



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
“Choose Life”

Prelude

Christ Candle: We light the Christ candle to welcome God’s presence.
Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Hymns: VT #37 “Be Still and Know”
VT #11 “Mountain of God”

Call to Worship Psalm 119:1-8

L: Happiness comes to those whose way is blameless,
who walk in your Law, YHWH.

P: Happiness comes to those who keep your decrees,
and seek you with all their heart, and do no wrong,
but walk in your ways.

L: You have commanded that your precepts be kept diligently—
if only I were more faithful in keeping your statutes!

P: I will thank you with an upright heart,
when I truly learn to be as just as you want me to be.

All: *I will obey your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.*

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Inclusive translation*

Today I have set before you life and success, or death and disaster. For today I command you to love YHWH, your God, to follow God’s ways and keep the commandments, the laws and the customs. If you do, you will live and increase, and YHWH, your God, will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your hearts stray and you do not listen to me, if you let yourself be drawn into the worship of other gods,

and serve them, I tell you today, you will not survive. You will not live long in the land which you are now crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, by loving YHWH, your God, by obeying God's voice and by clinging to YHWH. For that will mean life for you, a long life in the land which God swore to give to your descendants Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #762 "This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Time: Marlene

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for caregivers

-victims of the earthquake disaster in Syria and Turkey

Hymn: VT #485 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37 *Inclusive translation*

"You've heard that our ancestors were told, 'No killing' and, 'Every murderer will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that everyone who is angry with sister or brother is subject to judgment; anyone who says to sister or brother, 'I spit in your face!' will be subject to the Sanhedrin; and anyone who vilifies them with name-calling will be subject to the fires of Gehenna.

"If you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has a grudge against you, leave your gift there at the altar. Go to be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

"Lose no time in settling with your opponents—do so while still on the way to the courthouse with them. Otherwise your opponents may hand you over to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the bailiff, who will throw you into prison. I warn you, you won't get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You've heard the commandment, 'No committing adultery.' But I tell you that those who look lustfully at others have already committed adultery with them in their hearts. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It's better to lose part of your body than

to have it all cast into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It's better to lose part of your body than to have it all cast into Gehenna.

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 #150 "Gentle God, When We Are Driven"

Sermon: "Anger, Adultery and Divorce"

Hymn: VT #524 "When Love Is Found"

Benediction: We carry the light of Christ with us into our relationships and into the world. (Carry out candle)

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP February 12

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick
Kid's S.S – Sarah Buhler, Youth S.S – Christy Martens-Funk

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

Patty's Week: Mon. CC meet; Tues. sermon, spiritual direction; Weds. office; Thurs. worship meet; Fri. Office.

Luke's Week: Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office; Sat Youth

Birthdays: 14 – Walter Tataryn, 14 – Isa Boldt, 16 – Nora Bergen-Braun

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Feb 12 ??

Consider signing up to bring a snack which doesn't need to be self-made „self-purchased“ is just as welcome!

***Today:** 11:30ish-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch - back room at Osler restaurant reserved for anyone who wants to eat together.

Sponsored but not paid for by deacons: ☺

***Today** - If you are between the ages of 18-40, Pastor Patty will buy your lunch.

***Church Directory Updates** – Thanks to so many that have already replied re: updates. If you have not already done so, please check the draft copy of the Directory on the foray table.

***Obituary** for Helen Kruger has printed and posted on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Announcements:

***Sunday, March 5th,** we will be kicking off our Green Fund with a chili fundraiser. This will take place after Sunday School, cost will be by donation. More details to come in the near future!

***Community Connections:** Please consider giving generously to the Local Family Fund. \$1000/month for the next 3 months is needed. Driver Pool also needed. Going to or from the city and willing to take a passenger - please contact Kaytee Edwards Buhler or Patty Friesen.

Looking for a hyper local volunteer opportunity? Osler's very own Sunshine Housing Inc. is welcoming volunteers once again and is inviting participation from OMC and anyone from the wider community. Sunshine is a community home for adults with intellectual disabilities and they are looking for volunteers to read to and spend time with residents. Please contact Sunshine housing at 306-225-4477 for more information.

***MCC Connect:** MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at mcccanada.ca/earthquake, by calling 888-622-6337 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to the office.

From Mennonite Church Canada

You're invited to join a Zoom-based book study of "Walking Together" as part of the reconciliation journey. Authors Neill and Edith von Gunten bring a wealth of wisdom to the work of reconciliation, having connected and collaborated with Indigenous communities in Manitoba and beyond for almost fifty years. Open to participation across Canada. Hosted by MCEC. Begins on Feb. 15. Details and registration via link at <https://mcec.ca/event/21748-2023-02-15-walking-together-book-study-feb-15>

RJC Choirs & Cakes 7:00pm March 12, 2023

Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222.

MC Sask Updates:

The 2023 MC Sask Winter UPDATE is now available. Check out what's new, what you've missed and what's coming up! Available at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/UPDATE/Winter-2023-update.pdf>. *It is also on the bulletin board.*

MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. David Boshart, President of AMBS will be sharing with us on our theme "Rooted in Good Soil: Resourcing the Rural Church" This is a hybrid online and in person event, and registration is required to attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for numerous full-time and part-time positions. We need a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to shekinah.ca/jobs for more information

Save the Date. Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting of the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah. This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

Consider CMU – "Where faith and community matter." Virtual open house on Wednesday, February 22, 6:00–7:00 PM CST. Receive a virtual tour of CMU's campus, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. For information and to register, visit cmu.ca/virtual-open-house.

YOUTH CALENDAR

February 11th Youth, 7pm @ OMC

February 18th Volunteering at Warman MCC Thrift, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

February 23rd Mega Menno Ski Trip to Table Mountain

CALENDAR

Feb 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Anger, Adultery & Divorce*

Feb 15 1:00 pm Pickleball – *for any and all*

Feb 16 7:30 pm Worship mtg @ Kathryn's house

Feb 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Ash Sunday*

Feb 20 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg via Zoom

Feb 26 10:00 am Luke Bushman *First Sunday of Lent*

NEXT SUNDAY February 19

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Jake Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Family Day – No Sunday School for Children and Youth

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