



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 10, 2025

Do Not Be Afraid

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *from holdfasttowhatisgood.com*

L: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

All: *The One who calls us,*

L: The One who equips us,

All: *The One who loves us without end.*

L: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Invocation:

Dear Heavenly Father,

“We invite you into our presence. You are welcome in this place. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” As we begin our time of worship, we release our cares and anything else that would hinder us from experiencing more of you in this service today. We focus our hearts and mind on you. Amen.”
from ibelieve.com

Hymns of Praise: VT #113 O Sing to the Lord

VT #75 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!

First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

“What are all your sacrifices to me?” asks the Lord.

“I have had enough of burnt offerings and rams
and the fat of well-fed cattle;
I have no desire for the blood of bulls, lambs, or male goats.
When you come to appear before me, who requires this from you—
this trampling of my courts?
Stop bringing useless offerings. Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons and Sabbaths, and the calling of solemn assemblies—
I cannot stand iniquity with a festival.
I hate your New Moons and prescribed festivals.
They have become a burden to me;
I am tired of putting up with them.
When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will refuse to look at you; even if you offer countless prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are covered with blood.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Marlene

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Congratulations

Prayers

Sharing – Jake Buhler preaching in Swift Current Mennonite today

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires...

Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

Second Reading: Luke 12:32-40

Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money-bags for yourselves that won’t grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be ready for service and have your lamps lit. You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell

you, he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them. If he comes in the middle of the night, or even near dawn, and finds them alert, blessed are those servants. But know this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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 #551 Beautiful Things

Sermon: “Do not be afraid, little flock”

Hymn: VT #549 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

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

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY August 10

Speaker: Cindy Wallace Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave

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

Luke’s Week: Wed. OMC Office; Thurs. NPMC; Fri. OMC Office; Sat.

Work from Home; Sun. NPMC

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 10 – Eva Martens (80); 12 – Matthew Braun; 16 – Gaye Guenther

Church Yard Maintenance: Aug 11 -16 – Dan Schellenberg family

Summer coffee will be made by deacons. There may not be snacks. If you would like to provide snacks for special occasions - please be in touch with Karl, Matthew B, Wilf, Lynette, Sarah B. If you would like a visit by deacons or pastors this summer please be in touch with them about that as well.

Nursery opportunity! There is a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to care for young children (0-4 yrs old) in the nursery during the church service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music for the Gut is a charity concert that raises money for Crohn's and Colitis Canada. Vanessa and Griffin will be performing in this concert along with 60 other singers, featured dancers, and live orchestra. The concert is 7:30PM, Friday August 22 at TCU place. There will be songs from ABBA, Queen, Wicked, Glee, Shania Twain, Jackson 5, and more! You can purchase tickets directly on the TCU website. If you have any questions, let Vanessa know!

Aug 24: Joint worship and communion service for Aberdeen, Backyard, Langham, Osler, Pleasant Point, and Tiefengrund Mennonite churches. 10:00 start time at the Wilf Buhler yard (1st yard on the left after crossing the railroad tracks if you come in the south entrance of Osler). Bring lawn chairs. Accessible parking is available. An offering will be taken in support of the Micah Mission. Lunch to follow. Our congregation has been asked to contribute salads for the potluck table.

MCC Connects: Sunday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world. MCC Thrift Shops are closed on Sundays, but we encourage you to visit your local shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current the day before for special sales and discounts!

Join MCC's School Kit Challenge! Help us pack 25,000 school kits in August 2025! Packing school kits is a meaningful way to come together as a family, church, or community—and to support education for children around the world. By participating, you're nurturing a love of learning in tomorrow's leaders and peacemakers.

Here's what in a MCC school kit:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 11", approx. 140 pages each; total 500–600 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 flat, good-quality ruler (must show 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)
- Kit bags are available at MCC Saskatchewan (600 45th Street W, Saskatoon).

Ready to get started? Gather your supplies, go back-to-school shopping, and pack kits with your family, friends, or Sunday school class! You can also enter to win a pizza party for your school kit packing group? Visit <https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge> for details!

Prefer to give instead? Donations for school kit supplies are welcome at the office or by calling 306-665-2555. Let's learn, pack, and give— together.

