Osler Mennonite Church A Welcoming Community for Peace

Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 9, 2022

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude

Gathering Hymns: VT #497

"Hallelujah! Fairest Morning!"

"Sing to the God of Harvest"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

VT #122

C: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

L: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

C: we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

C: give thanks and bless God's holy name.

L: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

C: whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 First Fruits and Tithes

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him,

'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; we went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Children's Gathering Song – VT #515 "O Little Children, Gather" Children's Time: Wilf

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation Sharing of joys and concerns/Prayer of the church

- -the devastation of Avian Bird flu on poultry producers
- -pastoral candidate
- -on going prayers for persons in hospital

Hymn: VT #403 "As a Sigh Great with Yearning"

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:25-35 When the disciples found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Holy One will give you. For it is on him that God has set a seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom has been sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'God gave them bread

from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my God who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." L: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.

Hymn: VT #405 "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-94

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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!

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing: Duff Warkentin

VT #81 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" VT #88 "Praise, to the Lord, the Almighty VT #123 "Come, Ye Thankful People" VT #750 "God of the Fertile Fields" VT #814 "O God beyond All Praising" VT #535 "Today We Sing with Thankfulness" VT #806 "Called by Earth and Sky" VT #205 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

VT #788 "The Garden Needs our Tending Now"

VT #145 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Benediction: O God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us all this Thanksgiving.

TODAY'S WORSHIP October 9 Thanksgiving Sunday
Hymn Singing: Duff Warkentin Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Duff, Ben, Michelle Accompanist: Lynette and guitars
Children's Time: Wilf Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick
No Sunday School today

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

Patty's Week: Mon to Weds off; Fri office

Birthday: 12 – Stephanie Siemens

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Oct 9 – George Janzen

Oct 16 – Wilf Buhler

Please consider signing up to bring a snack and prepare the coffee!

Youth Announcements

Sat Oct. 15, OMC Games Night for Mentor/Mentees, Christy sponsor **Fri. Oct. 29,** Mega-Menno Halloween Overnighter @ OMC, Alex, Zach, Sarah sponsors

OMC Calendar

Oct 9 10:00 am Duff Warkentin Thanksgiving Hymn sing

Oct 16 10:00 am Patty Friesen Communion Sunday

Oct 19 7:00 pm Theatre of the Beat

Oct 23 10:00 am Henry Funk

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP October 16 Communion

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Song Leaders: Ben, Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi and guitars Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Bill/Anne S.S. Teachers: Youth-Christy Martens-Funk, Children- Loretta Sawatzky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Pastor Search Committee, Nora Bergen-Braun, Christy Martens-Funk, Pastor Patty, Loretta Sawatzky, and Ben Buhler have expressed the wonderful experience of working with Nutana Park committee. We were very blessed with three very good candidates; any

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

one of these candidates could have done a good job for us. However, one stood out. We have unanimously chosen Luke Bushman. Luke is married to Becca and has a dog (Cola). They recently moved to Rosthern. He is a ripe young age of 25. Luke grew up at Hepburn Mennonite Brethren Church. Luke then went on to graduate from Columbia Bible College, and completing a theological studies program. During CBC he worked at Level Ground Mennonite Church (MCBC). For the next two years he was a youth pastor in a Baptist church on Vancouver Island.

Luke found us on the internet. He read Nutana's statement of inclusion, and he read about the gay wedding that took place at OMC. He has been searching for an open-minded opportunity, where he can learn with the rest of us, about God's calling, how we handle social injustice, God's earth, or being totally inclusive. The committee has had 2 interviews with him. In the first meeting, we were impressed by how well he answered questions regarding the safe church, and our views on inclusivity. In both interviews, he showed tremendous energy, and a deep desire to work with youth and children. His references tell us that he is very good one-on-one with any age group. Also mentioned was his creativity. Pastor Susanne asked Luke to give us a list of books he had read in recent years. We were definitely impressed with his choices, as well as his thoughts on the material read.

