



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Palm/Passion Sunday – April 10, 2022

“From Power Over to Power With”

Praise with Palms

VT# 315 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,
a way so different from the ways of this world.

**People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp,
to trust instead of control.**

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see
and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

**People: In worship we give of ourselves
and we receive the disarming power of God.**

Leader: We cry:

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the power of God’s name.

Prayer:

We give thanks to you, O God, that our wisdom is not your wisdom, our ways are not your ways. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. The horse that led the victorious warrior got lost, while the donkey still knows the way. As children on our bikes, we learned that although our instincts tell us to hold on tight and try to turn when caught in a rut, a loose grip will guide us through. Gracious God, your way shows that all those who try to hold on tightly will fall, while all those who hold with the light hands of trust will stand together. Although we may feel rejected as Jesus was rejected, we trust that we stand together in your powerful love. Amen.

Hymn: VT# 313 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

First Gospel Reading: Luke 19: 29-38

Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: “Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’” They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?” They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”?

Responsive reading:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

All: Lord, move us away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children’s Time: Adeline

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Announcements

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-prayers for a joyful Easter season

-Sarah Braun sister to Susan & Dick with her diagnosis of ALS

- Rita's siblings’ safety as they leave Ukraine

-our pastoral search

-for Matt & Nora – Matt’s grandma on her final days

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our way are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.
Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Hymn: VT #156 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 15:20-32

With that, the younger son set off for home. “While still a long way off, the father caught sight of the returning child and was deeply moved. The father ran out to meet him, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘I’ve sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called one of your children.’ But his father said to one of the workers, ‘Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the calf we’ve been fattening and butcher it.

Let’s eat and celebrate! This son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he’s found!’ And the celebration began.

“Meanwhile the elder son had been out in the field. As he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the workers and asked what was happening. The worker answered, ‘Your brother is home, and the fatted calf has been killed because your father has him back safe and sound.’ “The son got angry at this and refused to go in to the party, but his father came out and pleaded with him. The older son replied, ‘Look! For years now I’ve done every single thing you asked me to do. I never disobeyed even one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. But then this son of yours comes home after going through your money with prostitutes, and you kill the fatted calf for him!’ ““But my child!’ the father said. ‘You’re with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he’s found.’”

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: Lost Son #2: It’s Been a Hard Day’s Night

Hymn: VT #332 “In Christ Alone” (verses 1&2)

Benediction: From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of empowerment. May you resist the temptation to hold power over others and learn to exercise power with others in love. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness goes with you on the way. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

April 10 Palm Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Adeline Sound: Stephanie Usher: Harold & Lloyd

Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

Patty's Week: Tues. Easter prep; Weds. Easter set-up; Maundy Thurs communion 7:00 p.m; Good Friday 7:00 p.m

Nora's Week: on holidays Apr 9th - 25th

Birthdays this week: Olivia Martens, Keith Boldt, Julie Bergen

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 17 Easter Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta, Michelle

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Patty

Sound: Doug

Usher: Anne & Bill

No Children's Sunday School Today

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 10 10:00 am Patty Friesen Palm Sunday

Apr 14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion *In person & zoom*

Apr 15 7:00 pm Good Friday Service *In person & Facebook*

Apr 17 10:00 am Patty Friesen Easter Sunday

11:00 am Easter Buns & Coffee in Multi-purpose room

Apr 20 2:00 pm Ernie Hildebrandt book reading at the Osler Cafe

Apr 24 10:00 am Jake Buhler

Apr 27 6:00 pm Exec mtg 7:00 pm Council mtg

Apr 28 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg

April 29 7:00 pm Youth Mega Menno at OMC

Announcements

Needed – Easter buns *home baked or store bought* for Easter Coffee. Let Anne Peters and Louis Buhler know. Can be put in kitchen freezer.

***Pickleball nets** will be down for Easter weekend communion and breakfast.

***Upcoming Holy Week:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 14, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Gym. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81434648897>

***Worship Committee** - Ready to try worship leading, reading scripture or ushering? Worship looking for more ushers and worship leaders.

***Coffee Time** will begin again (in the multi-purpose room for now) on April 24th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Frieda Rempel and daughter Karen, could use some words of comfort and encouragement. Karen's cancer treatments will need to be on going for the next 18 months. Mailing address: Karen and Albert Hargove – 1007 West Picadilly Rd, Phenix, AZ 85013

***Friendship Inn** has a 'Bunny wish list' – check their Newsletter on the bulletin board.

***April 29 - May 1 – Quilting Retreat** at the Barn Playhouse – A Weekend of Quilting, Laughter, Relaxation and Shopping. Check the Poster on the Bulletin Board for details.

