



# 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**

**October 15, 2023**

*All, Y'All Come to the Wedding Feast*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

**L:** We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**C: We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us  
and others by the Spirit.**

**L: We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**C: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

*All: We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymns: VT #88 Praise to the Lord  
VT #225 We Come**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of scoffers like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain you will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food

filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And you will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; you will swallow up death forever. Our Deliverer will wipe away the tears from all faces and the disgrace of all people will be taken away from all the earth. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited so that we might be saved. This is the Lord for whom we have waited, let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.”

**Children’s Gathering Song:** VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing

**Children’s Time:** Kathy

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**

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

Prayers – the situation in Israel/Palestine

Thanksgiving – for Karen’s news – she’s cancer free

**Hymn: The Wedding Banquet** (*insert*)

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-10 (*Updated NRSV*)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

**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 #458      The Water Is Ready**

**Sermon:            Grace-Healed Eyes**

**Hymn: VT #524      When Love Is Found**

**Benediction: *Philippians 4:5-7***

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP      Oct 15            *Grace – Healed Eyes***

Speaker: Patty Friesen            Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn            Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Kathy    Sound: Benjamin    Ushers: Bill/Anna

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

**Patty's Week:** Oct. 16-23 Churchill, MB to see polar bears. Please contact Luke 306-260-6552, Julie 306-250-2995, Karl 306-716-7855, Frieda 306-239-4361 for emergencies.

**Luke's Week:** Weds. NPMC Youth; Thurs. OMC Planning/KCC; Fri. OMC Office Hours; Friday-Sunday MC SK Youth Worker Retreat

**Birthdays:** 16 – Loretta Sawatzky; 17 – Rachel Buhler

**Friday:** coffee is on every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Oct 22**

Speaker: Heather Peters            Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben            Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Becca    Sound: Keri/James    Ushers: Bill/Anna

**TODAY**

**Parking Pad Party** with pizza for parishioners after Worship and Sunday school. We will be doing a parking pad blessing, a chalk art contest, and everyone is encouraged to bring their scooters, skateboards and helmets for a test drive. There will be pizza served as well. This is a party to celebrate our new, more accessible parking lot, and also a fundraiser to replenish the funds used for this awesome project. Please consider donating in addition to celebrating! - Luke Bushman

**Theatre of the Beat Presents:** 2:00 pm today.

*I Love You and It Hurts* Admission by Donation.

If you can't make today's show – Oct 29 7:00 pm Wildwood Mennonite

**The family of Cornie and Sarah Guenther invite** you to stay for coffee and cake during coffee time on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (*Actual date was June 14<sup>th</sup>.*)

**Oct 30 – Nov 3 - MCC Blanket making in the multi-purpose room**

**New Addresses:**

Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky  
103 Brookside Drive  
Warman, SK S0K 0A1

Joel and Chalan Sawatzky  
26 – 452 Glen Pine CT  
Kelowna, BC V1V 1W7

Zachary Stefaniuk  
46 – 1275 Railway St. S.  
Swift Current, SK S9H 5P3

**Coffee Schedule** – Oct 15 Louise  
Oct 22 Julie  
Oct 29 Cornie & Sarah Guenther

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*No CMU Zoom class this week Weds Oct 18. Resumes Oct 2.*

**OMC/CMU Zoom Explore Class** Wed., until November 8, **9:00 a.m.**

Coffee Room: Reconsidering Anabaptist Identity after 500 years with Karl Koop. Recorded classes available for interested individuals to watch at your leisure. Karl Koop rocks!

**\*Faith Exploration:** If you are feeling close to God after this summer and want to make a public commitment in baptism or transfer of membership – please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty or a deacon – Karl, Julie, Frieda, Wilf, George

**Forever in Motion** - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall led by Lucy Friesen and Susan Braun. Join OMCers' and other Osler locals for seniors' exercise and conversation.

