



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Lent 2 - March 13, 2022

“From Fear to Compassion”

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Focus: As we seek God’s way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**People: We come to be reminded of God’s power
and to be led more deeply into God’s love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

Prayer of Invocation: God, you are our light and our salvation. You are the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid? We seek a home in you. We seek a heart of curiosity. We seek an eye for beauty.

Grounded in you, sheltered by your wings, you reveal a world unfolding in layers of love. Though we will suffer in the journey before us, our consent to your way of compassion makes us strong. Continue to gather and release, O God, as we peck out our path. *Amen.*

Hymn: VT #551 “Beautiful Things”

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you.” Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘Today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people,

and on the third day I'll reach my goal.' Even with all that, I'll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So, take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!'"

Responsive reading:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God's ways.

All: Lord, move us away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.

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

This little light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children's Time: Edna Zacharias

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-Family of Helen Peters, WSCH at her death March 3

- Frieda's trip to Arizona March 14

-congratulation to Tony & Jacqueline on the birth of a grandson
Lincoln Oliver born to their son Steven & Kelsey March 8

-Matt Pederberg's acceptance to a music program at Memorial
University, St. John's Nfld in Sept which means farewell to Nora

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out compassion.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Hymn: VT #588 “We Walk by Faith”

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17–4:1

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. I’m talking about those whose minds are set on the things of this world. But we have our citizenship in heaven; it’s from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by Christ’s power to bring everything under subjection. For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown— continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

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 #618 “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

Sermon: “Hens and Foxes: Zaida and Michael”

Hymn: VT #420 “God of the Bible”

Benediction: From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God’s way of compassion. May the embrace of Jesus ease your fears and encourage you to care for others. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

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

TODAY’S WORSHIP *Second Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

Children’s Time: Edna

Sound: Doug

Usher Anna

Children’s Sunday School: Diane M & Karl *Care Partner Sunday*

Birthday last week: Micah Guenther

Patty's Week: March 13-23 Bethany or Bust! (*Moving Mom*) Nora available for emergencies.

Nora's Week: Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun

Announcements

TODAY: Terry Stefaniuk is speaking in the Hague Community Church
Dick Braun is speaking at the Aberdeen Mennonite Church

*Seven dozen iced individual Easter Paska Buns wanted for Easter breakfast take-out and possible dine-in. Please let Patty know how many dozen you can make.

From Community Connections

- If you are interested in a MDS Service Trip connect a CC member
- Volunteers are needed Sat. Mar 19 to serve at Friendship Inn
- Community Aid fund could use a top-up. Please designate.
- Freezer can also use soup, casseroles, bread, etc.
- Intergenerational Drop-In Pickleball Tuesday nights at 7:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. No athletic talent required. Come for fun. Fans welcome. **It is set up for use at any time!**

MC Sask Updates

Pray for MC Sask as we come together virtually and in person on Saturday, March 12 to discern and fellowship with the theme "Called to Here". Pray for our moderator Terry Stefaniuk.

Registration for Amplify! is now open. Come join other youth from across the country for a week off fun and praise. July 31-August 4

Save the date! MC Sask Women's Retreat is booked for May 13-14 at Shekinah.

Coro Nova SATB Choir Spring Concert - We are back singing again and happy to share an evening of song with you! Please join us for our first concert in over 2 years on **Sunday March 27th** at 7:30pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets are \$10 at the door, children free. Doors open at 7pm! Masks and double vaccinations are encouraged.

RJC employment opportunity – needed Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE) For more information visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come and join our team!

RJC Spend-A-Day - March 17: Are you a prospective student in grades 7-11? Come experience a day at RJC to see what it's all about? Shadow a current student, attend classes, chapel, lunch, and other fun

activities planned by our student leaders. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for summer workers and also a full-time, permanent Administrative/Hospitality coordinator.

<https://shekinah.ca>

CMU Campus Visit Day on March 29 or 30 – Potential students are invited to a half-day in-person experience. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet profs and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café. Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

Music at CMU Open House, March 31, 1:30-4:00 PM CST – For those considering a Bachelor of Music, Music Therapy, or a Bachelor of Arts with a Music major. Meet with professors, discover what classes are like, and tour the campus. To register visit cmu.ca/campusvisit

Camp Elim Is looking for staff. Check the poster on the bulletin board.

***Walking the Path** is a 10-year-old Mennonite Church Sask Committee that seeks to improve relations between First Nations and non-First Nations peoples. It is making a film called *Stewards of the Land* which is set at Ancient Echoes near Herschel. See your mailbox for more information. Or talk to Jake Buhler

***MCC Connects:** Save the date! The MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale is coming June 2022. We are now accepting donations for various auction items. Contact Marg Epp at 306-381-7059 or mepp@sasktel.net to make your donation. We ask all donations include product use and care information, and begin at a minimum \$50 in value.

***MCC is accepting donations** to support its response to the crisis in Ukraine. We will be focused on building up existing programs that support vulnerable people and extending those services to internally displaced populations.

MCC's response will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages.

***MDS Volunteers needed** in Princeton, B.C. MDS has been active in Princeton since early December last year. We are planning to continue doing work there until May. Weekly volunteers are needed through to

the end of May. This site requires all volunteers to be vaccinated. Contact Kelsey Friesen to sign up (kfriesen@mds.org or 204-261-1274). **Volunteers are also needed** in the Fraser Valley. Volunteers are needed for a day, a few days or a week at a time. We need people with construction skills to serve as crew leaders, along with cooks. If you can serve, contact Shelley Dueck at sduECK@mds.org or 778-255-1088.

Summer youth project: Youth groups are invited to apply to serve in New Brunswick at Camp Shiktihawk, a Baptist Bible camp northwest of Fredericton. While there, youth will help repair cabins, blaze and maintain trails, and build a new ropes course. To apply, contact Kelsey Friesen at kfriesen@mds.org or call 204-261-1274.

Katherine Penner is undertaking a university research project on Mennonite Pacifism in Practice. Her study is interested in looking at how individual Mennonite's understandings of being a pacifist impact their daily lives. She is looking for older members of the church who would be willing to share their thoughts in a short interview- ½ to 1 hour approximately. All personal information will be kept confidential. For more information please email her at katherine.penner4@gmail.com

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 13 10:00 am Patty Friesen – Second Sunday of Lent

Mar 16 6:00 pm Executive mtg

Mar 16 7:00 pm Council mtg

Mar 19 11:00 – 1:00 pm serve at Friendship Inn

Mar 20 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

Mar 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Apr 3 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP March 20

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: Adeline

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Lynette Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Lynette Sound: James/Keri Usher: Bill

Children's Sunday School: Christy, Rachel & Sarah

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