OMC MDS trip July 3-8 at Monte Lake, BC with travel dates July 1/2/9 with Pastor Patty. Interested participants can receive financial assistance for food/gas or train. In August 2021, the White Rock fire destroyed 28 structures at Monte Lake, B.C. It was one of about 1,600 fires in the province during last year's fire season. In collaboration with the B.C. unit, we are rebuilding up to five new homes in the small community. Many volunteers of all skill levels will be needed for this project, which will run from May until fall. Monte Lake is located about 50 kilometres from Kamloops in B.C.'s interior with camping options at Monte Lake Provincial Park. For more detailed information contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org.

Mennos with Ukes - Tues, 7:30 p.m. Mount Royal Mennonite Church gym. Come learn to play ukulele at MRMC with Val Regier leading.

RJC NEWS

***Touchdown! at RJC: a celebration of the legacy of athletics - May 28:** This year RJC's annual golf classic and homecoming fundraising banquet will be celebrated as one event! Golf begins at 1:00pm (shotgun start) at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern, with a banquet and program on the RJC campus to follow at 6:30pm. Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to

register your team for golf or call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your banquet tickets.

RJC Musical: Anastasia - June 23-25: Tickets will go on sale in May. An alumnus & friends' barbeque is planned for Saturday, June 25 prior to the musical for any who would like to attend. Email office@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 to register for the meal.

Pray for RJC students & staff as they leave for their ALSO (Alternative Learning & Service Opportunities) week May 2-6. Students will be travelling to Oliver, BC, Calgary, AB, and Saskatoon, SK for a time of learning and serving with a variety of partner organizations. Your support is very much appreciated.

MCC Connects: For the Love of Creation is a faith-based initiative for climate justice of which MCC is a partner. MCC Saskatchewan is providing opportunities for small groups to participate in workshops on meaningful climate conversations throughout the year. Whether you're new to this conversation or you're ready to become a climate advocate - contact Erika at 306-665-2555 or erikathogersen@mccsk.ca for more information.

MC Sask Updates

***Pope apologizes – request for prayer.** Having listened to the courageous witness of the survivors of Indian residential schools, alongside the testimony of elders, spiritual leaders, youth and more, Pope Francis responded on April 1, 2022, with expressions of shame and sorrow, asking Indigenous peoples for their pardon, and making a commitment to come to Canada to continue the process of healing and reconciliation. Please pray for survivors, for the Catholic Church and for our own community, that Creator would help us come to a greater understanding of the truth, and to walk, with increasing humility and boldness, toward reconciliation

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online!

Can't make it to Indonesia 2022? With online registration you will get access to a virtual hub, the "home-base" of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group.

There will be exhibits of MWC related organization, concerts, children and youth activities. Cost is \$150 USD. Details at <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/websitePage:371aa2ec-8bd6-47fb-bfad-deb6c4c16fa6>

Amplify early bird registration has been extended until May 2nd, 2022. Register online at <https://mennonitechurch.ca/amplifyChurch> Canada Proof of vaccination is required for this event. Amplify is open to all youth ages 12-18. Vaccination is required to attend.

Travel from Saskatoon is available!! (\$35/person) register for travel at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10659>) We are still looking for another sponsor who's able to attend and willing to help share driving duties. If interested please contact Mel Harms at cmharms3@gmail.com

***May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah!**

Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "The Divine Spark". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125 Registration is now open!! Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899> Open to all ladies 16 years and up!!

MDS Update

Spring is here! Include service in your plans by joining an MDS project. For any questions or further information, call 800-241-8111 or email volunteer@mds.org.

MDS Canada is in the repair phase in **Princeton, B.C.** following last year's devastating flood, and currently seeking the following volunteers:

April 18-22: up to 5 volunteers

May 1-6: up to 6 volunteers

May 8-13: up to 12 volunteers

May 15-20: up to 12 volunteers

Employment Opportunities

***Camp Elim is currently looking to hire staff for all positions for this coming summer.** It will be a great summer to be out at Lac Pelletier! We are also continuing to hire for the position of a full time Executive Director. Please see our website for more information about any of these positions! www.campelim.ca.

***CMU is seeking** a full-time Admissions Counsellor to recruit students for its undergraduate program. Visit cmu.ca/employment for further details

The Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern, SK, an affiliate of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), is seeking a PERMANENT FULL TIME OUT OF SCOPE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER who will be responsible for the operations of an accredited 68 bed long term care home, with an attached 32 assisted living units (Pineview Manor), a 20-bed licensed personal care home (Sunrise Place), and 2 independent senior living four-plexes (Country Gardens). Reporting directly to the MNH Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer/Administrator will be responsible for providing overall leadership, direction and management while achieving the mission and values of MNH.

Applications close when a suitable candidate is found Anticipated start date: Immediate Details available at

<https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Documents/CEO-Administrator-Description.pdf> or email tbianzen@sasktel.net

RJC– needed Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE) For more information visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come and join our team!

Shekinah Retreat Centre needs summer workers and also a full-time, permanent Administrative/Hospitality coordinator. <https://shekinah.ca>



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