



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 14, 2024

A voice that speaks of peace

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 24 (*Inclusive Bible*)

L: The earth and everything on it, the world, and all who live in it belong to Our God. Our God built it on the deep waters, laying its foundations in the ocean depths.

C: Who has the right to ascend Our God's mountain?

Who is allowed to enter Our God's holy place?

**Those whose hands are clean and whose hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols or make false promises.**

L: Our God will bless them; God their Saviour will declare them innocent. Such are the people who seek Our God, who seek your face, God of our ancestors.

C: Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the Glorious Liberator will come in! Who is this Glorious Liberator?

Our God, strong and mighty, Our God, victorious in battle!

ALL: Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the Glorious Liberator will come in? Who is this Glorious Liberator?

Our God is our Glorious Liberator!

Prayer of Invocation: Glorious Liberator, we open wide the gates of our hearts and this time of worship that you may come in and comfort us, challenge us and bless us. Amen.

Hymns of Praise: VT #180 **This Is God's Wondrous World**

VT #111 **10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12b-19

When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Arab peacemakers

-Jacqueline's start of cancer treatments

Thanksgiving – OMC Camp Cooks

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: VT #102 **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Gospel Reading: from Matthew 11:2-11

Narrator: Now ... when John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him,

Disciple: John wants to know, are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus: Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who sees all this and believes in me.

Narrator: As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

Jesus: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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 #88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sermon: Did John get it wrong?

Hymn: VT #732 Open My Eyes

Benediction: God our Liberator, grant us and our neighbours near and far courage in our hearts, peace in our homes, and justice in our streets. Amen.

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

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

TODAY July 14

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Jake Sound: Matthew Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Garry Boldt

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 @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Weds. office, Sing-along; Fri. Office, camp pick-ups

Luke' Week:

Birthdays: 16 – Dylan Martens; 19 – John Reddekopp; 20 – Katherine Penner

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: July 14 – Matthew
July 21 - Karl

The Yard Maintenance Schedule:

Week of July 15 – 20 – Steven Guenther & family

July 22 – 27 – Terry Stefaniuk & family

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club:

Weds. Aug. 21, 7:00 Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by Theresa Fowler. Copies coming in a Book Club bag.

Moving time is coming for Frieda: *Osler loading on Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30pm and unloading at Bethany the next morning.*

New Address: #356-211 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0G5

Tanzania coffee is back! Get your level ground coffee today at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> and support the youth of MC Sask at the same time! (new)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial update: Thank you for your continued support of Osler Mennonite Church! As of May 31, at which time 42% of our year had passed, we had received \$79,784 in revenue (40% of budget) and had spent \$77,645 (39% of budget). This leaves a small surplus of \$2,139. A financial report was emailed to everyone, and if anyone wants a paper copy please contact Christy (Treasurer).

MCC Connects: On August 7 and 8, MCC will be running our first annual Practice Peace Summer Camp. This will be a hands-on learning experience with both small and large group activities for all ages. We will learn how to navigate conflict and other peacebuilding skills that help us be good neighbors to one another. It will be held at the Main Office in Saskatoon from 10 am - 3 pm both days, and registration is a pay-what-you-can donation. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

MC Updates:

Our organization has a balanced budget line (revenues = expenses) of \$555,000 annually, or approximately \$47,000 per month. Our revenue sources are congregations of 70%, individuals 13% and other areas the remaining funds. To date our revenues are 25%, and our expenses are 36% of our annual budget. The good news are our expenses are less than the approximately 50% at mid-year but our revenues are significantly lower. What can the congregations and its members do? Firstly, Thank You!!! to those who donate. We appreciate your continued support of MC Sask. We gladly receive donations from individuals and organizations, with options for one time or scheduled donations. If you prefer to donate by e-transfer or credit card, you can find links on our website at www.mcsask.ca . While you are there check out some of the things that we are doing on your behalf. Tim Wiens, Finance Chair (new)

You are invited to the installation of Len Rempel as the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Executive Minister on Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 am at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Notes of welcome/encouragement can be sent to mcsask@mcsask.ca with "installation" in the subject line. (new)

MC Sask is pleased to be able to offer four, \$1,000 scholarships to those pursuing Anabaptist education through schools or service programs that offer faith-based training and education rooted in the words and actions of Jesus. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31,2024, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details.

Registration is now open for "Healing Haunted Histories: Decolonizing Discipleship" a short course with Elaine Enns & Ched Meyers. The course is presented jointly by CMU and MC Sask and will be held at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon November 11-15. "Through bible studies, social analysis, communal narratives and historic literacy, this interactive course will explore how Canadian landscapes are "haunted" by historic and continuing violence against Indigenous peoples. "Details and registration available at www.mcsask.ca

The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre is pleased to host Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico. This exhibit explores the history of an ethnoreligious community's determination to preserve its faith and culture by leaving Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the 1920s to start new lives in Mexico and Paraguay. You can view Leaving Canada Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm, from now until August 24. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada. (new)

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for a energetic and creative personality to lead the Shekinah Summer Camp and Shekinah School Programming. Details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/shekinahprogramdirector> If you are interested and feel your skill sets match the Job Description please feel free to apply now. Deadline is July 30th.(new)

Save the Date to Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 - 6:00! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

CALENDAR

Sun. July 14 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Sun. July 21 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Wed. July 24 7:00 pm Sing-along @ Jake & Louise's yard

Sun. July 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

NEXT SUNDAY July 21

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn

Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Becca Sound: James/Keri

Ushers: Carl/Lanae

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