



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*October 10, 2021*

*“Thanksgiving Communion”*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise: VT #122 Sing to the God of Harvest”**

# Sing to the God of Harvest 122

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A D Bm A Bm7 E A

1 Sing to the God of har - vest a song of love and praise;  
 2 God gives the rain and sun - shine; the des - erts bloom and spring;  
 3 Bring to the ho - ly ta - ble gifts God in good - ness gave;

D Bm A Bm7 E A

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
 all crea - tures leap in glad - ness; the chil - dren laugh and sing.  
 the wheat of gos - pel plant - ing, the world Christ died to save;

E F#m Bm7 E sus E

By God's com - mand the sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with a - bun - dance; all liv - ing things in - crease;  
 and bring the cup of bless - ing, the fruit of field and vine,

A D Bm A Bm7 E A

so thank the God of har - vest with hymns of heart - felt love.  
 the year is crowned with kind - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
 and thank the God of har - vest who calls us now to dine.

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## Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, a season for every purpose under heaven: a season to be born and a season to die; a season to plant and a season to harvest; a season to hurt and a season to heal; a season to tear down and a season to build up; a season to cry and a season to laugh; a season to mourn and a season to dance; a season to scatter stones

and a season to gather them; a season for holding close and a season for holding back; a season to seek and a season to lose; a season to keep and a season to throw away; a season to tear and a season to mend; a season to be silent and a season to speak; a season to love and a season to hate; a season for hostilities and a season for peace.

**Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 "Today Earth is Singing"**

Today earth is singing with stars up above,  
 Our arms wide in welcome for God's gift of love;  
 We greet you, dear children, we're glad you are here;  
 Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

**Children's Time with Vanessa Stefaniuk**

**Offering Prayer/Offertory**

Trio: VT #9 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"  
 Loretta, Kathryn, Ben

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

- thanksgiving for time spent with friends and family
- all in the community who are suffering effects of COVID
- Bill Friesen's failing health
- Pastor Nora's sister's recovery

**Hymn: VT #745 "God, Whose Giving"**

**745 God, Whose Giving**  
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up our - selves in praise. Thank - ful songs shall rise for -  
 strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents, make us  
 heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing, and re -

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing from your  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the  
 3 Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through

ev - er, gra - cious Don - or of our days.  
 ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

**Grant Us, God, the Grace 746**  
 STUTTGART 8.7.8.7

Grant us, God, the grace of giv - ing with a spir - it large and free,  
 that our - selves and all our liv - ing we may of - fer un - to thee.

rich and end - less store - na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'  
 goals of Christ your Son: all at peace in health and  
 pow'rs your grace con - ferred - ours to use for home and

wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door -  
 free - dom, ra - ces joined, the church made one.  
 kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fring  
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we  
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we

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**Old Testament Reading:** Habakkuk 3:17-19

The fig tree has no buds, the vines bear no harvest, the olive oil yield fail, the fields produce no yield, the sheep vanish from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls. But I will rejoice in YHWH, I will exult in God my Savior. My sovereign YHWH is my strength! God makes my feet as agile as a deer's, and teaches me to walk on my high places.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:25-33

That's why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Isn't life more than just food? Isn't the body more than just clothes? "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan? And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow. They don't work; they don't spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won't God do so much more for you—you who have so little faith? "Stop worrying, then, over questions such as, 'What are we to eat,' or 'what are we to drink,' or 'what are we to wear?'" Those without faith are always running after these things. God knows everything you need. Seek first God's reign, and God's justice, and all these things will be given to you besides.

**Response to the Scripture:**

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 #47 "God of Our Strength"**

**Sermon: "Joy in Spite of Circumstances"**

**Communion Service:**

Trio: VT #460 "From North and South, from East and West"

**Thanksgiving Communion Liturgy**  
**by Pastor Nora Pederberg**

**Voice 1:** We praise you Creator God for all of your creation. In the beginning, you created the world and all that is in it. From the rising sun in the East, to the soft rains of the South, to the setting sun in the West, to the dancing lights of the North. From the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

**Voice 2:** We come together to lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving for the gift of reconciliation, healing and new life that we have through your gift of Jesus. Jesus came and taught us to love you, with all that is within us. He came and taught us the truth about you. He came to fulfill our traditions and to let go of ourselves. He died on a cross for the thing that plagues us, sin and separation, fulfilling your love for us through his resurrection and reconciling us to you forever.

**Voice 1:** Before your Son, our Lord Jesus, was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, take this all of you and eat it. This is my body given for you. When his supper was ended, he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is the cup of my life, the new and everlasting covenant, given for you and for all. Do this in memory of me.

