Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 13, 2022

"RJC High School Sunday"

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship RJC Singers

- Thanks Be To God Forever (FJ Haydn, arr. Hal H. Hopson)
- Amazing Grace (arr. Stephen Hatfield), Jason Lai, clarinet
- Listen to the Music (Timothy Corliss), Charlotte Yuen, piano

Scripture Reading: Psalm 65

O God, to you we owe hymns of praise in Zion; to you our vows must be fulfilled, you who hear our prayers and before whom all flesh must stand. When we are overcome by our sins, you provide the atonement for them. Happy are those you choose, those you draw near to dwell in your courts! We are filled with the blessings of your house, the holy things of your Temple! With powerful deeds of justice you answer us, God our Deliverer, in whom all the ends of the earth and the farthest seas put their trust. You set the mountains in place by your power, having armed yourself with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, and the tumult of the peoples. And those who dwell at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your marvels; you make the sunrise and sunset shout for joy! You nourish and water the land— greatly you have enriched it. The streams of God are full of water; you provide us with grain as you ordained. Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield. You have crowned the year with your bounty and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with abundance, and rejoicing clothes the hills. The fields are covered with flocks and the valleys are blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy!

RJC Singers

- The Gift (Russell Wallace)
- Ancient Echoes (Jo Cooper/Audrey Falk Janzen)

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: Vanessa Stefaniuk

Offering/Music for Meditation by RJC Singers

- A Thanksgiving Prayer (Don Besig & Nancy Price)
- God is Seen (arr. Alice Parker)

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- -RJC high school students and staff
- -condolence to Feick family at the death of Joanne's Mom
- -condolence to the Guenther family at the death of their sister Hilda's husband, Terry Dyck.
- -condolence to Rita & family (former janitor) at the death of her uncle Peter Walter. Peter & wife Galina were baptized at OMC in 1996 when they spent a year with Art & Edna.
- -ongoing prayers for the escalating situation in the Ukraine

-pray for peace for the continued unrest/protest Freedom rallies

RJC Singers

- If Ye Love Me (*Thomas Tallis*)
- Ubi Caritas (Michael John Trotta), Emma Gillingham, solo

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us. The way we know that we remain in God and God in us is that we have been given the Spirit. We have seen for ourselves and can testify that God has sent the Only Begotten as Savior of the world. When any acknowledge that Jesus is the Only Begotten, God dwells in them and they in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them. Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear. To fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love. We love because God first loved us. If you say you love God but hate your sister or brother, you are a liar. For you cannot love God, whom you have not seen, if you hate your neighbor, whom you have seen. If we love God, we should love our sisters and brothers as well; we have this commandment from God.

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!

Student Reflection: Benjamin Penner & Braden Martens-Funk

RJC Singers

- There is More Love Somewhere (arr. Matt Podd & Adam Podd) STJ

Benediction:

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet

walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands

stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart

open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

RJC Singers

- Praise His Holy Name (Keith Hampton)

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP Alex Tiessen and RJC Students

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Stephanie Usher: Harold

Children's Sunday School: Loretta & Julie

Patty's Week: Tues. curling, spiritual direction, pickle ball; Weds. office, visit; Fri. office

Nora's Week: Working Wed; Fri; begins holidays Feb.19th

Announcements

Today - Voices Together Adult Education - 11:00 a.m. in buffet room. Please bring Hymnal, worship leaders edition and bulletin to class.