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer:

The wildfires continue to burn across the country. Currently there are over 750 active fires and 81 of those are in Saskatchewan. We pray for all those who have been impacted and especially those who have had to leave their homes. We pray for the safety of those fighting the fires. O Lord, be present to all of them and keep them in your care.

"Hear my words, Lord! Consider my groans!

Pay attention to the sound of my cries, my king and my God, because I am praying to you!

Lord, in the morning you hear my voice. In the morning I lay it all out before you.

Then I wait expectantly." ~ Psalm 5:1-3 (new)

Praying for each other: Please pray for our sisters and brothers across Mennonite Church Canada. We are members of more than 200 congregations across the country. We are a diverse group: some congregations have been around for over 200 years while others are just

getting started; some congregations are in large urban areas while others are in remote rural communities; some meet in buildings and others gather to worship in nature. Together God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world. (new)

Taking a Spiritual Breath MC Sask Pastors & Leaders Retreat, Sept 15-18, 2025. Step away from the busy-ness of ministry to be revived in God's creation and the company of others who are sharing in the work of the church. Details & registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12081> (new)

The deadline has been extended for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship! Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is August 15, 2025. Visit <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for application forms and full eligibility details.

RJC Summer Sports Camp Aug 11-14 Looking to develop your sports skills? Youth entering Grades 7-12 are invited to join us this summer at RJC for a 4-day sports camp! Facilitated by University level athletes and offering development in Volleyball, Basketball, Football or Soccer. The camp runs from 9:00am-3:30pm each day and includes lunches and a t-shirt for each participant. Cost is \$250/athlete with discounts offered for additional children. Register today at ! (new)

Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore

CMU at 25 – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit cmu.ca/25 for more information.

Fall at CMU – CMU’s annual alumni and community gathering takes place Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information. (new)

InCERT: The long days of summer can make one think about the good sense around installing solar panels. Read One Person's Experience of realizing this project for her home. Read more at <https://mcsask.ca/InCERT-solar-panels> MC Sask Climate Emergency Response Team

MennoCreative Residencies: Canadian Mennonite offers flexible 6-18-month, part-time or full-time residencies for people passionate about journalism, photojournalism, documentary film, podcast and/or graphic design. Apply by August 15. See canadianmennonite.org/mennocreative.

Canadian Mennonite magazine is hiring a half-time correspondent to cover B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Applications are due by September 1. Spread the word. Details at canadianmennonite.org/jobs.

Global Companion of the Month -- August South Korea

While a tiny minority within the larger Korean Christian community, Anabaptists in South Korea have influence well beyond their numbers. Mennonite Church South Korea is home to several Mennonite congregations that worship and work together. Korea Anabaptist Center provides resources in peace theology to the wider Christian community. Restorative justice and peacebuilding work draw people together in common ministry that God has used in exciting ways. Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park are involved in all these areas of ministry. Scott Kim and Cheryl Woelk act as volunteer liaisons for MC Canada ministry in South Korea.

Mennonite Church Canada

MC Canada is seeking an Executive Coordinator to join our team at the national office in Winnipeg, MB. Job profile: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/employment>.

International Witness

As Thai and Cambodian leaders meet for talks, pray that God will give wisdom and a thirst for peace. Pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong and their children Joseph and Phim as they live just outside the border evacuation area and are providing hospitality to some of those displaced. May God grant peace and safety. (new)

Climate Action

You are invited to “Practicing Peace with Creation” - an online session led by For the Love of Creation with Wendy Janzen and others. Explore practices for the work and ministry of creation care. Wednesday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm (EDT). Email splett@mennonitechurch.ca to register and for Zoom link. (new)

Indigenous Relations

MC Canada Reads – IR edition! recommends 'Valley of the Birdtail'. It is a profound reflection on systemic realities in Canada. View the authors remark on the book: <https://youtu.be/kgsMPEcDCw0>. Meet with the authors in Waterloo, Oct. 24 - <https://tinyurl.com/58j8bc3y>. (new)

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug 10 – 10:00 am Cindy Wallace speaking

Sun. Aug 17 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Mon. Aug 18 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. Aug 24: - 10:00 am Joint worship and communion service
on the Buhler Farm (first left after the tracks)

Sun. Aug 31 – 10:00 am Music Sunday

Sun. Sept 7 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking
11:15 am Semi Annual mtg

NEXT SUNDAY August 17

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie
Story: Wilf Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill
Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Alex

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis