



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 7, 2024

Life Worth Living: Wealth, Health, Happiness?

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 48

a psalm of God's presence in mountains, cities and places of worship

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God,
on the holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

C: Within the holy city's citadels, God is a sure defense.

**As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
God establishes peace forever.**

L: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Let Mount Zion be glad; let the cities and towns rejoice because of
your judgments, that you may tell the next generation that this is God,
our God of peace, will be our guide forever.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
VT #743 Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (*Common English Bible*)

I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited. I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. God said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults,

disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – OMC camp week

- Katherine & Dakota's wedding on Saturday

Thanksgiving – for sun

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: VT #540 Will you Come and Follow Me

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to be saved?" Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother." "Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

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 #603 Still My Soul

Sermon: Life Worth Living: Wealth, Health and Happiness?

Hymn: VT #549 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction: May the Lord bless and keep us. May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God bless us and grant us peace. Amen

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY July 7 *Life Worth Living*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anna/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Matthew Braun

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: Sun – Mon camp; Weds. office; Fri. office, rehearsal;
Sat. wedding

Luke' Week: Shekinah all week; Sunday at Nutana

Birthdays: 9 – Joanne Feick; 9 – Kathy Braun; 10 – Benjamin Clark;
13 – Jean Harms

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: July 7 – Wilf
July 14 - Matthew

The Yard Maintenance Schedule:

Week of July 8 to July 13 – Matthew Braun & family

July 15 – 20 – Steven Guenther & family

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club:

Weds. Aug. 21, 7:00 Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing A Good Neighbourhood by Theresa Fowler. Copies coming in a Book Club bag.

Moving time is coming for Frieda from Osler home into her new village away from Osler to Bethany Manor. This will be happening during the July week of 12th to 18th July. Bruce Peters and Dave McDonald will both be coming to help. Contact Bruce for details and arrangements at: greydawnwm@gmail.com. Also, Sharleen is here for contact as well at Frieda's home 306.239.4361 or her BC # 604.746.6333 (call or text). Thank you in advance, any help will be greatly appreciated by all the family members. *Osler loading on Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30pm and unloading at Bethany the next morning.*

Donors needed for local Grade 10 RJC student starting this fall for \$100-500/month for room and board. Please contact Alex or Margo at Rosthern Junior College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Youth Worker! RJC is inviting applicants for the full-time position of dormitory youth worker for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. RJC dormitory youth workers 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/employment-opportunities, or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

MC Updates:

Our organization has a balanced budget line (revenues = expenses) of \$555,000 annually, or approximately \$47,000 per month. Our revenue sources are congregations of 70%, individuals 13% and other areas the remaining funds. To date our revenues are 25%, and our expenses are 36% of our annual budget. The good news are our expenses are less than the approximately 50% at mid-year but our revenues are significantly lower. What can the congregations and its members do? Firstly, Thank You!!! to those who donate. We appreciate your continued support of MC Sask. We gladly receive donations from individuals and organizations, with options for one time or scheduled donations. If you prefer to donate by e-transfer or credit card, you can find links on our website at www.mcsask.ca. While you are there check out some of the things that we are doing on your behalf. Tim Wiens, Finance Chair (new)

MC Sask is pleased to be able to offer four, \$1,000 scholarships to those pursuing Anabaptist education through schools or service programs that offer faith-based training and education rooted in the words and actions of Jesus. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 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, 2024, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details. (Updated)

TODAY: July 7: Forest Church at Shekinah 3pm. Help us bless the summer camp ministry as they welcome campers for a season of encountering God in new and fun ways. All are welcome!

The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre is pleased to host *Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico*. This exhibit explores the history of an ethnoreligious community's determination to preserve its faith and culture by leaving Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the 1920s to start new lives in Mexico and Paraguay. You can view *Leaving Canada* Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm, from now until August 24. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada. (new)

Thursday, August 15, 5 pm – Join us at the Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre to dig deeper into the story of the Mennonite migration to Mexico in the 1920s. 5-6 pm – Museum will be open to visitors. 6-7 pm – Watermelon and Rollkuchen supper on museum grounds (in case of inclement weather, supper will be served in the RJC dining hall). 7 pm – Screening of the documentary film, *Conform*, in the little church beside the museum. 8 pm – Q & A with special guest, Leonard Doell Admission to this special event is by donation. RSVP by August 8 by email to rosthernmuseum@gmail.com, or by phone or text to Donna Schulz at 306-232-7447. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada. (new)

You are invited to attend our 1st annual All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits.) Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful

conversations and interactions. Open to all ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Counsellor and a full-time Payroll and Benefits Administrator (both positions permanent, salaried with benefits). Other opportunities include Business and Social Work faculty positions. Visit cmu.ca/employment for information on all employment opportunities.

MCC Connects: Join ‘*The School Kit Challenge*’ in August and help support 24,000 children! 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 guide, please visit: www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge

Additionally, here is a link to a ‘School Kit Unboxing’ that you might be interested in sharing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO7N0s7Qrv8>

CALENDAR

Sun. July 7 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Sun. July 14 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Sun. July 21 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Wed. July 24 7:00 pm Sing-along @ Jake & Louise’s yard

Sun. July 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

NEXT SUNDAY July 14 *A voice that speaks of peace*

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Jake Sound: Matthew Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Garry Boldt

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