



# 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*

*May 15, 2022*

## *“Gleaning”*

**Gathering Hymn: VT #7 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”**

**Call to Worship:** *(based on Matthew 14)*

Leader: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

**People: “Come and eat! There’s more than enough for all!”**

Leader: To those who are thirsty, he says:

**People: “Come and drink! It’s free for the taking!”**

Leader: Stop wasting your money on food that doesn’t satisfy.

**All: Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Old Testament Scripture:** Ruth 2:1-9

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband’s side from the clan of Elimelech. His name was Boaz, and he was well-to-do. One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go into the fields and be a gleaner, gathering the leftover grain behind anyone who will take pity on me.” And Naomi said, “Go ahead, my daughter.” So Ruth went out to the fields to follow the harvesters and gather the grain that they dropped. As providence would have it, she came to the part of the field that was owned by Boaz, of Elimelech’s clan. It so happened that Boaz had just returned from Bethlehem. He greeted the harvesters by calling out, “YHWH be with you!” They shouted back, “YHWH bless you!” Then Boaz turned to the supervisor in charge of the harvesters and asked, “Who does that woman work for?” The supervisor of the harvesters replied, “She is the Moabite who returned from the land of Moab with Naomi. She asked our permission to collect the grain that the workers

dropped. She has been working steadily since early morning, with scarcely any rest.” Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen to my words, my child, and accept my offer: don’t collect your grain in anyone else’s fields but mine; and don’t leave here, stay with my binders. Watch them closely, and whatever part of the field they are harvesting, follow behind them. I have ordered all my reapers not to bother you. When you get thirsty, go to the water jars they bring with them and get a drink of water.”

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

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

**Children’s Time:** Lynette Janzen

### **Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

#### **Sharing and Praying for the Work of the Church**

- Harry Martens in the hospital
- recovery from surgery for Lara Janzen and George Janzen
- prayers for all those caregivers

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Hymn: VT #389 “Together”**

#### **New Testament Scripture: Matthew 14:13-31**

When Jesus heard about the beheading, he left Nazareth by boat and went to a deserted place to be alone. The crowds heard of this and followed him from their towns on foot. When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he healed their sick. As evening drew on, the disciples approached Jesus and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy some food for themselves.” Jesus said to them: “there is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves.” “We have nothing here,” they replied, “but five loaves and a couple of fish.” “Bring them here,” Jesus said. Then he ordered the crowds to set on the grass. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed the food, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, who in turn gave it to the people. All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets.

About five thousand families were fed. Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!" Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come!" Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?"

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 #778 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"**

**Sermon: Jim Epp with Braden Martens-Funk**

**Hymn: VT #568 "Christ Has No Body Here but Ours"**

**Benediction:**

May your grace send us from this place into your world. May we respond to that grace with gratitude. May our steps lead us to paths of service, our words to the healing of troubled hearts, our touch to the embrace of compassion. By the peace of Christ, Amen.

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

We warmly welcome Jim Epp, retired principal Rosthern Junior College 1986-2018. Jim and Brenda live in Rosthern. They have 3 sons and 2 granddaughters. Jim serves Mennonite Church Saskatchewan churches as a guest speaker.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP      May 15**

Speaker: Jim Epp & *Braden Martens-Funk*

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leader: Kathryn, Ben, Lynette                      Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Lynette    Sound: Keri/James    Ushers: Harold & Lloyd

Children's Sunday School: Christy & Alex

**Patty's Week:** Mon. MCSK; Tues. sermon, Rita gathering; Weds. Office; Fri. Office; Sat. Friendship Inn.

Sunday, May 22, 1:00 p.m. Scotiabank Theatre downtown for Downton Abbey fans. Buy own ticket, meet in lobby before show. Can go out after.

**Nora's Week:** Mon Evening, Tues Evening, Wed, Fri, Sun.

**Birthdays this week:** Alex Tiessen, Carl Martens-Funk, Susan Braun, Kathryn Janzen, Henry Funk.

### **Announcements**

**RJC Spring Concert - May 16, 7:00 pm-** Join us as we celebrate the spring season, featuring performances by RJC Singers, RJC Concert Choir, RJC Jazz Band, RJC Dance Class. Admission by donation.

