Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 7, 2021

MCC Peace Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 146

L: Praise God!

P: Praise God, O my soul!

L: We put our hope in God

P: Who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them;

L: Who keeps faith forever;

P: Who brings justice for the oppressed,

L: Gives food to the hungry,

P: Sets the prisoners free,

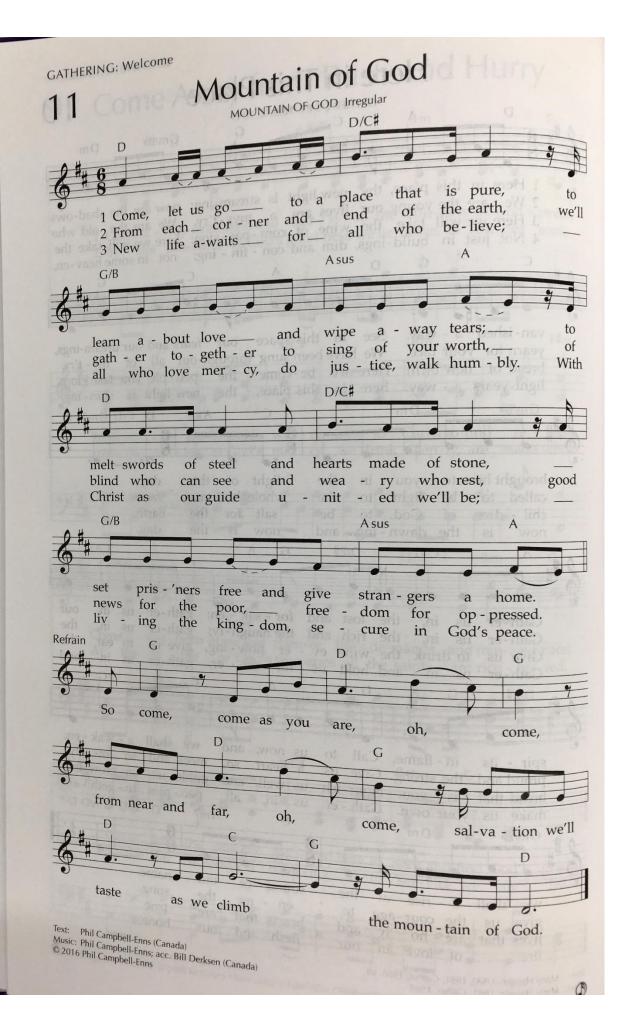
L: Opens the eyes of the blind,

P: And lifts up those who are bowed down.

L: Praise God!

P: Praise God, O my soul!

Gathering Hymn: VT #11 "Mountain of God"



Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of God came to him and said, "Now go to Zarephath, a village of Sidon, and stay there. I have commanded a widow there to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When arrived at the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Could you bring me a little water in a jar for me to drink?" As she was going to get the water, he called out, "And please bring me a piece of bread." "As Yhwh lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a couple of sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my child. We will eat it—and then we will die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go home and do what you said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me; and then make something for yourself and for your child. For this what Yhwh, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day Yhwh makes it rain on the land." She went away and did what Elijah told her to do. And there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of God spoken by Elijah.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #282 "Come and See"

"Come and see, come and see,

I am the way and the truth," said he.

"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Children's Time with Wilf Buhler

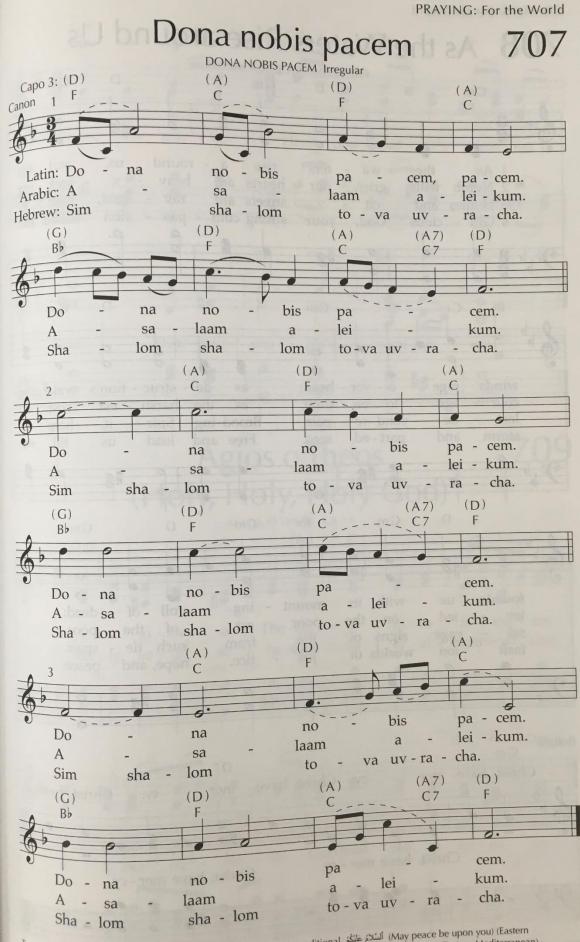
Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

