



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**October 8, 2023**

*Thanksgiving Communion*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

## **Call to Worship:**

L: O God, your steadfast love has been ours for generations.

**C: Through Christ, you brought us into the light of eternal love.**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we proclaim our salvation until Jesus comes again.**

L: As we share in this thanksgiving communion, may Christ be present with us, and may the Spirit bind us together as Christ's body in the world. Amen

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymns: VT #177 All Things Bright and Beautiful  
VT #563 Come, Thou Fount**

## **Reading: Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

**Children's Gathering Song:** VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing  
Children's Time: Wilf

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**  
**Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

Prayers - for transitions – Lloyd & Loretta's move off the farm

Thanksgiving - for rain

**Sharing:** John Reddekopp and Katherine Penner

**Hymn: VT #461      Come to the Table of Grace**

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "God scatters abroad; and gives to the poor; God's righteousness endures forever."

God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that has been given you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

## **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!**

**Sermon:       Amazing, Wonderful Grace**

## **Thanksgiving Communion Liturgy**

We praise you Creator God for all of your creation. In the beginning, you created the world and all that is in it. From the rising sun in the East, to the soft rains of the South, to the setting sun in the West, to the dancing lights of the North. From the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

**We come together to lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving for the gift of reconciliation, healing and new life that we have through your gift of Jesus.**

Jesus came and taught us to love you, O God with all that is within us. He came and taught us the truth about you. He came to fulfill our traditions and to let go of ourselves. He died on a cross for the thing that plagues us, sin and separation, fulfilling your love for us through his resurrection and reconciling us to you forever.

**Holy One, we give thanks for this living bread and this life saving cup as we proclaim the mystery of our faith in Christ our Lord.**

Creator God, let your Spirit move among us. Come upon these gifts of the earth and make them holy. We thank you for allowing us to eat from your table. We worship you in this meal and receive these gifts from your loving hand.

## **Distribution of Communion**

Creator of all, you gave us fields rich with grain to be gathered, formed and shared as life-giving bread. So may we, your church, be gathered, formed and shared in your reconciling love through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Hold the gluten-free bread so that we might all eat as one.*) The gift of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Creator of all, you gave us fruit as a sign and celebration of new life. May we, your people, taste the sweetness of new life together. Amen. (*Hold the grape juice so we may drink as one.*) Remember Christ our Lord who said whoever drinks of the water of life shall never thirst again.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of the earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend and Saviour. We pray this in your name. Amen.

## **Hymn: VT #70 Praise God**

**Benediction:** Let us give thanks to God in memory and hope, knowing that the love of God is with us, the peace of Christ is present here, and the hope of the Holy Spirit moves within us, that we may live in reconciliation with all. Go in peace.

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP Oct 8 *Thanksgiving Sharing, Communion***

Speakers: John Reddekopp & Katherine Penner

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Wilf Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin & Dick

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

**Patty's Week:** Tues. sermon, spiritual direction; Weds. office; Thurs. worship mtg; Fri. Office, Oct. 16-23 Churchill, MB to see polar bears. Please contact Luke 306-260-6552, Julie 306-250-2995, Karl 306-716-7855, Frieda 306-239-4361 for emergencies.

**Luke's Week:** Wed. OMC Office; Thurs. NPMC KCC; Fri. Corn Maze with All Youth Groups; Sat. Parking Pad Party Prep; Sun. Church, Party, TOTB

**Birthdays:** 8 – Matthew Stefaniuk; 12 – Stephanie Siemens

**Friday:** Walking Group is done for the session but the coffee is still on every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***Forever in Motion** starts Friday, Oct. 13 am in the Community Hall

\***Note the updated time - OMC/CMU Zoom Explore Class** Wed., October 4-November 8, **9:00 a.m.** Coffee Room: Reconsidering Anabaptist Identity after 500 years with Karl Koop.

\*We will be having a **Parking Pad Party** with pizza for parishioners October 15th after Worship and Sunday school. We will be doing a parking pad blessing, a chalk art contest, and everyone is encouraged to bring their scooters, skateboards and helmets for a test drive. There will be pizza served as well. This is a party to celebrate our new, more accessible parking lot, and also a fundraiser to replenish the funds used for this awesome project. Please consider donating in addition to celebrating! - Luke Bushman

\***The family of Cornie and Sarah Guenther invite** you to stay for coffee and cake during coffee time on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (*Actual date was June 14<sup>th</sup>.*)

\***Oct 30 – Nov 3 - MCC Blanket making in the multi-purpose room**

**Theatre of the Beat Presents: I Love You and It Hurts** Admission by Donation October 15th at 2:00PM at Osler Mennonite Church.

\***The Micah Mission** - a non-profit, ecumenical grassroots organization in Saskatoon supporting those who are currently incarcerated or coming out of correctional institutions is seeking Volunteer Board Members. Board Members provide oversight and are important stakeholders in decision making as we plan for our future, supporting our community. The time commitment would be approximately 1 hour via Zoom each month. No experience is necessary. Board Members must be 18 years or older with a clean police record. Please consider joining us. For more information please contact: [deborah@themicahmission.org](mailto:deborah@themicahmission.org).

