



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 8, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.

All: We come to worship.

One: Wanting to follow but not always sure how.
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.

All: We come anyway.

One: Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.

All: We come.

One: When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.

All: We come again. We keep coming.

One: Ready or not. Here we are.

All: Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #11 Mountain of God

VT #156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

First Reading: John 18:10-14 NRSVUE

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Pray – for those effected by the conflict in the Middle East
-for the MCSask AGM this coming weekend

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

Hymn: VT #555 Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

Second Reading: John 18:15-27 NRSVUE

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

He said, "I am not."

Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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 #596 Don't Be Afraid

Sermon: Peter's Path, or Jesus' Way

Hymn: VT #636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Benediction

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

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

TODAY MARCH 8 *Third Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Kevin

Coffee/Snack:

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad's Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you'd like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601.

Luke's Week: Wednesday OMC Office; Thursday KCC;
Friday/Saturday: ADS

Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 10 – Micah Guenther; 13 – Casadi Schroeder

Youth Calendar

March 6th Bible Study and Games at Church 7-9

March 14th Mega Menno at Shekinah 10:30am-4:00pm

March 20th or 21st TBD

March 27th Role Playing Games with Saskatoon Youth Group

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar 8 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *3rd Sunday of Lent*

*Thur. Mar 12 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 15 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *4th Sunday of Lent*

Wed. Mar 18 – 11:30 am Lunch at Bethany Manor

*Thur. Mar 19 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 22 – 10:00 am Mark Bigland-Pritchard speaking

*Thur. Mar 26 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 29 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *Palm Sunday*

**Note the time change*

Brad and Luke will host a series of 3 Sunday School classes around the Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists beginning on March 15 during the SS hour and continuing on March 22 and 29. The aim of these classes is partly to help prepare those who desire baptism and/or membership for that step, but also just for interest's sake. Anyone who is considering baptism or membership is invited to talk to Brad or Luke and anyone interested in discussion around our Shared Convictions is welcome to attend these classes.

"Greetings everyone, you are invited to join us at the church on Thursdays at 11:00am (until the impending time change) for a CMU Xplore Class. The class began on February 19th and will run until March 26th/ This year's topic will be Theologies of Trauma and Healing with Dr. Susanne Guenther Loewen. Everyone is welcome – even if you missed the first one! Please come for some coffee, conversation and a chance to learn!"

- Luke Bushman on behalf of the Education Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\$180.95 was collected last Sunday – monies will go to the Warman Food Bank.

The 2026 OMC Directory is ready. Printed copies are available on a table in the foyer.

If you donate to the church using direct payment, please fill out the PAD form that was emailed to you or pick up a paper copy from the foyer.

A New Way!! The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

If you have one, it is very important to report any loss to the office immediately as we will then need to reprogram everyone's Fob.

"The Pastors and Deacons would like to host another lunch gathering at Bethany Manor on March 18th at 11:30am for residents of the Manor and any OMC members who would like to join. If you would like to attend, please speak to Brad or one of the Deacons to confirm."

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

MCC Connects: In light of the recent attacks in Iran and escalating violence throughout the Middle East, MCC invites your continued prayers. We are committed to a just peace for all in the name of Christ, please join us in lamenting all violence and loss of life.

MC SASK Updates:

Please pray for all those planning the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions and those who will be hosting. We give thanks for the people of Tiefengrund, Eigenheim, and Shekinah who have been working along with MC Sask staff to bring you the 2026 Annual Delegate Sessions. May they have the energy and wisdom needed for all the last-minute preparations. (new)

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the hiring of Cynthia Kovaks as Office and Finance Administrator and Dalen Applegate as Faith Development Minister.

Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. **February 19-April 16 (5 sessions)** To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

March 11 | Face2Face at CMU: Being Peacemakers for a World of Surging Polarization – You are invited on March 11 at 7:00 PM to Marpeck Commons or via livestream for an opportunity to explore how faith-driven empathy can bridge deep cultural divides with Dr. Chris

Rice and faculty from CMU. Visit cmu.ca/face2face for more information and the livestream

March 13 & 14: You are invited to attend the 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at the Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Our theme is "Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power" Jesus spoke in parables to describe the kingdom of God, often it was about the small things like the mustard seed and yeast. We will explore this theme through storytelling and worship. Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

Strengthening the Pastor Congregation Relationship

Is the pastor an employee? How does a congregation deal with part-time, bi-vocational, or lay ministers? What are some practical tools congregations and pastors can use to enhance the pastor-congregation relationship? These are some areas that we plan to address at this year's Pastors' & Leaders' Day at ADS. In addition to pastors and leaders, we are also inviting congregational board/council members to attend this year and engage in the discussions. Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Congregation Leadership Minister for MCEC and D.Min candidate, will lead us. You are welcome to bring your own "bag lunch" at noon. The workshop will begin at 1:00. Friday supper will be provided for those who attend. Please register on the general ADS registration page at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

March 15 | 2:30 pm RJC Songs & Sweets Join us for a celebration of music and generosity at RJC High School. This lively fundraising event features performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir, and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets. To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

March 15, 4:30 pm | RJC RENEW Capital Campaign Public Launch Join us in the RJC Chapel, immediately following Songs and Sweets, as we publicly launch our RENEW \$10M capital campaign and celebrate major milestones, Phase 1 completion, and what God is doing through our community. If you're unable to attend in person, watch live

at rjc.sk.ca/renewlaunch or visit rjc.sk.ca/renew afterward to see campaign updates, donor stories, and opportunities to give.

March 24, 5:00 – 7:00 pm / Youth Farm Bible Camp — Vereniki & Sausage Fundraiser at Youth Farm Bible Camp Join us for a delicious Vereniki & Sausage Supper in support of Youth Farm Bible Camp! Enjoy a traditional Mennonite meal featuring: Cottage Cheese & Potato Cheddar Vereniki; Mennonite Farmer Sausage; Cream Gravy & Fruit Sauces; Coleslaw; Ice Cream; Admission by donation — bring your family and friends and help support camp ministry! (new)

March 28th CSI Shekinah: A “Whodunit?” Extravaganza: Join Ric Driediger (former owner of Churchill River Canoe Outfitters) to solve mysteries reflecting the history of the Churchill River Basin. Registration is \$150 for the full event or you can choose to participate in only the afternoon or the evening mystery. A gourmet Saskatchewan lunch and supper accompany the fun. Follow the link for further information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3ZH0CIC>

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details. (new)

Great opportunities to serve at Shekinah are waiting for you! Visit our website to learn more about current job openings and application details (new)

March 29 2:30 - 5 pm | A MultiFaith Saskatoon event at Sri Lakshmi Narayan Temple. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination -- Combatting Hate: An Interfaith Response. A facilitated interfaith dialogue and panel discussion focused on identifying, understanding, and responding to hate in its various forms, including racism, religious intolerance, and misinformation. The session will highlight community-led solutions and collaborative action.

Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

The Micah Mission is seeking an Interim Executive Director to provide steady, values-aligned leadership during a six-month transition period. This role will ensure organizational continuity, oversee core restorative justice programs, and support the Board through a period of strategic exploration. The Interim Executive Director will hold a blended portfolio that includes executive leadership and hands-on program oversight and facilitation. Fundraising expectations will be more limited than in a permanent Executive Director role, with greater emphasis on operational stability, program continuity, and relationship stewardship. For details please see <https://themicahmission.org/index.php/our-team/>

Tales from the Mennonite Heritage Archives: "From Russia with Woe" | Maria's time at the GULAG museum helped her discover her own great grandfather's life and faith. Maria's research led to answers, more questions - and a discovery of new communities and relatives thousands of kilometers away. Listen to this two-part series at <https://www.mharchives.ca/tales-from-the-archives/> (new)

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 15 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Matthew

Ushers: Benjamin/Dick Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Shelley

Coffee/Snack:

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