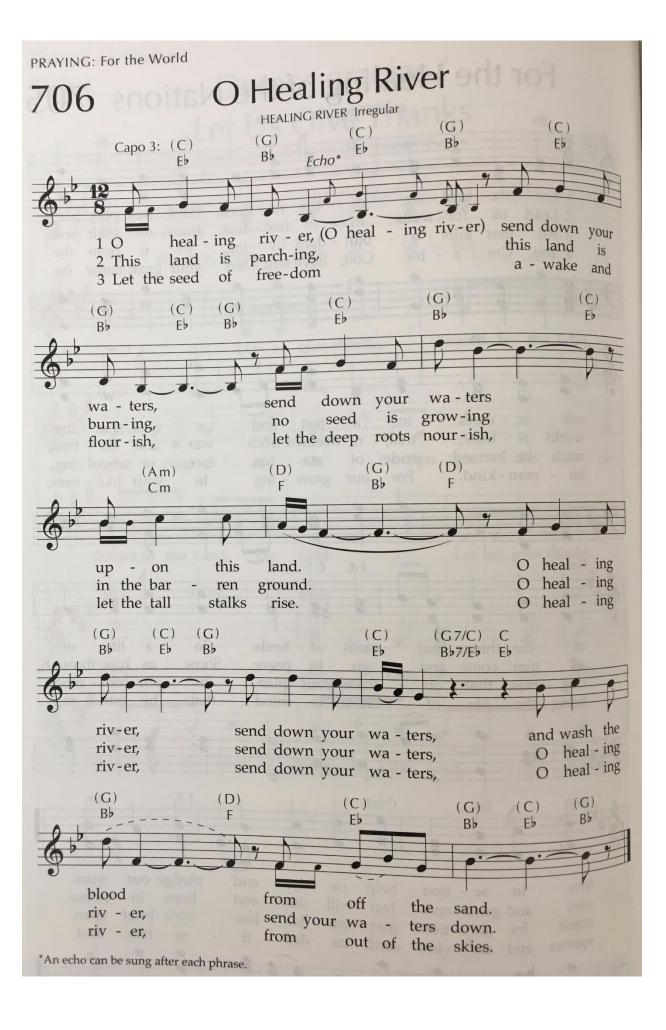
-the work of Mennonite Central Committee and all of us in peace-making in families and nations, -persons experiencing homelessness with winter approaching

Hymn: VT #707 "Dona nobis pacem" "706 "O Healing River"





Text:
Latin traditional "grant us peace" (Rome), ca. 7th c.; Arabic traditional, בובלה (May peace be upon you) (Eastern Mediterranean) שים שלום טובה וברכה (Grant peace, goodness, and blessing) (Eastern Mediterranean) שים שלום טובה וברכה (Eastern Mediterranean) שים שלום טובה (Eastern Mediterranean) שלום טובה (Eastern Mediterranea



Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching, Jesus said, "Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, "The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; For they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had—all she had to live on."

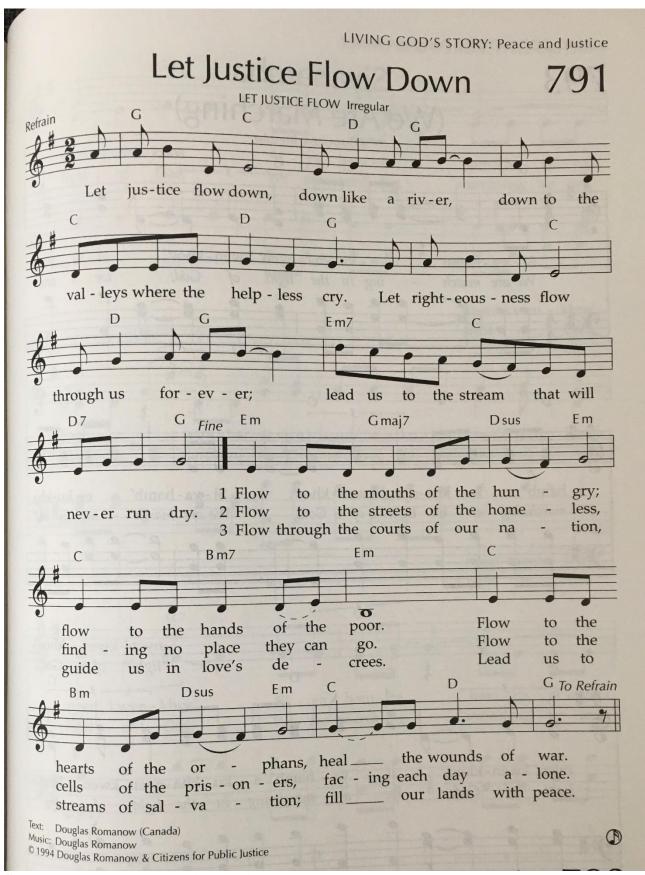
Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

