



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 12, 2024

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
Partnering for God's Work*

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 47 (*Common English Bible adapted*)

L: Because God Most High is awesome, and the great Creator of the whole world, the nations are subdued.

God chooses our inheritance for us whom God loves.

**C: Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our Creator!
Sing praises because God is Creator of the whole world!**

L: God is Creator over the nations; who sits on a holy throne.

**C: The leaders of all people are gathered with the people
of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar's God
because the earth's guardians belong to God;
who is exalted above all people.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #101 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns
VT #359 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

First Reading: Acts 1:21-26

The apostles said, "We must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection." So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two to take the place of this ministry and partnership." When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510
Story for All Ages: Lynette

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – safe seeding

- nurses and other healthcare workers for National Nursing Week
- Frieda's move to Bethany
- Linda Doell's move
- Becca's new job with MCC Thrift
- for our schools in light of the teacher's vote
- Jacqueline has been diagnosed with aggressive uterine cancer and has a surgery date for May 21

Thanksgiving – for the rain

Hymn: VT #720 O God in Heaven

Scripture Drama: Exodus 4:1-17

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 #387 We Are One in the Spirit

Sermon: Developing Strategic Partnerships

Hymn: VT #534 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Benediction: May the God who calls us into partnership for God's work in the world, give us every bit of wisdom and strength to do it. Go in peace and in the love of Christ, Amen.

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY'S WORSHIP **May 12** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Anna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Dick/Nora
Sunday School Leader: Stephanie Helpers: Anna, Bree
Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Loretta Sawatzky

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

Walking Club: Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Weds. Office; Fri. office

Luke's Week:

Birthdays: 12 – Rhonda Gascho; 12 – Zac Stefaniuk; 14 - Tony Funk
18 – Alexander Edwards Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: May 12 - Louise

May 19 – *You could put your name here* ☺

NEXT SUNDAY **May 19** *Day of Pentecost*

Speaker: Henry Funk Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Patty Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Dick/Nora
Sunday School Leader: No Kids Sunday School today
Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Matthew Braun

CALENDAR

Sun. May 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

11:00 am SS Forum - Film: Conform: Mennonites
and the Mexican Migration

11:00 am Deacons mtg

Fri. to Sun. May 17-19 Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Sun. May 19 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking *Pentecost Communion*

Sun. May 26 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking – *loose change Sunday*

Weds. May 29 7:00 pm Summer Sing-A-long at Ben & Diana's yard

Sun. June 2 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Beethoven's Ode*

Please sign the Grad Hymnal for Braden Martens-Funk on lobby table
before June 9 Outdoor Service/Church Picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is Pentecost whose colours are traditionally fiery red, yellow, orange if folks want to wear those. We will also be celebrating communion. Let's observe with thanksgiving the ways Christ is revealed to us through the week and in the breaking of bread.

When dropping off cans at Sarcan please donate to code "omcgreen" for the Youth Green Fund.

Greening Mennonite Church Buildings video by MC Canada for trustees, council and interested congregants. https://youtu.be/dYk4-_u2NRE

Know of summer jobs/yard work for youth? Please contact Pastor Luke

John Gascho has a display of various cards on the back table that are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. The proceeds will be to assist a local student attending RJC this coming fall. Other assistance and monthly direct deposits welcome to local student's account at RJC. This assistance is not tax receivable.

8 more helpers needed at \$100/month or 16@\$50/month. Please contact John or Alex at Alex.tiessen@rjc.sk.ca to add to student's account.

*We have a vacancy on the Community Connections Committee that needs to be filled. If you think you could help out in this capacity (it's only a partial term) please speak with Shelley, Nominating Committee.

OMC Summer Singalongs @ 7:00; Wednesdays in a backyard near you begins Weds. May 29th, 7:00 p.m. at Ben & Diana's! Bring lawn chairs and blankets for around a fake fire *if fire there's bans*. Weds. June 26, 7:00 p.m. Bethany Manor Courtyard Gazebo.

If you can host a backyard singalong this summer talk to Ben and Patty for Weds. July 24, Weds. Aug. 28, Weds. Sept 25.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club; second Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. starting Weds. June 12, 7:00 p.m. on Lyle & Linda's deck – Bethany Townhouse #6 (*deck is accessible*) with Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue.

Books available on lobby table. Questions and book-sign out on lobby table. We will deliver books for OMC on-liners. We'd love to have you with us.

The Rejoice Devotional is due for Renewal. If you are currently subscribed, it will continue unless you notify the office that you **don't** wish to receive it any more. Any member of the congregation may subscribe – just let the office know before June 1.