**All:** Holy One, we give thanks for this living bread and this life saving cup as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Voice 2:** Creator God, let your Spirit move among us. Come upon these gifts of the earth and make them holy. We thank you for allowing us to eat from your table. We worship you in this meal and receive these gifts from your loving hand. Guide our journeys that we may walk your path in truth and kindness. Bless our intentions that we will always reach out with love to one another. Bless us with the wisdom to follow your example, so

that we may have the courage and humility we need to face the sunrise and the sunset as we strive to complete our circle.

**ALL:** Through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus and the unity of the Spirit who draws us together; all glory be to God our Creator and Redeemer.

*Voice 1:* Creator of all, you gave us fields rich with grain to be gathered, formed and shared as life-giving bread. So may we, your church, be gathered, formed and shared in your reconciling love. Amen. The gift of God for the people of God. (*Eat together*)

Creator of all, you gave us fruit as a sign and celebration of new life. May we, your people, taste the sweetness of new life together. Amen. Remember him who said whoever drinks of the water of life shall never thirst again. (*Drink together*)

*Voice 2:* Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of the earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. We pray this in your name. Amen.

**Hymn: VT #478      “I Come with Joy”**

# I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE CM extended

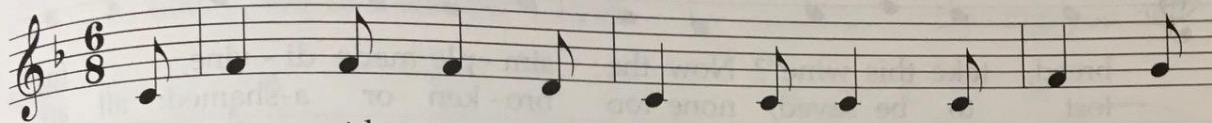
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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

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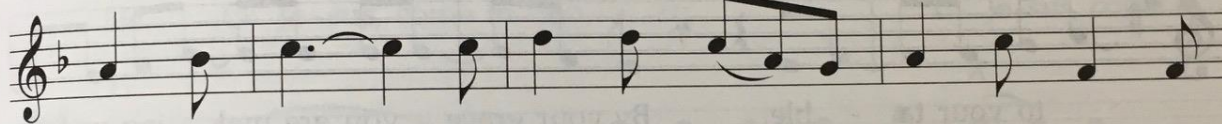
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loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em7)  
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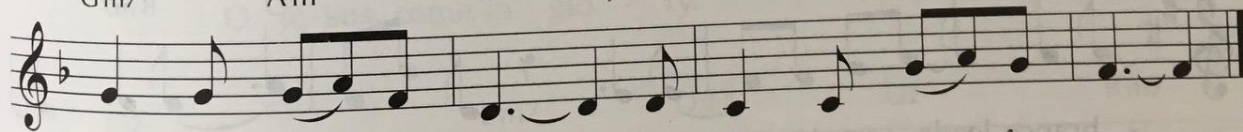
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B♭ B♭maj7

(A)  
C

(A7)  
C7

(D)  
F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian Wren (England), 1968, rev. 1993, © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company  
Music: American traditional (USA), *Southern Harmony*, 1854



**Benediction:** Let us give thanks to God in hope, knowing that the love of our Creator God is with us, the peace of Christ is present here, and the hope of the Holy Spirit moves within us, that we may live in reconciliation with all. Amen.

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\***Adult Education TODAY** after worship. Mosaic class in sanctuary and on Zoom.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0uce2grDwoGNRtjwS-qIFK2usRquz41o6b/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrT0uEtaSshuHRpx5A4\\_oLPzzpmZBjY1viBXyMG1CSyXdZPdR\\_AKNqCoyB](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220)

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Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7

Voices Together Sunday School will be moved to a mid-week study in winter.

Please read the delicious Worship Leader edition resource from library or a worship leader or song leader

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM**

Speaker: Patty Friesen-Communion Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Matthew Usher: Lloyd

No Children's Sunday School Today

**Last Yard Maintenance of the Season** – K & M Boldt & family

**Patty's Week:** Today-Tues. Edmonton with Mom, Weds. office, visit, Fri. Office, visit, Oct. 17-19 Waskesiu, Oct. 23-27 CMU Winnipeg: Anyone wanting a ride or to send or pick-up something, please let me know

**Nora's Week:** Working Sun, Wed, Thur, Fri

### **NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: October 17**

Speaker: Anita Retzlaff Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Wilf Buhler Sound: Doug Usher:

Sunday School Teachers: Loretta & Karl

**MCC Blankets on Display** will be selling via Silent Auction to raise money to purchase supplies for the fall MCC blanket Making. Starting bid is \$25. with bids open until the end of October. (*Donations also accepted*) Facebook people may call the church office with their bids.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lovely red dress/orange shirt display these past months. Items are on rack by office for pick-up.

Copies of Leonard Doell's presentation on Mennonites and Indian Residential Schools (Sept 19<sup>th</sup>) are available in the back or via email from the church office.

