



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Communion Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 126 (*Inclusive Bible*)

L: When God brought us captives back to Zion, we thought we were dreaming! Our mouths were filled with laughter then, our tongues with songs of joy. And from the nations we heard, "Their God has done great things for them."

C: Yes, God has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.

L: Now set our captive hearts free, O Redeemer. Make them like streams in the driest desert.

All: Then those who now sow in tears, will reap with shouts of joy; those who go out weeping as they carry their seed for sowing will come back with shouts of joy as they carry their harvest home.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #750 God of the Fertile Fields

VT #76 Holy, Holy, Holy

First Reading: Joel 2:21-24

Forget your fear, my beloved land. Rejoice and be glad for God has done great things. Forget your fear, you beasts in the field. The wilderness pastures will once again be carpeted in green, trees will bear fruit again and the fig and the vine will give you their full yield. Rejoice, Children of Zion! Rejoice! Be glad in your God who sends you rain - the autumn and spring rains as of old and a new spring crop. The threshing floors will be heaped with grain, the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Wilf

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – upcoming elections

- pastoral search process

- Frieda's hip surgery scheduled for Nov 21

- families struggling with health issues

Thanksgiving - new interim MC SK youth minister Evan Bueckert

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all I urge that prayers be offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings and especially for rulers and those in authority, so that we may be able to live godly and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right and will please God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind - Christ Jesus, who was one of us and who at the proper time sacrificed himself as a ransom and a testimony for all.

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 #111 10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

Sermon: I have decided to follow Jesus but not get baptized yet

Communion Liturgy (*please respond with bold print*)

We give you thanks Holy God for all of your creation. In the beginning, you created the world and all that is in it. From the rising sun in the East, to the soft rains of the South, to the setting sun in the West, to the dancing lights of the North. From the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

We come together to lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving for the gift of reconciliation, healing and new life that we have through your gift of Jesus.

Jesus came and taught us to love you, with all that is within us. He came and taught us the truth about you. He died on a cross for the thing that plagues us, sin and separation, fulfilling your love for us through his resurrection and reconciling us forever. Help us in this meal to grow ever closer and deeper in trusting and following him.

Distribution of Bread by Deacons

Before your Son, our Lord Jesus, was given up to death, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, Take this all of you and eat it.

This is my body which will be given for you. *Let us eat together.*

Distribution of Cup by Deacons

When the Lord's supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is the cup of my life, the new and everlasting covenant, given for you and for all. Do this in memory of me. Let us drink together. Let us pray together.

Holy One, we give thanks for this living bread and this life saving cup as we proclaim the mystery of our faith. Guide our journeys that we may walk your path in truth and kindness. Bless our intentions that we will always reach out with love to one another. Through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus and the unity of the Spirit who draws us together; all glory be to God our Creator and Redeemer.

Hymn: VT #419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction: Let us give thanks to God in memory and hope, knowing that the love of Creator God is with us, the peace of Christ is present here, and the hope of the Holy Spirit moves within us, that we may live in reconciliation with all. Go in peace.

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

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

TODAY Oct 13

Thanksgiving Communion

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta

Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Wilf

Sound: James

Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Matthew Braun

Sunday School: No Children's Sunday School

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

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Today-Tuesday: Thanksgiving holiday at Wasquesiu;
Weds. bible study; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC Office Hours; Thurs. TiM Course, MC SK
Youth Pastor MTG., KCC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat. Sermon Prep; Sun.
NPMC

Birthdays: 16 – Loretta Sawatzky; 17 – Rachel Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Oct 13 – Louise/Wilf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to update our subscription list for the *Canadian Mennonite*. Under the *Every Home Plan*, everyone who attends church is eligible to subscribe. Many of our church members have been subscribing for years, but we want to ensure that newcomers to the church also have access to the magazine. If you wish to change your subscription – it is available in print and digital formats, or if you don't receive it and wish too, please let the office know by October 25.

October Faspa and Conversation: Greening Church Buildings,
Weds. Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m. with Sandy Plett, MC Can Environment
Coordinator on Zoom in the Coffee room

NEXT SUNDAY Oct 20

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Benjamin, Ben

Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kathy

Sound: Keri/James

Ushers: Bill/Anne

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Garry Boldt

Sunday School: Lynette with Zoe & Nora

Save the date for the upcoming Camp Shekinah Dessert Fundraiser at Bethany Manor on November 2.

Planning is beginning for the December 1 celebration, A Very Shekinah Christmas. 38 dozen cookies and squares are needed to feed the

festivities! Please consider signing up to bring a few dozen goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Arrangements can be made to deliver baking to Shekinah. Contact Julie with questions.

MCC Connects: MCC's 6th Annual Peace Conference, *Climate Action for Peace* will be on Saturday, November 2 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. We will explore the connections between peacebuilding and a changing climate and how faith can drive meaningful change. Speakers include Leah Reesor-Keller, James and Joan Alty, as well as several local churches and community partners. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://mcc.org/events/peace-conference-sk-2024-climate-action-peace>.

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - The Tonight Show at RJC!
With Your Host: Corey Ginther (1990) | Join us on October 26, 2024 for an evening of conversations and entertainment with RJC alumni, friends, and students. \$25/person or \$200/table. Tickets on sale October 1, 2024. Call (306) 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Spend-a-day | Students in Grades 8-11 who would like to experience a day in the life of an RJC student are invited to join us on October 30, 2024. Email Alex at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 for more information or to register.

