-Shekinah retreat Centre is looking for summer workers and also a full-time, permanent Administrative/Hospitality coordinator.
<https://shekinah.ca>

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 6 10:00 am Jan Bigland Pritchard – Lent begins

Mar 6 11:00 am Deacon mtg

Mar 10 7:00 pm Community Connections mtg Zoom

Mar 13 10:00 am Patty Friesen – Second Sunday of Lent

Mar 16 6:00 pm Executive mtg

Mar 16 7:00 pm Council mtg

Mar 19 11:00 – 1:00 pm serve at Friendship Inn

Mar 20 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

Mar 25 7:00 pm Youth Mega Menno Event @MRMC

Mar 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP March 13

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Edna

Sound: Doug

Usher Anna

Quote:

-Let your kind heart be the very thing others remember you by.

Kylie Riordan

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