**The Micah Mission** is holding a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 27th at Mulberry's Restaurant (2326B Millar Ave). Cocktails commence at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm. The event features dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, games, and more. Cost is \$50. To register please buy a ticket at: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIaIfjLnfYj\\_ROQY](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIaIfjLnfYj_ROQY). For more information please email: [deborah@themicahmission.org](mailto:deborah@themicahmission.org).

**October 12 & 13 MC Sask and MCCS are partnering with the New Leaf Network to host a Saskatoon hub for *The Table* conference.** Conference participants will hear stories of hope for tired congregations,

bear witness to experiments in welcome and inclusivity, and be led through worship and spiritual practices, all aiming to re-anchor in hope for flourishing for the church in Canada and all our neighbors. Keynote speakers include Joash Thomas of International Justice Mission and Hillary McBride, author of *The Wisdom of Your Body*. Visit <https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/store/thetable2023skhub>

**RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer | October 13 - 14.** Join the fun at RJC's alumni & friends' volleyball & soccer tournament. Come and play or watch the fast-paced action in the RJC gymnasium and soccer field. Volleyball players are asked to register with Alex Tiessen ([development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca)) by October 10. Soccer games will only take place on October 14. Soccer players do not need to pre-register, and a light and dark shirt to play in. Lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC dining hall. More info at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 2023 German-English Academy Awards|** October 28, 2023, doors open at 5:00pm, dinner & program begin at 6:00pm. Celebrating the legacy of musical theatre and the arts at RJC. Featuring performances of musical theatre songs & scenes from RJC musicals past by RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations will go to support RJC's bursary program. Tickets \$25/table or \$200/table. Available October 2, 2023. Call (306) 232-4222 or visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

**October 19 & 20 Called to Be a Worship Leader workshop by Carol Penner** Are you a worship leader, interested in worship leading or intimidated by worship leading? This is the workshop for you! Carol Penner has produced many resources for worship leaders and will lead us through the role of the worship leader and give us many tips and resources. Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11422>

**Celebrate International Witness Sunday** October 15. This will help your congregation connect with our global Anabaptist brothers and sisters. Resources include videos, prayers, and songs. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday>

**Camp Study Update:** Following the completion of our camp study in spring, a sub-committee of Council (Brent Guenther, Christine Epp and Alison Jantz) met with the three camps to discuss next steps and a path forward. These conversations took place with each camp individually, as

each camp is uniquely interacting with their own opportunities, challenges, and vision for the future. This work is ongoing, and Council is deeply committed to the work ahead as we work in partnership with the camps. The camp study report can be found at [www.mcsask.ca/campstudy](http://www.mcsask.ca/campstudy)

\*November 3, 7:00pm The Board of Shekinah invites you to the **'TREEmendous Times with Trifle'** fundraising event at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Rd) on Friday, November 3, at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Fellowship Centre and musical entertainment will be provided by The Golden Hour. Admission, by donation, will be gratefully accepted.

**The Shekinah** board is happy to announce that Amy Peters will begin as half time Executive Director starting Oct. 1. Amy has committed to staying to the end of December. The board continues to recruit for a permanent full time Executive Director.

**J.J. Thiessen Lecture** – You are invited to hear Dr. Willie James Jennings of Yale Divinity School present his talk entitled, Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land. October 27 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons or via livestream. Visit [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt) for details and livestream.

**A Time of Reckoning: Telling the CMU Story** – Join a two-day symposium on October 27 and 28. Featuring short reflections and dialogue with CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices, participants will investigate what CMU is today and where it's going in light of its mission. More details and free registration at [cmu.ca/timeofreckoning](http://cmu.ca/timeofreckoning).

**\*New seasonal blend coffee from Level Ground!** Bundle up is a dark roast that will make you feel invincible and ready to face anything - even icy winter temperatures. With notes of chocolate, toffee, and spiced rum, this exclusive roast will leave you feeling warm and cozy. Available in bean only in 300g size. For a limited time only! Get yours at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee>

**Please Note: The front door of our Church was found unlocked on Sunday morning October 1.**

It takes all of us to make sure we secure the building. If you are the last to leave the building, please make sure all the doors are locked.

**New Addresses:**

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Warman, SK S0K 0A1

Zachary Stefaniuk  
46 – 1275 Railway St. E  
Swift Current, SK S9H 5P3

**CALENDAR**

Oct 8 9:15 am Centering Prayer Room 2 with John G

**10:00 Thanksgiving Sharing, Communion**

11:30 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

Oct 15 9:15 am Centering Prayer Room 2

**10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

12:00 Parking Pad Party

2:00 pm Theatre of the Beat: *I Love You and It Hurts*

**Oct 22 10:00 am Heather Peters, MCC SK speaking**

11:45 am Lunch with Heather, Osler restaurant

Oct 25 6:30 pm Faspa & Conversation Josephine Kroeker

**Oct 29 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

Oct 30 – Nov 3 9:00 am start – MCC Blanket making

**NEXT SUNDAY: Oct 15** *Grace – Healed Eyes*

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Bill/Anna

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