Children's Monday School continues online until Feb. 27

Mondays at 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 826 1670 5609 Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82616705609

Youth Sunday School will continue online until Feb. 27

Sundays at 11:00 am Meeting ID: 878 4657 0803 Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87846570803

- *Intergenerational Drop-In Pickleball Tuesday nights at 7:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. No athletic talent required. Come for fun. Fans welcome.
- *Another OMC Pandemic Art Project? Does anyone have any idea what we could make with all our saved Rapid Tests? Please make suggestions to Pastor Patty.
- **Sat. Feb. 5 AGM Summary**: There were 35+ in attendance with thankfulness for our sound and worship people in our second pandemic year. There is \$6800 remaining need for our second projector. There was good energy from the Community Connections for pickleball and Art Zacharias Memorial MDS trip to BC. Henry Funk is our new MDS rep. Refugee Committee reported the Al-Nouris family is settling into school and language study. Education reported that SS/Youth have been on-line. Youth Convention at Camp Valaqua, July 30-Aug. 2 has good uptake and youth will be fundraising for that. Trustees are on top of projects. Executive will stream-line constitution and by-laws to match our smaller committees. Treasurer is delegating some work to Administrative Assistant to make the job easier. We met budget and increased giving to Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. MC SK AGM is Sat. Mar. 9 on Zoom and in-person at Youth Farm. Those wishing to attend, please register on MC SK web-site and let Doug know. We gave a hearty thanks to Lynette Janzen and Karl Martens going off council this term. New council meets Weds. March 16, 7:00 p.m.
- *MCC Connects: MCC Saskatchewan invites your ongoing prayers for the escalating situation in the Ukraine. MCC has worked in Ukraine since our beginnings in 1920, opening soup kitchens to provide relief to thousands of starving families. Our current projects include relief, peace, health and education. Visit https://mcccanada.ca/stories/crisis-ukraine for more information.
- *MCC Sask: *Especially to individuals involved in blanket making* To help warm your spirits during these chilly winter days, I thought you might be interested in an exciting upcoming live event, "The journey of a comforter: Live from Kansas and Jordan" on **February 17 at 11:00 am** CST. In this behind-the-scenes event, you'll follow the journey of how MCC comforters are sewn, shipped and shared with people in need around the world. We'll hear from Kate Mast, Workroom supervisor for the MCC Material Resource Centre in North Newton, Kansas and from Alex Azar, MCC Program officer in Jordan. You can get more information and sign up here: https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series. (We have signed up to receive a video recording).
- *Valentine's Day Indigenous Women's Memorial March. Part of a 30-year long tradition, people in cities (Winnipeg & Vancouver) across Canada will gathering on Feb. 14 to remember missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG). We encourage our communities to pray for healing and justice, to read the Summary Report of the National Inquiry into MMIWG, and to join an in-person or online vigil/march on Valentine's Day.

Save the date! MC Sask 2022 Annual Delegate Sessions - Saturday, March 12, 2022 Youth Farm Bible Camp, Rosthern. Guest speak Dr. Preston Pouteaux will join us as we explore the theme of Called to Here. (Hybrid or fully virtual format will be decided upon in mid-February) Registration is now available at https://mcsask.ca/event/8602 Report books will be available mid-February.

MC Canada Gathering 2022 Virtual Choir Singing our way to Edmonton Calling all singers! Join voices across the country in singing "Greater Things Than These," a song commissioned for Gathering 2022 and written by Phil Campbell Enns. Deadline February 14. For the music and instructions on how to upload your recording visit https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022

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Statement on "Freedom Rallies" from Mennonite Church Canada's executive ministers

As leaders within **Mennonite Church Canada**, we unequivocally denounce the symbols, words and actions of white nationalism being expressed in Ottawa and across the country at "Freedom Rallies." While we support the right of people to gather peacefully in protest of government laws perceived to be unjust, we cannot support any action that promotes anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or racism. Jesus calls us to love our neighbours as ourselves as an expression of our love for God (Mark 12:29-31), across categories of race, ethnicity, religion and gender (Luke 10:25-37; Gal 3:28). We call on all Christians to walk in Jesus' way of love.

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:4-5)

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 13 10:00 am RJC Service

Feb 20 10:00 am George Janzen

Feb 24 MegaMenno Ski Trip

Feb 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Feb 28 7:30 pm Worship Committee mtg

Mar 4 7:00 pm OMC Youth Event

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP February 20

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette Children's Time: Jake Buhler Sound: Matt Usher: Bill

Children's Sunday School: No Class – Family Day

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