



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Jesus the Way to Peace

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship *Isaiah 58:6-10 CEV*

Leader: "I'll tell you what it really means to worship the LORD.

Congregation: Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly.

Leader: Free those who are abused!

Share your food with everyone who is hungry;

Congregation: Share your home with the poor and homeless"

All: *This is what it means to worship the Lord*

Gathering Hymns: VT #

VT #

Psalm Reading: *Psalm 66:8-20 (CEB)*

All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of his praise be heard!

God preserved us among the living; he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

But you, God, have tested us— you've refined us like silver, trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs, let other people run right over our heads— we've been through fire and water.

But you brought us out to freedom! So I'll enter your house with entirely burned offerings. I'll keep the promises I made to you, the ones my lips uttered, the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble. I will offer the best burned offerings to you along with the smoke of sacrificed rams. I will offer both bulls and goats. Selah

Come close and listen, all you who honor God; I will tell you what God has done for me: My mouth cried out to him with praise on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.

But God definitely listened. He heard the sound of my prayer. Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer; he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #509 See the Children Here before Us
Children's Time: Becca

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Russian and Ukrainian conscientious objectors

- Those who have lost mothers, and mothers who have lost children
- Transgender folks around the world, who are facing more and more discrimination
- rain and for those suffering from wildfires

Thanksgiving - RJC Students who spent a week doing service learning

Hymn: VT #

Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-21 (Inclusive Translation)*

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the one who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I too, will love them and will reveal myself to them."

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 **Rick Guenther** from MCC

Hymn: VT #

Benediction: May YHWH bless you and keep you! May YHWH 's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May YHWH look kindly upon you, and give you peace!

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP **May 14** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Rick Guenther Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Becca Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Susan/Dick

Kids S.S. – Naomi Schellenberg, Youth S.S – Luke Bushman

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

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon; Weds. office; Thurs. MC SK Search Committee; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Tues. mtg; Wed. OMC office; Thurs. from home; Sun. NPMC; Mon. Pastor's Gathering

Birthdays: 15 – Alex Tiessen; 15 – Carl Martens-Funk; 18 – Susan Braun; 18 – Kathryn Janzen

Snack/Coffee Schedule: May 14 Louise Buhler

New address for Vanessa Stefaniuk

116 - 5601 Gordon Road,
Regina, SK S4W 0M6

OMC Financial Update: I am happy to provide a brief update on the church's Operating Fund financial activity from January 1 - March 31, 2023. Revenues during that time were \$37,773 which is 18% of budget. Expenses were \$40,058 which is 19% of budget. This results in a loss of \$2,285. This financial update will also be emailed out later this week, along with the pre-authorized automatic donation form, that you can use to either start a monthly donation, or change your existing donation. The form can also be found in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued support of this faith community.

-Christy & Brandee, your OMC Finance Team

***With joy** we will receive Becca Bushman as a member on May 28, Pentecost Sunday.

OMC Walking Group meeting at 9:00 am on Fridays. If interested, talk to Lucy Friesen or Patty Friesen or just show up!

Rejoice the last issue of our 2023 subscription is here. If we're getting it and no longer wish to – please let the office know, otherwise it will continue. If you would like to subscribe to this daily donation, please let the office know. *(Just a reminder that the yearly cost is \$47.63 which you may wish to add to your regular donations.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Osler School Retirements: Please sign retirement cards on lobby table for Audrey Kampen, principal (10+ years) and Pat Bodnar, music teacher (40+ years), who have served our school and community well.

Save the Date – the Community is invited to a Celebration honoring the retirement of Pat Bodnar at the Osler School on Thursday, June 29. More details to follow.

Cards – please sign on lobby table for Glen and Sandra Grismer's 50th anniversary and Vanessa's new home.

***Daycare Discussion** May 21st: All OMCers are welcome to a meeting right after the service during coffee on May 21st to discuss moving forward on feasibility study that would evaluate the possibility of using OMC as a licensed daycare. If you will be away for the long weekend and would like to join in the discussion please email your questions to Kaytee at kaytee.edwards@yahoo.com or call at 306-221-1729.

Light Music for Spring: North Sky Chorale, led by Richard Janzen and featuring Philip Klassen, concert TODAY, Sunday May 14 at 3:00pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets can be purchased by searching North Sky Chorale at www.eventbrite.ca (Michelle, Dayna and Scott Feick are singing in it)

May 20 – 3pm Launch of the Exhibit “Leaving Canada” at the Saskatchewan River Valley Museum in Hague featuring guest speaker Bill Janzen, a well-known Mennonite historian and advocate for peace and justice. This exhibit features documents, photos and artifacts featuring the Mennonites 1920s move from the Hague/Osler and Swift Current areas of Saskatchewan to Mexico and South America. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details *(or ask Dick Braun)*.

On May 27th, we are doing a "Menno Run" with some other churches in MC Sask. This is a town wide game for youth gr. 6-12, and we are looking for people to volunteer their homes as "safe houses" as part of the game, as well as additional leaders who want to participate as "hunters for the game". Contact Luke for more information.

RJC Spring Concert | 7:00pm Monday, May 29, 2023 Join us as we celebrate the spring season with the RJC Spring Concert in the RJC Auditorium. Featuring performances by the RJC Concert Choir, RJC Singers and RJC Concert Band, including artwork displays showcasing RJC's curricular art programs. Admission by donation.

***MCC Connect:** You're invited to MCC's virtual launch for Climate Action for Peace! Join this Zoom event to hear about how people around the world, with the help of MCC's partners, are taking action to respond to the impacts of climate change and how you can get involved. For more information and to register for the event on May 17th at 5:30pm, please visit <https://climateactionforpeace.com/get-involved/>

MC SK Updates:

May 14 marks the 75th year of the existence of Israel as a modern state. While Israelis celebrate, Palestinians lament 1948 as a time of ethnic cleansing. Let us continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and other arenas of seemingly intractable conflict--that injustices be acknowledged and corrected; that love and trust overcome fear and suspicion; and that those with power may work for equality and dignity for all. *Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network*

Meshack Mutua from Kenya writes *"Let pray for the peace and unity in our nation, also let's pray for the older people and orphans, that God would provide their basic needs at this moment of economic hardship. We pray that God can provide with our finances for church projects. We pray for the faith development of children and young adults."* (Mennonite World Conference)

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 27 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:00am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register

your team today! Visit rjc.sk.ca/golfclassic for more information and to register.

CREAM GRAVY and Rhubarb Sauce. MCC has asked OMC for 4 volunteers to make Cream Gravy at the MCC Relief Sale on June 17th from 9am to 11am. They also need Rhubarb sauce for the vereniki. Please sign up on the bulletin board or let Adeline know if you can help with these.

Or if you are able to help/volunteer at the venue on that day, please contact Lois Mierau directly at (306) 250-8403 so she can schedule you in. *Many hands make light work and MCC needs our hands for this!*

CALENDAR

May 14 10:00 am Rick Guenther *from MCC Sask*

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch Osler Restaurant

May 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen

What does non-resistance in Ukraine look like?

21 12:00 Lunch @ Hague Shell & Museum visit

May 28 10:00 am Luke Bushman *Pentecost Communion*

28 11:00 am Worship mtg

June 4 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Trinity Sunday*

June 11 10:00 am Church Picnic

June 17 starting at 11:00 am MCC Relief Sale

NEXT SUNDAY May 21 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Anna Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

No Sunday School for this long weekend

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