



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 15, 2026

## **Our Peacemaker Identity**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship: VT #864**

**One:** We offer thanksgiving to our Creator,  
recalling that Christ is the center of creation and our lives as Christians.  
As we face east, the direction of the rising sun, we offer thanks  
for the gifts of the tree world and for new beginnings.

**All:** *Help us to be honest with you and others  
and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**One:** As we face south, where we receive warmth,  
we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world  
and for the call to be humble.

**All:** *Enable us to walk good paths, to live as family should,  
and, with you, to renew the face of the earth.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**One:** As we face west, where we receive teaching of faith,  
we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world  
and the purifying and fruitful water.

**All:** *Sustain us and the earth through you Holy Spirit,  
and give us faith as strong as the rock.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**One:** As we face north, the direction of wind and snow,  
we offer thanks for the plant world, and for kindness and wisdom.

**All:** *Breathe your strength and endurance into us,  
and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**One:** As we face center:

From above comes the unconditional love of God.  
from the earth comes the gift of life.

*All: We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle  
We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior. As we walk on  
this earth, may we learn together and celebrate the way of peace,  
harmony, and tranquility.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**Prayer of Invocation: VT #996**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #95 Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah  
VT #145 Touch the Earth Lightly**

**First Reading:** Psalm 104:1, 10-24

Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

10 He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.

They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.  
He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate - bringing forth food from the earth:  
wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.

The trees of the Lord are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers.  
The high mountains belong to the wild goats;  
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

He made the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows when to go down.

You bring darkness, it becomes night,  
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

The sun rises, and they steal away;  
they return and lie down in their dens.

Then people go out to their work, to their labor until evening.

How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Pray** – for all the families of victims of the horrific school shooting in Tumbler Ridge, BC

-for the family of Mary Hildebrandt (Edna's sister) who is currently in Palliative Care

**Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...**

**Hymn: VT #288      Love the Lord Your God (1<sup>st</sup> 2 lines only)**

**Second Reading:** Matthew 22:34-40

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**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 #806      Called by Earth and Sky**

**Sermon:      Stitching Creation Care into our Peacemaker Identity**

**Hymn: VT #828      There's a Wild Hope in the Wind**

**Benediction:**

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

**TODAY** Transfiguration Sunday

Speaker: Matthew Braun Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Jake Sound: James

Ushers: Lanae/Carl Offering Counter Team: Susan/Doug

Coffee Time: Julie

**Office Hours:** Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

**Brad's Week:** usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you'd like a visit please call him @ 306-361-0601.

**Luke's Week:**

**Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am**

**Birthday this Week:** 16 – Nora Bergen-Braun; 19 – Junko Friesen (89)

### CALENDAR

Sat. Feb 14 – 9:00 am Annual meeting

**Sun. Feb 15 – 10:00 am Matthew Braun speaking**

**Sun. Feb 22 – 10:00 am George Janzen preaching** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Week of Feb 23-27 MCC Blanket making starting at 9:00 am

**Sun. Mar 1 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

**"Contemplative checkin"** Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** for your support of OMC who in turn supports MC Canada, who in turn supported us, Steph and Lanae to attend a youth choir retreat in Toronto hosted by Toronto United Mennonite Church from Jan 27-Feb 2. It was an incredible weekend. If you would like to hear the results of the weekend, listen to the TUMC Feb 1st Sunday morning service here:

[https://storage.googleapis.com/media.tumc.ca/20260201\\_Service.mp3](https://storage.googleapis.com/media.tumc.ca/20260201_Service.mp3)

**Thank you** everyone for the wonderful party, gifts, and treats to welcome and celebrate Fletcher after church on Feb. 8th! We feel the love and support from this church family and appreciate you all!  
-Fletcher, Dayna, & Matt Stefaniuk

**A New Way!!** The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it

automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

If you have one, it is very important to report any loss to the office immediately as we will then need to reprogram everyone's Fob.

### **From your Treasurer**

2025 Donation receipts are available in your mail slots. If you would like an electronic copy, please let Christy know. Thank you for your financial contributions to the work of our church.

MCC Connects: Join the My Coins Count fun! Each year, spare change collected by churches adds up and supports MCC projects around the world. This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards education projects, and can be brought to MCC's Relief Sale Festival in June. Visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources to share with your congregation: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

### **MC SASK Updates:**

#### ***Prayers:***

Lord have mercy!

We pray with and for the people of Tumbler Ridge, BC.

