



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 13, 2023

Faith, Miracles and Migrations

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:8-13 RSV

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**C: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L: Yea, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**All: Righteousness will go before him,
and make his footsteps a way.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #
VT #

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 RSV

Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. This is the history of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a lad with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought an ill report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was

the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers, and with the flock; and bring me word again." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a man found him wandering in the fields; and the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said, "tell me, I pray you, where they are pasturing the flock." And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him afar off, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; cast him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and cast him into a pit. The pit was empty, there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ish'maelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ish'maelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers heeded him. Then Mid'ianite traders passed by; and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ish'maelites for twenty shekels of silver; and they took Joseph to Egypt.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing
Children's Time: Kathy

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers- family reunions

-Sarah Laurenson's Memorial service Saturday

-Teresa Friesen and Mitch Webber wedding Saturday

*Thanksgiving-*crops and gardens

Hymn: VT #

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 *RSV*

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 #

Sermon: Faith, Miracles, and Migrations

Hymn: VT #

Benediction:

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Aug 13

Speaker: George Janzen

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Dayna, Loretta

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Benjamin & Dick

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

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, exec/council; Weds. Office, Joint rehearsal;

Fri. office, wedding rehearsal; Sat. funeral, wedding

***Note Luke and Patty** will be gone Mon. July 31-Mon. August 14. (Patty can be reached by cell) For emergencies please call deacons: George Janzen 306-280-1775, Wilf Buhler 306-230-6690, Julie Bergen 306-250-2995, Karl Martens 306-716-7855, Frieda Rempel 306-239-4361 or the Mennonite hospital chaplain on-call 306-250-7362.

Birthdays: 16 – Gaye Guenther; 19 – Lloyd Sawatzky

Yard Maintenance: Dan Schellenberg & family

Join the OMC Walking Group starting at 8:00 am at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education committee has started to plan for the fall and is therefore looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school for our kids and youth classes.

Our goal is to provide age-appropriate Sunday school activities/learning while also building relationships with other kids in our church community. We are in a unique time for our church Sunday school programs as the number of kids we have participating in preschool and K-5 classes is smaller than it has been for the last few years. This has led to some brainstorming about ways we can be creative with Sunday school for next year and so we are proposing two changes for the fall:

1) We would like to try running children's Sunday school as a single class (pre-K-Gr 5) during the church service where children participate in the service until the children's story and then go to a Sunday school room for further activities until the service is done (about 20-30 minutes). We would like one adult and 1-2 youth to lead the Sunday school time during the service. We think that this would provide an opportunity for youth to participate as volunteers with the children without missing their Sunday school time, and also provide an opportunity for our younger kids to build relationships with youth in the church.

2) We would also like to try using a curriculum from MC Canada called Shine which has lesson plans and booklets for the kids which includes materials for activities, preparation suggestions and several options for teachers to choose from. The curriculum that was created by our church members has served us very well, but was designed for a different model than what we are able to run at this time. Teachers are still certainly free to use our existing curriculum or create their own lesson plans for occasions that lend themselves to a particular story, but we would like to provide another option for youth/adults.

At this time, we would like to plan for this as a trial for September-December and see how it works for everyone. If you have feedback/concerns please let Education Committee know.

If you are and adult or youth willing to teach please contact Naomi at (306)202-3467 or naomi@schellenbergs.ca.

Thanks,

Diana Buhler, Stephanie Siemens, Naomi Schellenberg, and Luke Bushman.

NPMC Kids' Club and Choir!

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is once again excited to offer Kids' Club and Choir on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. beginning September 7, 2023. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. We will run the program each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March.

Each Thursday will include a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking!

If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child.

There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help!

Looking forward to seeing you and your children at Kids' Club and Choir!

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MCC Connects: Thursday, 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! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.

Please note: As to date, Council has been unable to find a replacement for the Admin Assist position - Dick and Kathy will be away to Bolivia from August 29 to September 22.

If you can help out or know of someone who would be willing to step in please contact the Council or the Pastors.

August 19, 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Sarah Laurenson (Braun) in the multi-purpose room with a graveside inurnment.

Sun. Aug. 20, 1:00 Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare on the SK with Patty and Robin. Please get tickets ahead - may sell out.

Save the Date: Sun. Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Joint Service with Aberdeen, Warman, Langham at Wilf and Ruth's yard, featuring Midwives of Justice skit; Curtis and Jill Wiens music; and communion led by Gary Ewen-Peters. Rollkucken and watermelon to follow.

Note Date Changes - European Holiday sharing with coffee and kuchen Sunday, Sept 3, 11:00 a.m. sanctuary. We would like to see 3 slides of your holiday (doesn't matter when) and hear your brief reflection on a highlight and lowlight of your trip and why we travel. Please bring slides on USB over the next weeks and we'll assemble a slideshow on the sanctuary computer. Feel free to bring other souvenirs or European chocolates!

MC SK Updates:

***The board of Shekinah** is happy to announce that Curtis Wiens, Vic Pankratz and Phyllis Goertz will share the full time Executive Director position on an interim basis until the end of October. Please continue to pray that Shekinah will find a full-time permanent person to take the Executive Director position. The Board also wishes to thank Ron and Sue Schellenberg for their leadership over the past 5 ½ years, especially through the exceedingly difficult active COVID years. We wish them well in their future ventures.

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle. Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Learn about topics such as Anabaptist approaches to Scripture, peace and justice in the Bible, and transforming congregational conflict. Take four noncredit online courses in 2023–24 for only \$995 total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) No grades, no papers! Each course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

***Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies.** School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. **Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for the School Kit Challenge!** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>

Theatre of the Beat will be in Saskatchewan with their new production in October. *I Love You and it Hurts is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. If your congregation is interested in hosting a show, go to <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/> for details and watch for a performance near you in October.

Commonword

*Watch and share a video introduction to The Peace Table Storybook Bible. <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3564>

Buy or borrow The Peace Table <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3344>

*Luke is the 36th volume in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series; now with a complete gospel commentary set. Buy or borrow here - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3412>

*Through our collaboration with Together in Worship, multiple artists have shared their new songs with us – available for your personal and congregational use - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3570>

Church Seasonal Resources To Buy, Borrow, Access Online (includes Together in Worship resources) <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2350>

CALENDAR

Aug 13 10:00 am George Janzen speaking

Aug 15 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Aug 20 8:30 am Worship mtg

Aug 20 10:00 am Charlie Clark speaking

11:00 am Q & A after a quick coffee

Aug 27 10:00 am Joint Service AWOL on the Buhler yard

Sept 3 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

11:00 Coffee, Summer Slideshow and Sharing

Sept 10 10:00 Julie Bergen speaking

11:00 Sunday school, deacons meeting

Sept 17 11:00 am Semi-Annual mtg followed by Potluck

NEXT SUNDAY Aug 20

Speaker: Charlie Clark

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Luke

Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anna & Susan

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