



# 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*

*July 9, 2023*

*God of Love Help Us!*

## **Prelude**

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

### **Call to Worship** Psalm 145

L: I will extol you, my God and Creator, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**C: Great are you Lord and greatly to be praised; your greatness is unsearchable. Generation to generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

L: We will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works we will meditate. We will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and declare your greatness. We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**C: You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are good to all, and your compassion is over all that you have made.**

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones shall bless you. We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds throughout all generations.

**C: You are faithful in all your words and gracious in all your deeds. You uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.**

L: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
**All: You are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings. You are near to all who call. Blessed be your Name!**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #78 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues**  
**VT #23 Come, Walk with Us**

**Old Testament Reading:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, they come, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there they stand behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

## **Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

*Prayers-* Nora, Emmett, Lanae, Mikwanis and Oren at Intermediate Camp this week; Morrison at YFBC

-upcoming surgeries for John R and Ben B

*Thanksgiving* – thanksgiving for Loretta, Luke, Anna and Sawatzky grands at Shekinah Children's Camp last week

**Hymn: VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me, and no one knows me except the Divine Parent, and no one knows the Divine Parent except me and anyone to whom I choose to reveal them. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in

heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**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 #625 Far Above the Noise of Life**

**Biblical Storytelling:** Are You There God?  
It’s me, Abraham’s servant, Carson. Help me!

**Hymn: VT #608 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

**Benediction:** Go, knowing you are beloved by God. Go, trusting God sees and hears us. Go, living the message of God’s grace, peace and love. Amen.

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

**Sermon Reflection:**

1. In our biblical storytelling from Genesis this month, we learn that Sarah and Abraham were very flawed people. How does that change how we view biblical heroes?
2. We learn that even fringe characters like Hagar and Abraham’s servant called on God and were heard. How does that change how we view biblical heroes?
3. How does dramatizing bible stories help us connect with them in new ways?

**TODAY’S WORSHIP July 9 Abraham’s Servant Prays**

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Becca Bushman  
Song Leaders: Ben, Dayna                      Accompanist: Lynette  
Children’s Time: Lynette      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Bill & Anna

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

**Patty’s Week:** Tues. sermon; Weds. office; Fri. Office

**Luke’s Week:**

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

**Yard Maintenance:** Matthew Braun and family

**Join the OMC Walking Group** starting at 8:00 am at the church

**Free coffee** every Friday in the church office

**\*Save the Date:** Sun. Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Joint Service with Aberdeen, Warman, Langham at Wilf and Ruth's yard, featuring Midwives of Justice skit; Curtis and Jill Wiens music; and communion led by Gary Ewen-Peters. Rollkucken and watermelon to follow.

**\*European Holiday** sharing with coffee and kuchen Sunday, July 30, 11:00 a.m. sanctuary. We would like to see 3 slides of your holiday (doesn't matter when) and hear your brief reflection on a highlight and lowlight of your trip and why we travel. Please bring slides on USB over the next weeks and we'll assemble a slideshow on the sanctuary computer. Feel free to bring other souvenirs or European chocolates!

\*Thanks to all who attended our celebration last Sunday – Dick, Kathy & family.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*MCC Connect:** This summer marks the 100th anniversary of 21,000 Russlaender Mennonites arriving in Canada from the Soviet Union. Come celebrate on July 17 or 18 at 7 pm by attending the twin grand piano concert, *Mennonite Piano Concerto*, by Victor Davies played by Godwin Friesen and Jerry Hu at the Quance Theatre in the College of Education on the U of S campus. Park in lot #4. Duff Warkentin will be leading a choir to sing *Kernlieder* (Mennonite folk hymns), and the Sine Domine Quartet will also be singing. Admission is free. An offering will be held to support the work of MCC.

**Upcoming hybrid CPE** unit beginning September 2023. If you are looking for professional development, university credit, and a place to develop personalized learning goals, CPE (Clinical Psychospiritual Education) is a great learning opportunity brought to you by the Saskatoon Institute for Pastoral Education. Applications are due July 1, visit [www.cpe-saskatoon.com](http://www.cpe-saskatoon.com) to learn more.

**MC SK Updates:**

**\*Please note:** The MC Sask office hours will be inconsistent during the summer, so please call before dropping in.

**\*The June 2023 MC Sask UPDATE is now available!** Get details on transitions, what our youth have been doing, Living Hope Climate retreat, and more! See it at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/UPDATE/June-2023-update.pdf> *also note copy on the bulletin board*

**The 2023 MC Sask Scholarship** application forms are now available at [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry)

**\*July 9 InCERT from MC Sask's CERT** (Climate Emergency Response Team) Check out MC Canada's **Emissions Reduction Grant** <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/mc-canada-emissions-reduction-grant> available to churches to 1) improve our own buildings and 2) provide ways for us to donate to the fund. See how you can be involved in addressing climate change in this substantial way. You can also view the webinar, "Energy Efficient Faith Buildings." at CommonWord – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3514>. (**Updated**)

**Save the Date:** Shekinah Move-a-Thon, Sept 17, 2023. Watch for details.

**Shekinah Retreat Centre** has an opening for the Executive Director position. We are seeking a high energy person to grow our camping and facility rental programs. The preferred candidate will have a commitment to the Anabaptist tradition, an entrepreneurial spirit, nonprofit leadership experience and excellent communication skills. Preferred start date is August 1, but can be negotiated. Most salary and benefits follow MC Canada guidelines. For further information contact Board chair, Phyllis Goertz: 306-242-8367 or [p.goertz@sasktel.net](mailto:p.goertz@sasktel.net)

**\*Russlaender Train Tour Saskatchewan Stop.** Twenty-one thousand Mennonites arrived in Canada from the Soviet Union beginning in 1923. Sixty participants are making the Quebec City to Abbotsford anniversary train trip and will stop in Saskatoon July 18-19. Check out the piano concert at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11401>, tours and more at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11394> (**Updated**)

**The Spruce River Folk Festival** is back for 2023 on Saturday, August 12 at Spruce River Farm, Spruce Home. Visit the website at [www.spruceriverfolkfest.com](http://www.spruceriverfolkfest.com) for artists and more information.

**Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern** has an opening for the Director of Care position. The preferred candidate will have a Bachelor Degree in Nursing, long-term care experience and management experience. Immediate start date, but can be negotiated. Candidate must have a strong commitment to the ideals expressed in the mission statement (<https://mennonitenursinghome.com/our-mission/>). For further information contact CEO/Administrator, Mark Hildebrandt: [mark.hildebrandt@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:mark.hildebrandt@saskhealthauthority.ca).

**Looking for something to do with your family or summer visitors?** The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre has two brand-new exhibits for you to explore. Check out the David Toews exhibit, commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1920s Mennonite immigration. Browse photographs and page through our complete collection of yearbooks in the RJC room upstairs—you're bound to find some familiar faces! Located on the campus of RJC High School, we're open Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4pm or by appointment. Call Donna at 306-232-7447 or Barb at 306-232-7553 to book your appointment today. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

### CALENDAR

- July 9 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *Servant prays*  
**July 16 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**  
July 18 7:00 pm Executive mtg  
**July 23 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *Rebecca prays*  
**July 30 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *Rachel prays*  
2-4:00 pm Memorial for Helen Peters at the Brian King Centre  
Aug 6 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking  
Aug 13 10:00 am George Janzen speaking

**NEXT SUNDAY July 16** *The Parable of the Sower*  
Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Patty Friesen  
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Melanie  
Children's Time: Becca Sound: James/Keri Ushers: Bill & Anna

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