While most of us cannot imagine the pain  
and devastation felt, we pray

for those who are now grieving loved ones,

for the students of the school whose space has been violated,

for emergency workers who responded to the call,

for those in the community who are stepping in to provide support,

for all those in Tumbler Ridge and beyond who are being impacted.

May there be healing and hope in the face of despair and grief.

Lord have mercy! MC Sask (new)

**February 16, 11 am - 4:00 pm | Shekinah Winter Fun Day** on Family Day | Everyone is welcome to join us for a day full of winter activities and outdoor fun. After a few runs down the hill, warm up in the chalet or by one of the fire pits with a cup of hot chocolate. Activities will include snowshoeing, tobogganing, and broomball. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy in the chalet or around the fire.

**Join MCC for the Transformation Table**, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Living Library will be facilitated on Wednesday, February 11 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre.

All are welcome to come hear stories from people of many different walks of life who are helping to build peace in their communities. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, visit [mcc.org/events/transformation-table](https://mcc.org/events/transformation-table)

**Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada** for an online study of *Climate Pollinator* by Sierra Ross Richer. February 19-April 16 (5 sessions) To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

**February 17 & 19 7:00 pm "Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story"** | February is a time for storytelling. Come hear traditional storytellers Louise Halfe, Dr. Kathy Walker and Simon Bird share creation stories that are relevant to decolonization today. "Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story" will be held online over two evenings, Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 19th, at 7pm CST. Attendees will hear the stories and reflect upon them in story circles. The event is free; please register here: <https://link.kairoscanada.org/Decolonizing-Ourselves>.

**Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC!** | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2026? Apply by February 1 and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at [rjc.sk.ca/apply](https://rjc.sk.ca/apply) to complete your application today!  
February 27 | CMU Discover Day | Join us for the full day or the afternoon of Friday, February 27 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/discover-days](https://cmu.ca/discover-days).

**Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC** | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit [rjc.sk.ca/employment](https://rjc.sk.ca/employment). Resumes or further questions can be sent to [executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca). (new)Rosthern Mennonite Church invites applications for a full-time pastor. The job description may be found on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rosthernmennonite.church](https://www.facebook.com/rosthernmennonite.church)). To inquire about the position, please contact the RMC office at [rosthernmc@sasktel.net](mailto:rosthernmc@sasktel.net).

## **March 13 & 14: You are invited to attend the 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at the Shekinah Retreat Centre.**

Our theme is "Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power" Jesus spoke in parables to describe the kingdom of God, often it was about the small things like the mustard seed and yeast. We will explore this theme through storytelling and worship. Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

**March 15 | 2:30 pm RJC Songs & Sweets** Join us for a celebration of music and generosity at RJC High School. This lively fundraising event features performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir, and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit [rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets](http://rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets). To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

**The Education Committee** is wanting to offer some adult education in the coming months. CMU is once again offering their Xplore courses. There are several relevant and interesting classes this year. If you would be interested in attending a CMU Xplore class at the church, we would appreciate feedback as we try and determine which class would resonate the most with our congregation (and work best with people's schedules). Please chat with, text or email Luke Bushman your thoughts regarding which one of these three classes we should participate in.

1. Thinking About Death and Dying: How Does One Prepare?

Tuesdays February 17 - March 24 10:00am-11:00am CT

2. Revelation: Hope in a time of Turmoil

Wednesdays February 18 - March 25 11:00am-12:00pm CT

3. Theologies of Trauma and Healing

Thursdays February 19 - March 26 11:00am-12:00 pm CT

You can find the full details about the course offerings at [cmu.ca/community/xplore](http://cmu.ca/community/xplore)

## **Mennonite Church Canada**

Facing debilitating shortages of electricity, food, and gasoline, the church in Cuba is going ahead with training courses for pastors this month, provided by SEMILLA seminary in Guatemala. The need for trained leaders across Cuba is high and your prayers and support of these

training courses will be a source of great encouragement. Give here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/guatemala> and send prayers and messages of support to [jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca)

**Join the Mennonite Church Canada Learning Pilgrimage in South Africa!** Journey alongside South African Anabaptists as we build relationships, listen to lived stories, and explore how their experiences of faith, justice, and reconciliation can inform our own efforts to heal colonial wounds with Indigenous neighbours in Canada. Learn more at [mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage](http://mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage) or contact Tany Warkentin for details ([tanywarkentin@gmail.com](mailto:tanywarkentin@gmail.com)).

**NEXT SUNDAY - FEB 22** *First Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: George Janzen      Worship Leader: Brad

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Benjamin      Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Lynette      Sound: James

Ushers: Lanae/Carl      Offering Counter Team: Jim/Loretta

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