New Address for Linda Doell:

Elite Living Care Home Ltd Saskatoon
103 Thakur Street, Saskatoon, SK S7W 1C9

MCC Connects: Starting May 15, MCC will be running a 4-part webinar series on the theory and practice of conflict transformation. Join us over Zoom on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm to explore peace-building within ourselves, our families, and our communities. The registration fee is \$30 for all 4 sessions or \$10 per session. Please visit this link to register:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationWebinar2024>

Voice together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians. May 10/11, 2024. Hosted by Mennonite Church Manitoba, sponsored by Canadian Mennonite University. Cost: \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Accommodations available at CMU. Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship

MC Updates:

Youth Retreat, May 17-19 – Calling ALL youth gr. 6-12!! Come join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a weekend of worship, activities, and fun! Cost: \$75/person (financial aid available). Visit <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for more information or contact youthminister@mcsask.ca.

Camp Shekinah is inviting applications for female counsellors for the upcoming summer camp season. If you know someone who loves working with children and loves being outside in God's creation, please have them check out our website or go to <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/ReturningNewCounsellorApplication>.

Don't forget to register your children for a great week of summer camp at Shekinah. Check out our website

<https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> or go to
<https://shekinah.campbrainregistration.com/>

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25! RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories, and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca, or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Spend-a-day | May 22 (9:00am-3:30pm) Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 25, 2024 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:30am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register your team today! Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

MC Sask Camp Subcommittee Update

At the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) in March, 2024, a motion was passed that directs Youth Farm Bible Camp (YFBC) and MC Sask to create an agreement for YFBC to become an independent entity from MC Sask. The motion also states that the independent entity will enter into an agreement with MC Sask for the use of MC Sask land and facilities. This motion was written in consultation with YFBC, as it reflects their wish to be more independent.

How did we get here?

- The motion at the ADS is one step in a process that started in the spring of 2022, when a review of all MC Sask camps began.
- The Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Camps Review Final Report (<https://www.mcsask.ca/campstudy>) was presented in the spring of 2023.

- Following that report, an MC Sask Council subcommittee was created to work with each camp in potentially redefining their relationship with MC Sask.
- The subcommittee had discussions with board member representatives of each camp which included in-person meetings, email and phone correspondence.
- The motion re: YFBC, as mentioned above, was presented and passed at the ADS in March, 2024.
- Note: At this time, Shekinah Retreat Centre and Camp Elim have not requested any changes to their relationship with MC Sask.

Next steps: The MC Sask Camp Subcommittee will continue to work with YFBC in redefining its relationship with MC Sask.

We (the subcommittee) are thankful for the many discussions we have had over the past two years. We are sincerely appreciative of YFBC's willingness to work collaboratively through this process!

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Brent Guenther at brentguenther@hotmail.com

Do you want to be part of the important work that MCC leads in making a difference in communities worldwide? There are

opportunities for volunteers to be involved in MCC Sask's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 15 at Forest Grove Community Church.

Check out the opportunities and sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AD2DA1FDC61-48396552-relief>. (New)

Check out Anabaptist Climate Collaborative's Climate Pollinator.

Here is Pollinator #37: Cooking with the Climate in Mind, Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration for Plant-based, Planet-Conscious Meals. <https://www.anabaptistclimate.org/climate-pollinator-series/nx954pnrtscst5-a58gm-hgjr8-w57jr-m2rwl-lk666-nweyp-bg3j9-5efmn>

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life, Enrolment, and Human Resources. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

This only happens once ...Get your copy of The Anabaptist Community Bible and celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. 3 editions available (hardcover, soft touch, genuine leather). Pre-order now and save! <https://www.commonword.ca/go/bible500>. (new)

OMC Super Summer - (it's Pastor Patty's last and she wants to party!)

Weds. May 29, 7:00 Summer Singalong – Ben & Dian's yard

-bring a lawn chair/blanket

Sun. June 9, 10:00 am Outdoor Service led by youth and picnic provided by deacons - bring lawn chairs. SS teacher and grad recognition

Weds. June 12, 7:00 Backyard Book club - Linda and Lyle's deck at Bethany (Pull of the Stars - books on lobby table)

Sat. June 15, MCC Sale - Forest Grove Church

Weds. June 19, 7:00 Summer Singalong Bethany Courtyard

Sat. June 22, Mennos at Pride Parade, 12:00 University Bridge

Sun. June 23, 1:30 Katherine and Dakota's shower

@ Kathy and Dick's yard

There will be a cash basket for future household purchases

Mon. July 1, 11:00 Osler Parade, OMC Ice Cream & Water

- talk to Kaytee about volunteering

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