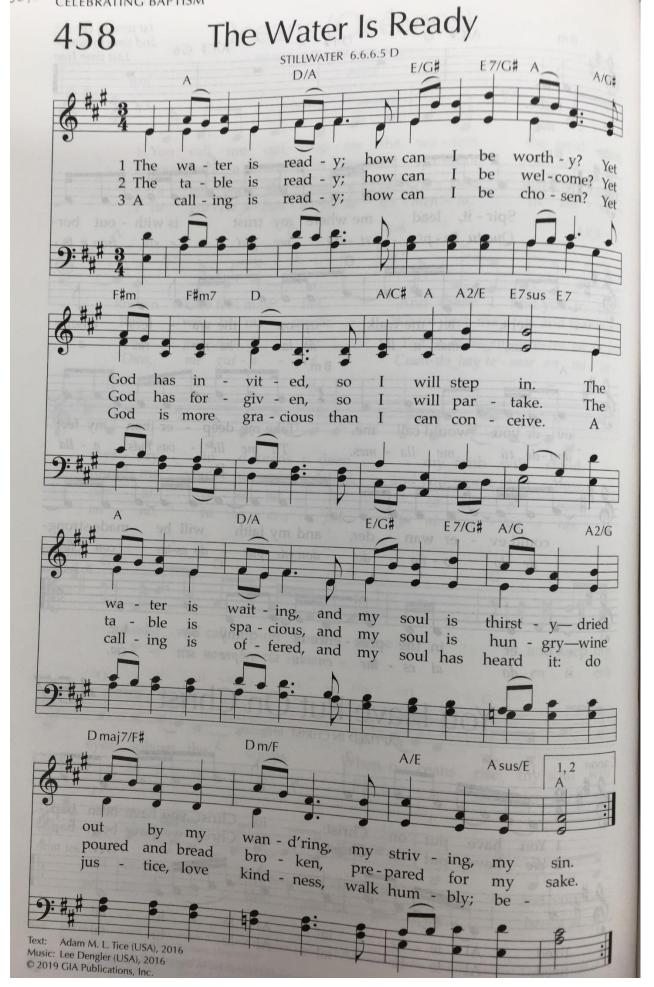
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT# 791 "Let Justice Flow Down"



Sermon: Restoring Justice

Hymn: VT # 458 "The Water Is Ready"



Benediction: from VT# 1058

May god bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work tirelessly for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with all who suffer from pain, rejection, and starvation, so that you may reach out to bring comfort, and transform pain into joy.

May god bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Nora Pederberg (she/her) Worship Leader: George J

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist Melanie Children's Time: Wilf B Sound: Matthew Usher: Lloyd Children's Sunday School Teachers: Diane M, Rachel & Sarah

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon, spiritual direction, VT class, Weds. office, Fri. Office

Nora's Week: Working Sun, Wed, Fri, Sun – Nov 14 speaking at Wildwood Mennonite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today at 2:00 p.m. at 1014 Kingsmere Blvd, we will safe distance in the Al-Nouris backyard for waving, welcome and singing.

Adult Education TODAY after worship.

Mosaic class in the **buffet room** (off the kitchen) and on Zoom.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220 Jake's Bible class in Room 7

- *Words of Thanks from Betty Friesen for condolences, prayers, flowers, cards and to the people that came, watched and helped at her husband Bill's funeral.
- *Thanks to all the people who took an interest in the MCC Blanket project. Your bids brought in \$775 with which materials will be purchased to *make more blankets* for MCC other donations will be gratefully excepted.
- *Thanks to Diane McKinnell for the mask quilt in thanksgiving for our homemade masks that are keeping us safe through the pandemic.
- *Voices Together Learning about Our New Hymnal Adult Education Series with Nutana Park Mennonite Church via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. October 19 November 23. Email npmc@npmc.net for the zoom link.

