

# **Osler Mennonite Church**

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

# 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 9, 2025

# Here I am Send me!

#### Prelude Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

# Call to Worship: Psalm 138

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

C: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the leaders of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

L: For though the Lord is high, the Holy One regards the lowly, but the haughty are observed from far away.

C: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

# **Prayer of Invocation**

# Hymns of Praise: VT #80We Sing to You, O GodVT #581Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

# First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of Your glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

#### **Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing Story for All Ages:** Luke

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

**Prayers** – close friends of Kevin and Melanie's, Angela and Tracey Goertzen and family, whose daughter Alyssa, passed away in Edmonton this past Wednesday

Thanksgiving - for Israel/Hamas ceasefire

- for good youth retreat at Shekinah last weekend

- for Patty's 10 years of ministry to our congregation

#### Candle Prayers for inner and world peace

#### Hymn: VT #11 Mountain of God

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-34 and 9:1-8

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, h e rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."...

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

#### 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: Discipleship

Hymn: VT #386 One Is the Body

**Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you. God's face shine upon you and grant you peace. Amen

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com \*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAYFeb 9DicipleshipSpeaker: Luke BushmanWorship Leader: Becca BushmanSong Leaders: Kathryn, BenjaminAccompanist: LynetteStory: LukeSound: StephanieUshers: Harold/DickOffering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Stephanie SiemensSunday School Leaders: Lynette, Olivia, Emmett

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday **Luke's Week:** Wed. NPMC Youth; Thurs. KCC; Fr: OMC office; Sat. OMC Youth **Birthday**: 14 – Walter Tataryn; 14 – Isa Boldt

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Feb 9 – Osler Donuts

Feb 16 – Casadi

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MC Sask Gathering March 7 & 8 at RJC, if you would like to be a delegate for Osler Mennonite Church please touch base with someone on the Nominating Committee (Shelley, Ben, Sandra & Steve). (*new*)

# 2025 OMC Directory Updates

Many of you have changed your landlines to cell numbers only, so please check the DRAFT COPY OF THE DIRECTORY and make any corrections to it.

**OMC Book Club:** The next book *Kabul Beauty School* will be available on Feb 5th. If you would like a book please contact Margaret Dyck at 306-229-9492. There will be a book discussion at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 6th at the church.

MCC Connects: Join the My Coins Count fun! Each year, spare change collected by churches adds up and supports MCC projects around the world. This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards food projects and can be brought to MCC's Relief Sale Festival in June. Please visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources to share with your congregation: https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count

# MC Sask News:

**Registration is now open for the 2025 MC Sask Gathering** (annual delegate sessions) March 7 & 8 at RJC High School. Details available at https://mcsask.ca/event/11890 (new)

**Praying for each other:** Celebrate with Langham Mennonite Fellowship in a prayer of deep gratitude as they worship together in the Spirit of unity, diligently serving each other and their neighbours near and far with love, hope, joy, full of life, covenanting together to reflect Christ's image. (new)

**Come to the Youth Farm Bible Camp** for their annual Cinnamon Fund Raiser on Saturday, February 8 - 10:00AM. They will also be sharing about a recent trip to Italy/Greece (following footsteps of Paul) and the upcoming Nicaragua and Mexico Impact Trips through the 3E Internship Program. (info only)

**Friday, February 14** – Please join us for our Hearts for Refugees fundraising dinner at Eigenheim Mennonite Church (8 kms west of Rosthern on Hwy 312). Two settings: 5:00 pm or 6:30 pm. RSVP by phone or text: (306) 232-7447. Admission by donation.

**Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day**: Monday, February 17. 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate!

We are hiring! Shekinah Retreat Centre is currently looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Booking Coordinator/Event Host. For details on this full time position, please go to https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/ and scroll down to career opportunities. (new)

Wayne and Brenda McDonald from Wildwood Mennonite and a few others across the country to plan a "solar panel panel" for February 26. There will be five panelists, who have done solar projects at their congregational level and the nice long time for questions and discussion. Join the nationwide conversation between congregations with solar panels and those who are thinking about it via Zoom, April 26, 7:00-8:30 pm CST. Email Sandy Plett <splett@mennonitechurch.ca> to register and receive a Zoom link.

**RJC Grade 9 Open House | 6:00pm Wednesday, March 5** Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register for the Grade 9 Open House at rjc.sk.ca. (new)

**RJC Songs & Sweets** | **2:00pm Sunday, March 9** We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community at Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca. We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

**RJC High School Employment Opportunity** | Teacher RJC High School is inviting applications for a full-time teaching position beginning in the 2025/2026 school year. The ideal candidate will teach from a whole student perspective and be actively engaged in school and community programming. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the president, Ryan Wood, at executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca no later than Friday, February 28, 2025. For more information, please review the full job description on our website.

**Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2025**: "Each Person Has a Gift" What would it look like if we, as a church, truly recognized the unique gifts God has given each of us? How might our communities change if we boldly celebrated those gifts and the people who hold them? At Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2025, we'll explore these questions and more, as we come together to discover how God is calling us to use our gifts for the good of the church and the world. See what to expect on individual days:

https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/Gathering2025

MC Canada Youth Gathering 2025 -

Each Has a Gift 1 Peter 4:10

Ready for an unforgettable summer? Youth Gathering 2025 is happening from July 2–5, 2025 at the epic University of Waterloo campus – and you don't want to miss it!

- Dorm life, cafeteria vibes Sleep in dorms, chow down in the uni cafeterias, and enjoy a chill intercultural picnic while you explore the coolest spots in Kitchener-Waterloo.
- Worship, music, and good vibes Get ready to connect with God, discover your unique gifts, and be reminded that you're a beloved child of God.

- Non-stop fun Epic late-night games, activities that'll challenge your mind and body, and awesome creative projects with youth from across the country.
- Make lifelong friends Meet people from all over Canada, bond with your youth group, and create memories that will last long after the event ends.
- 5. Whether you roll up by train, plane, car, transit, or bike, we've got your back a warm welcome and tons of experiences await.
- 6. **Registration opens March 5, 2025** Mark your calendars, this is going to be HUGE!

Estimated costs: ~\$400/person for registration, ~\$600/person for travel. Please Contact Evan (<u>youthminister@mcsask.ca</u>) with any questions. (new)

# YOUTH NEWS

**Feb. 15th Snow Games in Osler 7-9pm:** Weather permitting, please wear winter gear. If enough folks want to do some sledding at the school that is an option, or if people want to try skating I believe Osler has an Outdoor Rink. Or we will just do some games in the snow by the church and then have hot chocolate!

**Feb. 22nd Mega Menno Board Game Night 7-9pm:** We haven't had a youth board game night in a while, I believe this event will be hosted at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, but I will make sure to send reminder emails in the coming weeks. We will also probably eat any food leftover from the retreat (Pizza, hot dogs, chips etc.)

# CALENDAR

Sat. Feb 8 - 9:30 am Annual General Meeting
Sun., Feb 9 - 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking 11:11 am Patty's Roast - special coffee time
Sun. Feb 16 - 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking
Sun. Feb 23 - 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking Sun. Mar 2 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking Sun. Mar 9 – 10:00 am Sharon M *from Shekinah* speaking Sun. Mar 16 – 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking

#### NEXT SUNDAY Feb 16

Speaker: Lois SiemensWorship Leader: Henry FunkSong Leader: KevinAccompanist: MelanieStory: MarleneSound: JamesUshers: Lanae/CarlOffering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Kevin BoldtNo Sunday School – Family Day

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