



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 11 2022

Fall Kick-Off: Grace Overflows

Prelude

Gathering Hymns: VT #563 “Come, Thou Fount”
VT #9 “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

C: Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way.

All: This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation:

Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us. Come alive in our words and actions as we lead in worship. To you alone belongs all praise and honour and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 147:1-11

Alleluia! How good it is to praise our God! How pleasant and how fitting to sing God’s praise! YaHWeH rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers Israel’s exiles. God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. God knows the number of the stars and calls each one by name. Great is YaHWeH, and mighty in power; there is no limit to God’s wisdom. YaHWeH lifts up the oppressed, and casts the corrupt to the ground. Sing to our God with thanksgiving; sing praise with the harp to our

God—who covers the heavens with clouds, who provides rain for the earth, who makes grass sprout on the mountains and herbs for the service of the people, who gives food to the cattle, and to the young ravens when they cry. God does not thrill to the strength of the horse, or revel in the fleetness of humans. YHWH delights in those who worship with reverence and put their hope in divine love.

Children’s Gathering Song – VT #510 “Today Earth is Singing”

Children’s Time: Edna

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing of joys and concerns/Prayer of the church

-May we as a family of congregations join others as we sit in silence, mourning, solidarity, and prayer with so many wounded and grieving in our province. We offer this tragedy to our God of healing and hope. *From MC Sask*

-We give thanks for all the volunteers in our congregations - the worship leaders, Sunday School teachers, those who make the coffee and wash the cups later, song leaders, sound people, prayer warriors....the list goes on. Pray that God will richly bless them all as we begin a new season of gathering together to worship. *From MC Sask*

-fall church programming: Sunday school, youth events, community building

-The Guenther family would like to thank everyone for prayers, support, cards and attendance at Denita’s funeral.

Hymn: VT#456 “Oceans”

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!”

Jesus then addressed this parable to them: “Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve

found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.

“What householder, who has ten silver pieces and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp and sweep the house in a diligent search until she finds what she had lost? And when it is found, the householder calls in her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found the silver piece I lost!’ I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner.”

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!

Faith Story Sharing: Zach Dueck

Hymn: VT#299 “God Lights a Lamp”

Comedy Sermon: Pastor Patty’s Prophecies

Hymn: VT#88 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Benediction: God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

**Have a stretch, grab a quick coffee and please return to the sanctuary ASAP for our congregational meeting. This will be followed by Pot Luck lunch.

TODAY’S WORSHIP September 11

Speaker: Patty Friesen Scripture Reader: Zach Dueck
Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie
Children’s Time: Edna Sound: James/Keri Ushers: Anna/Dick

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

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

Patty's Week: Mon. MC SK; Tues. sermon; Weds. Office; Fri. Office, Sat. Shekinah Move-a-thon

Birthdays: 12 Cornie Guenther (82), 12-Jacqueline Funk, 14-Mark Bigland-Pritchard, 16-Doug McKinnell, 17-Adeline Cox

Snack/Coffee Schedule:

Sept 11 – Pot Luck with Wilf Buhler and group A-D

Sept 18 – Benjamin Penner & Kathy Braun

Yard Maintenance for week of Sept 12-17: G Harms & D Feick

Youth Announcements

Sat. Sept. 17 Mega-Menno at Shekinah Move-a-thon. Sponsors Matthew and Dan. Please register on website.

Fri. Sept. 23, 7:00 Games Night at Julie and Matthew's house.

Sat. Oct. 1, Corn Maze @ Youth Farm, Karl and Michelle sponsors 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

Sept 11 10:00 am Patty Friesen Fall Kick-Off

11:00 am Semi-Annual mtg

Noon Pot Luck

Sept 17 11:00 – 1:30 volunteer at Friendship Inn

Sept 18 10:00 am Patty Friesen

11:00 forum on MAiD with Helen Olfert RN

Sept 25 10:00 am Dave Feick

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 18

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Kathryn

Accompanist: Guitars

Children's Time: Vanessa

Sound: Doug

Ushers: Anna/Dick

Announcements

Protocols for potlucks: Council recommends that everyone wear a mask while in the buffet room dishing up their food; use hand sanitizer BEFORE going in to the buffet room and also WHEN LEAVING the buffet room; try to maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and

others while in the buffet room. Hopefully these measures will ensure that we can carry out our potlucks in the safest manner possible.

***From the Deacons:** Please prepare for the MAiD conversation September 18 by reading the Canadian Mennonite article – *copies on lobby table*. Helen Olfert, RN will lead the 11 am forum in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to continue the topic, may join a group meeting at the Osler Café for lunch.

***RJC News:**

Thank you! We have appreciated the prayers and words of support as we begin a new school year! We are pleased to announce another year of increased enrollment, with students coming from across Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC, Ontario, and the world. Please stay connected with us throughout the year and continue to pray for our students and staff.

RJC Opening Program | September 21, 2022 at 7:00pm. Join us in the RJC auditorium as we celebrate the start of the new school year. Featuring music and reflections by RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation.

RJC Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer Tournament | October 1, 2022. Join us for a day of volleyball and soccer. If you would like to register your team or be placed on a team, please contact Denelda Fast at deneldafast@hotmail.com. Lunch provided in the RJC dining hall. We hope to see you there!

Warman Mennonite invites children to their one-day VBS event on Sept 24. 10 - 3.

*You're invited to join Eigenheim MC on **September 25 at 3 p.m.** for the **ordination of Rachel Wallace**.

***Community Connections:**

Pickleball schedule starting Tues. Oct. 4, 7:00-8:30. Will have on-line schedule with weekly coordinator assigned to open and lock doors, set-up, etc.

Greening OMC Sunday, Sept 25 potluck & 1:00 *Think Tank* with Mark Bigland-Pritchard.

Harvest Community Kitchen Sat, Oct 15. Alex and Kaytee will coordinate OMC kitchen for fall work-bee on soup, salsa, etc.

***MCC Connects:** The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, Sep 28 at 6:30-9:00pm via Zoom. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, online at mccsk.ca, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555, or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. Our guest speaker is Anna Vogt. More info about Anna and the meeting agenda is at mccsk.ca

Shekinah Move-A-Thon, Sept. 17. Featuring classics you've come to love and expect (like a scenic paddle from the Petrofka Bridge to Shekinah, and farmer sausage lunch), and an exciting new partnership with Freedom Functional Fitness to offer a **new** 5k Obstacle Course Run, this year's fundraiser has something for all ages and abilities. Visit shekinah.ca to learn more!

***Bethany Manor is having a Fall BBQ Fundraiser** (Western Theme) on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Please check the poster on the Bulletin Board for details.

***New Address** for Kathryn Janzen, James Tataryn & family
2918 Calder Ave, S'toon, SK S7J 4X1

Jokes stolen from Diana Buhler 😊

Some interesting thoughts on chocolate:

*Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

*Equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate is a balanced diet.

*Problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

Solution: Eat it in the parking lot. 🤪 😊

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