November 9: Who are the contributors for our new hymnal? How much does that matter? Do we need both old songs and new songs? Facilitator – Lori Weiler-Thiessen.

November 16: Why did we need a new hymnal anyway? Has our world changed that much? Is our theology changing? Facilitator – Edna

Froese.

November 23: Wrap-up session. Facilitator – Rachel Regier

*Osler Curling Match-Up at The Granite, Tuesday, **November 9,** 11:00 a.m. Come watch Lloyd's team take on Bruce's team.

Worship Committee needs four volunteers to be "online ushers" in a once per month volunteer rotation. As a proactive member of our online worship community, the online usher will welcome people via the online comments at the start of worship, moderate and answer comments, and welcome online responses as appropriate throughout the service. For more information or to volunteer, please speak to any member of Worship Committee: Lynette J, John R, Melanie B, Vanessa S, Michelle M or Patty.

- *From Community Connections Committee: We have 4 people signed up to volunteer at Friendship Inn on Nov 20, 11:00 1:00. If you would like to join, please contact Adeline.
- *We want to decorate the church bushes with white lights for the Annual Osler Christmas Kickoff Sat. Nov 27 does anyone has extra white lights/extension cords/timer to donate?
- *"Does the climate emergency cause you great anxiety? Do you feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the crisis? Join the Community Connections Committee on **November 24th** starting at 6:30 pm for a 1.5-hour session with Rachel Malena-Chan from Eco-Anxious Stories. Rachel is a story-strategist who helps people channel their eco-anxiety into meaningful responses to the climate crisis. She and her sister Beth Carlson-Malena, (pastor at Open Way Community Church in Winnipeg), will share some strategies to help us cultivate hope in the midst of climate uncertainty. Watch next week for the zoom link in your bulletin and on Facebook. Be sure to invite your friends and join in the conversation."

MCC Blanket making in the Multi-purpose room Nov 15-19.

*There is a call for **MC Canada** to take a serious stance regarding the climate crisis. Check https://www.7callstoclimateaction.com/process

Are you willing to sign a letter to this regard?

MC Sask

Nov 7 @ 3 pm is forest church at **Shekinah**.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an **Interim Youth Worker** to fulfill a one-year parental leave beginning January 17, 2022. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will focus on coordinating Mega Menno events, including travel to the 2022 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Contact Ryan Siemens, minister@mcsask.ca, for more information.

Thank you from RJC! Thanks to all who supported our Choirs & Cakes fundraiser. We are well on our way to meeting our \$30,000 fundraising goal. If you would like to re-watch the event, visit <u>rjc.sk.ca/cakes</u> for a recording of the live-stream.

Host families needed for RJC International students. Would you like to support RJC in a different way? RJC is looking for individuals, couples, or families who would be open to hosting an International student during closed dorm weekends or extended holidays. If you are interested please email deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.

*Mega Menno Games Night – Friday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm, Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Join us for a night of fun and games, and connecting with other youth! Free event, open to youth in grades 6-12. Masks will be mandatory, contact Kirsten for more information, youthminister@mcsask.ca

Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery invites you to its annual *Fundraising Gala* with live music, verdant artworks, and a tribute to Ray Dirks on Friday, November 12 at 7:30 PM. Visit cmu.ca/gallery to register to attend in person or view the live stream.

MCC Connects: The annual MCC Saskatchewan Quilt Sale is back! To view this year's selection of quilts, visit www.mccskquiltsale.com. Quilts can be purchased online though that website or by calling the office at 306-665-2555. Alternatively, feel free to stop by the office to look at and purchase them as well. The money raised from these beautiful quilts will turn into hope and comfort for those experiencing devastating situations around the world.

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: November 14

Speaker: Curtis Wiens Worship Leader: Alex Song Leaders: Michelle Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Edna Sound: Doug Usher: Harold

No Children's Classes Today

OMC CALENDAR

Nov 7 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking Peace Sunday

Nov 7 12:00 pm Deacon mtg

Nov 12 6:30 pm OMC Youth Night

Nov 14 10:00 am Curtis Wiens speaking Creation Care

Nov 15 – 17 MCC Blanket Making in the Multi-purpose room

Nov 17 6:00 pm Church Exec mtg

7:00 pm Church Council mtg

Nov 19 7:00 pm Mega Menno Games Night @ Mount Royal

Nov 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen Memorial Sunday

Nov 22 7:30 pm Worship mtg Zoom

Nov 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen First Advent

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