



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 133

Leader: Holy God, the Father of us all, we gather to worship you
and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

**People: With fatherly care, God welcomes us to our shared
experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.**

Leader: Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship,
and in the witness and relationships that flows from worship.

**People: Together and individually, we will be cleansed and
refreshed by the holy winds of God's Spirit,
as it blows around and within us.**

Leader: The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come
together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

**All: Blessings, honour, glory and power belongs to our God,
the Father of all humanity**

– who claims us all as beloved children. Amen.

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Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #100 Praise Him, Praise Him

VT #392 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

First Reading: Act 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but
everything they owned was held in common. With great power the

apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Luke preaching at Bethany Manor with special music by Ben & Keeley Buhler
-Ben's upcoming surgery

Condolence -to John Reddekopp at the death of this mother-in-law Anna Friesen (age 100)

Thanksgiving - Karl's dad's successful heart surgery

Hymn: VT #345 The Risen Christ

Second Reading: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do

not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 #565 Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us

Sermon: Hunkering Down

Hymn: VT #584 Christ Be the Center

Benediction:

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

TODAY’S WORSHIP April 7 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Doug Ushers: Lane/Carl

Sunday School Leader: Lynette, Helpers: Nora, Anna

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Garry Boldt

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

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty’s Week: Today off, Mon. Exec; Tues. work from home; Weds. office; Fri. office (coffee group may go to seniors centre for waffles!); Sun. Warman Mennonite

Luke’s Week: Wed. NPMC; Thurs. Planning; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat work from home

Birthdays: 12 – Olivia Martens; 13 – Keith Boldt

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 7 ???

NEXT SUNDAY **April 14** *Third Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader:

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Patty Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Sunday School Leader: Kathryn, Helpers: Eli, Dylan

Offering Counter Team: Sandra MacArthur, John Reddekopp

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 7 10:00 am George Janzen speaking

11:00 am Deacon mtg Patty's office

Sun. Apr. 14 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:00 am Forum MCC – Women Will Renew

12:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch (for all) at Osler

Sun. Apr. 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Sun. Apr. 29 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Feeling God's poke this Easter season? Please join a **baptism or church membership conversation** with Luke or Patty or one of the deacons.

April 7: 3pm Forest Church @ Shekinah. All are welcome to gather around the fire to contemplate the miracle of resurrection in outdoor worship. Ric Driediger guides our gathering this month.(new)

"On April 12th, from 6:30-9:00, the OMC Youth Group is planning to do a progressive supper. We are looking for volunteers in the Osler area to host, and potentially some drivers. Please talk to Luke if you are interested in opening your home to some hungry youths, it is a great chance to get to know the awesome young people at our church."

Shekinah summer camp is looking for kitchen volunteers for the week of July 7th - 12th. Specifically we're looking for 4 volunteers Monday - Wednesday, 3 cooks for Thursday, 2 for Friday. Please let Kaytee know if you're interested and want more information. 306-221-1729

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: MCC will be including local artisans at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 15. If you would like to sell your goods, tables are available to purchase for \$100 and all proceeds of sales will go to the artisan. For more information, please contact Rick and

Marg Epp at mepp@sasktel.net or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. We hope to see you there!

MC Updates:

Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake in Taiwan on April 3. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims.(New)

Mega Menno Event Friday, April 19, 7:00pm – Party with the Poovongs! Meet MC Canada Witness Worker Tom Poovong and his co-workers, Pastors Khampane and Thippawan. We'll hear about life in Thailand, and learn some Issan worship and dance moves, and share some of our own favourite worship songs as well. (updated).

Thursday, April 25, 6-8 pm – Join us at Rosthern Mennonite Church (3016 5th Street in Rosthern) **for a dessert buffet**. Choose from many delicious desserts, including gluten-free options. Hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Admission by donation. Proceeds will provide support for refugee families. (new)

Prepare to commit to MCC's Climate Action for Peace Pledge. Which of the actions around Advocacy, Personal Consumption and Finances are you ready to take? <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/climate-change/climate-action-peace/take-climate-action-peace-pledge> (new)

Mennonite Church Canada is looking for 5 young adults (one per regional church) interested in representing us at the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Germany from May 30 – June 1, 2025. Application deadline is April 15! For more information and to apply go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44786>

For highlights, pictures and documents from the 2024 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions visit <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602> Watch for recap documents coming soon.

Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about

the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face

All are invited to Spring at CMU on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream. (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.

Watch for opportunities to meet Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong, together with Thai colleagues, Pastor Khamphan and Pastor Thippawan in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the month of April. Pray for the relationships being built and connections made in this travel. Contact your regional church for more details. View greetings from Pastor Khamphan here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DjFC7y1UGA7YXB9VC9u80YeAwbON9Uo/view?usp=sharing\(new\)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DjFC7y1UGA7YXB9VC9u80YeAwbON9Uo/view?usp=sharing(new))

April 21-28 is Earth Week 2024 – Let's get on the map! MC Canada partner in climate action – For the Love of Creation – has invited us to join a nation-wide movement through local actions across the country to pray, learn, and act! Learn more:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44769> (new)

2024 marks a significant milestone in CommonWord's history – it was 50 years ago, in 1974, that the Conference of Mennonites in Canada hired its first Resource Centre staff person. Dan Dyck has written a short historical paper to recognize 50+ years of service. Read the paper –

<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3828>.

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