We are excited! We are inviting Luke, as our candidate, to share his faith story on October 16th morning worship. We would also like him to meet the youth SS class that morning and possibly meeting the youth at the Mentor/Mentee Games Night on the 15th. We would like to have a Congregational meeting immediately after church service 11:00 Sun. Oct. 16. Our bylaws state we need a 2/3 positive response from those present to proceed with the hiring process. We would hope to have Luke in place by November 1.

*Tues. Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. Custodians film at the Community Hall about important Indigenous findings at Herschel. *Details to follow*.

*Youth event with mentors: On Saturday, October 15 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the church. All youth are welcome, as well as all mentors! Please bring any board or card games that you enjoy.

*Weds. Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m. OMC Theatre of the Beat presentation on conscientious objection. (In partnership with other Saskatoon & areas churches). Admission by donation.

Selah's Song is an original, heartwarming musical written by Johnny Wideman with music by beloved Mennonite musician Bryan Moyer Suderman. The musical tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village, and whose song became an anthem for peace. Selah, a burgeoning songwriter, is excited to hear that her father is coming home from the war in West Candling. But, the joy of having her family reunited is short-lived when a harsh War Tax is started instead. Inundated with catchy pro-war propaganda songs, Selah is inspired to share her own music with the village, creating some competition for the King.

Selah's Song was commissioned and produced by Community Mennonite Church Stouffville in partnership with Nineteen on the Park Theatre in January 2014 as a community outreach event. Originally conceived as a 40-person musical, it is now revisited as a four-person show with puppets that can tour across Canada.

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 1905 RJC AM: Live & on Location | October 29, 2022, doors open at 5:00pm, dinner & program begin at 6:00pm. A radio-style variety show in the RJC auditorium, featuring Joe Callahan (singer-songwriter) and Leland Klassen (comedian), as well as performances by other RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations will go to support RJC's bursary program. Tickets on sale now for \$25. Call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

RJC's Corporation Meeting October 29, 2022, 5:00pm. Join us for your annual report to the community in the RJC chapel prior to our fundraising dinner.

Check the bulletin board for the latest Bethany Manor Newsletter

*Shekinah Work Day! Saturday, October 22nd - 9:00am to 4:00pm. Shekinah would love to finish the work around the windows on the inside of the Timber Frame cabins before winter and they need your help. This is not heavy work; however there are six windows in each of the four cabins, so many hands would make for an efficient work bee! Coffee will be served along with a tasty treat and lunch will also be

provided. Please bring an impact driver or drill if you have one and small hand tools. Shekinah will have all supplies required for the work that needs to be done. Call Ron at Shekinah if you have any questions (306.945.4929). Come out and bring a friend!

And here are some upcoming events happening in the Timber Lodge before the end of the year:

November 19, 2022 - Wine & Cheese Event, 6:30pm December 11, 2022 - A Very Shekinah Christmas, 2:00pm

Oct. 21-22, 2022: "Departing Canada, Encountering Latin America: Reflections on the Centenary of Mennonite Emigration from Canada to Mexico and Paraguay," a conference hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg. Sessions will take place in Convocation Hall, 2nd floor Wesley Hall Building at the University of Winnipeg, and will be livestreamed. Free admission. Program and registration at https://ctms.uwinnipeg.ca/events/departing-canada/

MCC's annual Buckets of Thanks is coming up! Consider helping cover the cost of sending 1000 relief kits overseas this year and/or send a group from your church to help pack relief kits. Each kit costs \$52 and helps families who have been displaced by disaster or war. For more information, please visit: https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/sk-buckets-thanks

Oct 21 & 22 You're invited to MCC Saskatchewan's 4th Annual Peace Conference, "Land of Living Reconciliation: Seeking Common Ground". This year, we will explore the interconnection of land and reconciliation. Join us as we navigate themes of land as living library, as life-giving watershed, the colonial history of carving up the land, and the healing power of reconnecting with the land. We will hear from key voices including Harry Lafond, Lyndon Linklater and Trevor Herriot, and enjoy a meal prepared by Chef Jenni Lessard. Details and registration available at https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference-2022

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