**RJC is Hiring!** - RJC High School invites applications for the position of Men's Dormitory Dean (1.0 FTE), to begin Fall of 2022. A job description can be found at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca). All inquiries should be submitted to Ryan Wood at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca).

**May 28:** RJC's annual golf classic and homecoming fundraising banquet! Golf begins at 1:00 pm (shotgun start) at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern, with a banquet and program on the RJC campus to follow at 6:30pm. Visit [rjc.sk.ca/homecoming](http://rjc.sk.ca/homecoming) to register your team for golf or call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your banquet tickets.

**June 23-25: Musical – Anastasia.** Tickets will go on sale in May. An alumnus & friends' barbeque is planned for Saturday, June 25 prior to the musical for any who would like to attend. Email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222 to register for the meal.

**\*Registration for We Declare: what we have seen and heard, from July 29 to Aug. 1, in Edmonton, Alta. is open.** Come and join our nationwide community of faith as we gather together with our

Mennonite Church Alberta faith family to examine what it means to share the Good News. **Early bird registration deadline is May 20.** Register at [mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022).

**\*Virtual registration for We Declare: what we have seen and heard,** July 29 to Aug. 1, is now open at [mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022). Share in live worship and plenary sessions, participate in online workshops and network with other virtual participants from across our nationwide community of faith.

**\*MC Sask is also seeking two young people, age 17-21, to participate in a guided *Young Leaders Experience*** of the Gathering. If you'd like more information, please get in touch with Josh.

**The Summer Yard Maintenance Schedule** has been sent out – please contact the office if your scheduled week does not work for you.

### **MCC Vereniki Drive-Thru Event June 11<sup>th</sup> Needs Our Help!**

-One person is needed to facilitate the gravy and fruit sauce

-Six persons to work the 8:30-11:00 am shift at the booth

**-some Gravy Makers!** Join in on a group cooking session in our church kitchen on Thursday, June 9 @ 1:00 pm to make the 15 gallons of gravy needed for this event! The ingredients and receipt supplied. We will need a few heavy bottomed pots and perhaps some electric fry pan and plastic gallon pails. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin Board. For more info speak to Adeline 306-242-7328.

**\*June 4 The Climate is Changing: Now What??** A one-day Mega Menno retreat for youth gr. 6-12 at Shekinah (9:30am – 4:30pm). \$20/person (aid available) Details at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10976>. Contact [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) with any questions.

**MCC School Kits for Ukraine.** *Collection boxes under the Mailboxes* Contents (NEW items only) - need bag sewers as well!

Any combination of 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totaling 500–600 pages, OR 7 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (80 pages each; about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 coloured pencils (in packaging)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small **\*all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes

\*If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and MCC will add the sharpeners.

Rita and Sergey have Ukrainian family in Germany waiting to come to Osler. They will come speak to us on **Weds. May 18, 7:00 p.m.** buffet room.

Needed for Rita Ovseychik's family coming to Osler from Ukraine: summer clothing for small women (age 21 & 30), girl's 13 & boy 9; twin over double bunkbed plus another single bed with sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, large soup pot and roaster. Eventual need for a vehicle, groceries, airfare. Gifts could be in the form of Coop gift cards or Thrift Store certificates. Local vegetable, etc. could be dropped off at 204 -4<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Osler. Please call 306-361-1278 after 5 p.m. Sat/Sun, write

**NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP May 22 – The Conversion of Lydia**

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Dayna, Loretta                      Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa                      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Anne & Dick

Children's Sunday School: No Class

### OMC CALENDAR

**May 15 10:00 am Jim Epp** and Braden Martens-Funk

May 17 7:00 pm Rita's presentation re Ukrainian family

May 21 11:00-1:30 pm Volunteer at Friendship Inn

**May 22 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *The Conversion of Lydia*

11:00 am Wiener roast/brown bag lunch

May 25 Exec & Council meeting

May 28 OMC Youth Tree Planting

**May 29 10:00 am Patty Friesen and Audrey Kampen**

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