**Christmas is coming.** :) In past years, OMC has collected donations of food items for Christmas hampers to assist families in the community thought to be in need. Are boxes of KD and canned soup the best way to meet the needs of families experiencing economic hardship; especially at a time of year where financial stress is often increased? Community Connections is looking for your suggestions about how to provide meaningful help this Christmas. Please share your ideas with C.C. committee members: Kaytee E., Diane M., Adeline or Alex.

**Fall Congregational Meeting Synopsis**, Sun. Oct. 3, 1:30 p.m. Zoom 1. Support for Re-Opening decisions during COVID

2. *Still working on a new janitor.* Trustees purchased Roomba to do the vacuuming which saves janitorial time. They will be replacing all church light bulbs to LED.

3. Financials – we took in \$182,670.21 compared to \$181,733.24 for a net gain of \$936.97. In 2021 we paid Loretta an additional \$1,363 as an honorarium for lost wages in 2020. Recommendation is that we related these numbers and recommend an analysis of the profit and loss numbers from the last two years to provide some insight as to if this is an accurate portrayal of our finances in the last two years and look for recommendations coming out of that. Matthew suggested either Christy or Jim for that analysis.

4. Lina Refugee Committee has a lovely 4-bedroom house at 1014 Kingsmere Blvd for their arrival Mon. Oct. 25, leaving Lebanon Sun. Oct. 24 11:00 a.m. Thank you to the hard work of the Refugee Committee. There may be announcements coming for additional exit tax, other help. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. *We adjourned before the Jays game!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*RJC Choirs & Cakes Fundraiser - October 30, 7:00pm (SK CST):** Join us for our annual fundraising concert & dessert auction in support of RJC. This event will be held in-person at the RJC Gymnasium with a livestream option available. The livestream link and online cake auction will be at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).

**\*RJC Annual Corporation Meeting - October 26, 7:00pm (SK CST):** All are welcome to attend RJC's annual report to the community, held over Zoom. Please email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) to pre-register for this event by **October 22**, and you will be sent the meeting agenda and Zoom link.

### **MC Sask**

**Save the date! The Micah Mission's AGM** will be November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org). The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the meeting.

**MCC Connects:** Save the Date! MCC Saskatchewan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peace Conference, "Restoring Justice," will explore how to do justice better. Responding to the biblical call to "do justice and love mercy," we will look beyond the constraints of the current justice system to explore more human-centered approaches. This virtual conference will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. More details coming soon!

**\*Youth Event Oct. 15, 7pm – Mega Menno @ the Corn Maze!** Join us for an evening of fun exploring the corn maze and games around the fire at the Youth Farm Corn Maze, just outside of Rosthern. Open to youth in gr. 6-12, \$10/person (aid available). Contact Kirsten, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), for more information.

**Youth Room Couches Wanted:** With our growing youth group our youth room is looking for one or two couches to add to our collection. We have been borrowing Lina's couches but now with her imminent arrival we are happy to give them back and on the lookout. If anybody has a couch they are looking to get rid of, or sees a good deal out and about please contact Pastor Nora.

### **A message from Mennonite Church Canada's executive ministers:**

We are responding to inquiries from constituents regarding religious exemption from COVID-19 vaccines. For a religious exemption to be granted, rationale for exemption must be clearly indicated within our sacred texts or confessional statements.

We wish to clarify that there is nothing in the Bible, in our historic confessions of faith, in our theology or in our ecclesiology that justifies granting a religious exemption from vaccinations against COVID-19.

We have heard concerns from some members of our constituency regarding the vaccines. However, we do not believe these concerns justify an exemption from COVID-19 vaccinations on religious grounds from within a Mennonite faith tradition.

From the earliest biblical writings, in the words of Jesus Christ and in ecclesial writings since Jesus' ascension, the command to love God and love our neighbour is paramount. Vaccinations allow us to live out this command. Not only do they reduce the severity of symptoms for those who become infected with COVID-19, but they reduce the risk of spreading the virus to those around us. We also note that individuals should make personal health care decisions based on advice given by their doctors.

We pray for unity among us in the Spirit of Christ, who calls us into this life of love, especially for our most vulnerable neighbours.

Doug Klassen, Mennonite Church Canada

Garry Janzen, Mennonite Church British Columbia

Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, Mennonite Church Alberta

Ryan Siemens, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Michael Pahl, Mennonite Church Manitoba

Leah Reesor-Keller, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada



## OMC CALENDAR

- Oct 10 10:00 am Communion with Patty Friesen** *(also on Facebook)*  
Oct 15 Evening MEGA Youth Event – Menno Corn Maze  
**Oct 17 10:00 am Anita Retzlaff speaking** *(also on Facebook)*  
Oct 18 7:00 pm Worship Committee mtg  
Oct 20 6:00 pm Exec mtg  
7:00 pm Council mtg  
**Oct 24 10:00 am Nora Pederberg she/her speaking** *(also on Facebook)*  
Oct 27 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg  
**Oct 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *(also on Facebook)*

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