



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 15, 2023

Season of Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship *from Psalm 72:1-7*

L: O God, give your anointed one your judgment—and your justice.

P: Teach your chosen one to govern your people rightly and bring justice to the oppressed.

L: The mountains will bring the people peace and the hills justice!

P: Your anointed will defend the oppressed among the people, save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor.

L: The reign of your anointed will endure as long as the sun and moon—throughout all generations.

P: The rule of the chosen one will be like rain coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth.

All: Justice will flower through the days, and profound peace, until the moon be no more.

Gathering Hymns: VT #816

“Guide My Feet”

VT #719

“Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace”

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come! the glory of YHWH is rising upon you! Though darkness still covers the earth and dense clouds enshroud the peoples, upon you YHWH now dawns, and God’s glory will be seen among you!

The nations will come to your light and the leaders to your bright dawn! Lift up your eyes, and look around: they’re all gathering and coming to you—your daughters and your sons journey from afar, escorted in safety; you’ll see them and beam with joy, your heart will swell with

pride. The riches of the sea will flow to you, and the wealth of the nations will come to you—camel caravans will cover your roads, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of YHWH.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Little Light of Mine”

Children’s Time: Kathy Braun

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Meditational Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

- prayers for those in prison and their families
- prayers for those who are sick and for their caregivers
- prayers for Ben serving Mennonite Nursing Home today

Hymn: VT #282 “Come and See”

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

The next day, catching sight of Jesus approaching, John exclaimed, “Look, there’s God’s sacrificial lamb, who takes away the world’s sin! This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.’ I didn’t recognize him, but it was so that he would be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing with water.”

John also gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and she came to rest on him. I didn’t recognize him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, that is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself and have testified that this is the Only Begotten of God.”

The next day, John was by the Jordan again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, “Look! There’s the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They replied, “Rabbi,”—which means “Teacher”—“where are you staying?” “Come and see,” Jesus answered.

So they went to see where he was staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. One of the two who had followed Jesus after hearing John was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find Simon Peter and say, “We’ve found the Messiah!”—which means “the Anointed One.”

Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked hard at him and said, “You are Simon ben-Jonah; I will call you ‘Rock’”—that is, “Peter.”

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 #628 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Sermon: “Not a Leader, Just a Walking Buddy”

Hymn: VT #570 “When We Walk with the Lord”

Benediction: Strengthen us, God of love, bind us together as your baptized people, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. We carry the light of Christ with us into the world. Amen. (*Christ candle extinguished*)

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

TODAY’S WORSHIP **January 15** *Season of Epiphany*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Children’s Time: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Kid’s S.S – Kaytee Edwards, Youth S.S – Christy Martens-Funk

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

Patty’s Week: Mon. CC 7 p.m.; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, pickle ball, exec, council; Fri. Office; Sunday leading Bethany Manor worship.

Luke’s Week: Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office; Sat Youth

Birthdays: 18 – Kevin Boldt, 20 – Garry Harms

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Jan 15: Marlene Campbell

Jan 22: Diane McKinnell

YOUTH CALENDAR

January 21st: 7pm - Game Night at Schellenberg Residence

Fri-Jan. 27-Sun. Jan. 29 - Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

CALENDAR

Jan 15 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Jan 16 7:00 pm Community Connections mtg zoom

Jan 18 1:30 pm Pickleball MPR

6:15 pm Executive zoom

7:00 pm Council

Jan 22 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking

Jan 29 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking

Feb 4 9:30 am Annual Congregational mtg – zoom option

Jan 15: 12:00 The Great Trek - meet at Kathy Boldt's farmyard for snowshoeing to their cabin (1-mile one way). Those who want to go out earlier to tend fires are welcome! Extra snowshoes and lawn chairs available. PVF hot dogs, buns, condiments, s'mores provided. Bring water bottle or thermos for hot drink, blanket for wrapping up by fire.

From the Treasurer: Donations for Friendship Inn were generous. There will be a verbal update on this and the final number for the general fund on Sunday morning.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Jan. 18 – 23. A listing of events in Saskatchewan can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11229>

Missing – one pickle ball racket!! Anyone know where it might be??

NEXT SUNDAY January 22

Speaker: Lois Siemens Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Lynette & guitars

Children's Time: Adeline Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Kid's S.S – Kaytee Edwards, Youth S.S – Matthew Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for a Program Director. This individual will be primarily involved in running our School Group and Summer Camp programs. This position can be seasonal or up to full time if combined with other work. Please email ron@shekinah.ca for more information.

RJC Open House | January 20, 2023 Prospective students & families are invited to RJC's annual Open House & Friday Night Live. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with a school tour at 6:00pm, followed by

Friday Night Live at 7:00pm. Interested students and families are invited to pre-register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca. Open to students in Grade 7-11.

RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling Feb 3 & 4/23

Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the fast-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall. To pre-register please email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca. We hope to see you there!

***MCC Connect:** MCC will be running another Conflict Transformation course on Monday evenings from February 6 – April 3. Join us over Zoom as we learn valuable skills for practicing peace within our families and communities. The registration fee is \$75, and scholarships are available. Please visit this link to register:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformation2023PracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace>

Each year **Mennonite World Conference** welcomes us to support our global Anabaptist family through a “One Lunch Offering.” As you celebrate Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday on January 22 (or on another Sunday), MC Sask Council welcomes each member of our congregations to offer the price of one lunch (over and above their regular giving to their congregations) to share with our worldwide faith family through MWC. Contributions can be forwarded to the MC Sask office, marked “MWC One Lunch Offering.”

You can find more information on a brochure on the bulletin board. You might also consider viewing this linked video as part of your worship service (<https://fb.watch/i0kRBQXpf6/>).

MC SASK CAMPS

We need your feedback and input about camp. Summer camping ministry for children and youth, retreats, camp facilities, have all been an integral part of the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan landscape for decades. MC Sask Council is currently working with Tim Nickel of [Fifth Business Consulting](#), to take a deep dive into our three camps and their programs, and your participation and input is vital.

Regardless of your age, past involvement, or opinion, you are invited to speak to the future of MC Sask camping ministry. Young and old. Near and

far. There are three different ways your voice can be heard over the coming weeks.

The purpose of the meetings is:

- To learn more about the conference camps and camping programs,
- To develop thinking and ideas on the topic of camping ministry,
- To elicit the views of congregation members and attendees on the three MC Saskatchewan camps and the program as a whole.

In-person meetings will be held in four locations, and anyone is welcome at any meeting:

- Rosthern Mennonite Church, on **Monday, January 23** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, on **Wednesday, January 25** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Grace Mennonite Church, Regina, on **Monday, January 30** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current, on **Tuesday, January 31** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

There will also be **online meeting (Zoom)** opportunities on the following dates:

- **Thursday, February 2** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Friday, February 3** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

To receive a Zoom meeting link to either of these meetings please email Tim, with which meeting you want to attend, and Tim will send you the link. Please RSVP to tim.nickel@fifthbusinessconsulting.ca by January 31. Lastly, an **electronic survey** will be sent out through church email lists and available on the individual church and MC Sask websites during the week of January 16, to remain open until January 27.

Thank you for giving your voice to this important work.

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