RJC Employment Opportunity: Teacher | RJC High School is inviting applications for a temporary, full-time teaching position for an anticipated maternity leave. All applications will be considered, but teaching experience in senior mathematics would be an asset. To apply, or for more information, contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

MC Sask News:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the hiring of Evan Bueckert as Interim Youth Ministry Minister. Evan will together with the congregational leadership to promote and support ministry for youth in MC Sask congregations and communities and will cover the

2024-25 school year and travel to the MC Canada Gathering in July, 2025. For details go to <https://mcsask.ca/news/11843> (new)

The Mennonite Historical Society is hosting a 6-week CMU Xplore course via Zoom: "The Great Soviet Experiment: A Postmortem." The one-hour class will be held in the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., beginning October 10 and ending November 14. Instructor is Leonard G. Friesen. We invite you to join the class; no pre-registration is needed. (new)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Consider gifting your pastor(s) with a CommonWord gift card! Applicable anywhere in Canada – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/giftcard>. (new)

Bethany Manor, a senior's residence in Saskatoon, is accepting applications for a full time Spiritual Care Coordinator position. The successful candidate will be directly involved in preaching, pastoral care (including hospital visitation), spiritual care programming and worship planning. Details of the position and application process available at <http://mcsask.ca/Bethany-Manor-job-posting> Application deadline is October 15, 2024.

45 years of S'mores: A Camp Shekinah Dessert Buffet and Fundraiser Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Hall. Call the office at 306 945-4929 to pre-register. (new)

Growing Justice: Palestinian Olive Harvest Event: "Listening for God's prophetic voice amongst the people of the land" **Tuesday, Oct 15** 7:30 pm at Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon. Rick Block (SK Regional Rep) and Miriam Harder (Senior Program Officer for the Middle East region) from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will share historical and current contexts from Canada and the Palestinian Territories in how land, identity and conflict can create tragic circumstances, but also springs of hope, resilience, and unity. Hosted by LSRC Just Peace Palestine/Israel working group and the Mennonite Central Committee of Saskatchewan. (new)

InCERT – Climate change good news shared by ClimateHero (<https://www.climatehero.org/en>): In China, new energy vehicles have outsold gas or diesel fueled vehicles. Read the story here: https://www.cnn.com/2024/08/09/more-than-half-of-new-cars-sold-in-china-are-now-electric-or-hybrid.html?_s=xxxxxxx

CMU Discover Day: Full- or half-day options available on October 25. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, ask questions and have lunch and treats on us! Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register. (new)

"Preaching Exilic Hope in the Climate Crisis" (Zoom webinar) with Dr. Jerusha Neal, Oct 25, 2024, 11am – 1pm CDT. The climate crisis raises questions of breadth and depth that touch our deepest theological convictions. This workshop will model what it means to preach honest, grounded hope in the face of ecological loss - underscoring the vital role that preaching has to play in this season of crisis. More information and sign up here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action/fall2024> (new)

Youth News

October 18th 7-9pm @ OMC Games at OMC

October 26th 5-7pm @ OMC Outdoor Fall activity -weather permitting

November 2nd MCC Peace Conference Sharing

Erika Thogersen from MCC who led some sessions about climate change with our group was very impressed with what our youth had to say and their investment in the climate. She would like our group to share about some of our ideas, things we have learned, and our Green Fund from 11:00-11:25 am on November 2nd. If there are a few youths who would be willing to come and share that would be great. We can work together as a group to plan a presentation that represents those who cannot attend (perhaps on October 27th during Sunday School). The conference runs from 9-4pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. They are not expecting the youth to stay the whole day, but if anyone is planning to come share and wants to stay for lunch please let me know in the next week so they can order the right amount of food. Here is a link to the event, perhaps we as a group could attend the morning together and do our presentation and then depart after lunch.

<https://mcc.org/events/peace-conference-sk-2024-climate-action-peace>

November 30th Town of Osler Craft and Bake Sale 10:00am-2:30pm

There is a Christmas market that takes place for the Town of Osler's Christmas kick off. For fundraising for our trip, I was hoping to put a call out to our church to have a table at the Christmas Market. If you are a crafter or a baker, it would be great to start thinking about something

you would like to contribute. We also might need a few people to run the table during this time.

December 1st Gingerbread House Auction After Church

We have already started making plans for the gingerbread houses that we will auction off at the December 1st Potluck. This will give a chance for the congregation to support the youth. We will construct our gingerbread houses at around this time as a youth event.

December 10th and 11th Serving at Bethany Manor

I am hoping to get some help from the wider MC Sask churches for these events. Bethany Manor has two Christmas banquets for residents and asked if some youth would be willing to help serve. They give an honorarium to groups that volunteer, and this money would go towards our Ontario 2025 trip.

Luke Bushman

CALENDAR

October Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount, Wednesdays 10:30 a.m., with Michael Pahl, MC Manitoba on Zoom Coffee Room.

Sun. Oct 13 – 10:00 am Patty preaching Thanksgiving Communion:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus but not get Baptized yet
No Sunday School

Sun. Oct 20 – 10:00 am Patty preaching on 7 Shared Convictions:
#4-7 The Church

11:11 am Deacon mtg

Mon. Oct 21 6:00 pm Exec. Mtg

Wed. Oct 23 6:00 Faspa & Conversation

Sun. Oct 27 – 10:00 am Luke preaching *Demons in Mark's Gospel*

11:11 Comm. Connection mtg

Mon. Oct 28 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ John Reddekopp's house

Tues. Oct 29 – 7:00 pm OMC Book Club in the Coffee Room

A Psalm for the Wild-Built by *Becky Chambers*. Everyone responsible to find their own book. Men & Youth welcome

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