**MCC Connects:** MCC deplors the violence and deeply mourns all lives lost in Israel and Palestine as conflict escalated to new levels in the region last week. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding, and plans to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction in the future. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](http://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel)

**\*MAiD** What should Christians think about when they talk about medical assistance in dying? How can the church best support people who are suffering? Join Aaron Epp, associate editor at Canadian Mennonite, as he hosts a discussion with guests Lisa Heinrichs and Rhonda Wiebe. This virtual event takes place on Zoom on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. CT / 8:00 p.m. ET. Advance registration is required. Visit [www.canadianmennonite.org/events](http://www.canadianmennonite.org/events) to register. Read the article that inspired this event: <https://canadianmennonite.org/.../gift-life-question-death>

**The Micah Mission** is holding a Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 27th at Mulberry's Restaurant (2326B Millar Ave). Cocktails commence at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm. The event features dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, games, and more. Cost is \$50. To register please buy a ticket at: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIaIfjLnFYj\\_ROQY](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/micah-mission-steak-night-fundraiser-tickets-717968652567?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2rWO39UUZ6-LzTY5kziPZFvoQ1Fk6K6sV7eth1jxPFIaIfjLnFYj_ROQY). For more information please email: [deborah@themicahmission.org](mailto:deborah@themicahmission.org).

**RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 2023 German-English Academy Awards** | October 28, 2023, doors open at 5:00pm, dinner & program begin at 6:00pm. Celebrating the legacy of musical theatre and the arts at RJC. Featuring performances of musical theatre songs & scenes from RJC musicals past by RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations will go to support RJC's bursary program. Tickets \$25/table or \$200/table. Available October 2, 2023. Call (306) 232-4222 or visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

**October 19 & 20 It's not too late to register for the *Called to Be a Worship Leader* workshop by Carol Penner!** Are you a worship leader, interested in worship leading or intimidated by worship leading? This is

the workshop for you! Carol Penner has produced many resources for worship leaders and will lead us through the role of the worship leader and give us many tips and resources. Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11422> (*updated*)

**\*Friday, Oct. 27 – Mega Menno Fall Party** at Osler Mennonite Church, 4pm-10pm (six hours of Mega Menno fun!). Doors will open at 4pm with free time in the gym and a movie. Games, costume contest, and other activities will start at 6pm, with pickup at 10pm. Feel free to come and go or stay for the full event. For more information contact Luke Bushman, OMC Pastor of Faith and Community, [oslermcpastor2@gmail.com](mailto:oslermcpastor2@gmail.com). Hope to see you there! (**new**)

\*November 3, 7:00pm The Board of Shekinah invites you to the **‘TREEmendous Times with Trifle’** fundraising event at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Rd) on Friday, November 3, at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Fellowship Centre and musical entertainment will be provided by The Golden Hour. Admission, by donation, will be gratefully accepted.

**J.J. Thiessen Lecture** – You are invited to hear Dr. Willie James Jennings of Yale Divinity School present his talk entitled, *Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land*. October 27 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons or via livestream. Visit [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt) for details and livestream.

**A Time of Reckoning: Telling the CMU Story** – Join a two-day symposium on October 27 and 28. Featuring short reflections and dialogue with CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices, participants will investigate what CMU is today and where it's going in light of its mission. More details and free registration at [cmu.ca/timeofreckoning](http://cmu.ca/timeofreckoning).

**\*New seasonal blend coffee from Level Ground!** Bundle up is a dark roast that will make you feel invincible and ready to face anything - even icy winter temperatures. With notes of chocolate, toffee, and spiced rum, this exclusive roast will leave you feeling warm and cozy. Available in bean only in 300g size. For a limited time only! Get yours at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee>

**To the congregation** – *are you interested in ordering but don't want the hassle of pickup in S'toon? As this is a Fund-raising project for MCSask Youth, would you be interested in making a group order? Talk to Kathy.*

**Further to the Theme of Marriage** – Did you know that many of our Congregations’ couples have been married a long-long time?!!!!

Peter & Tena Sawatzky	69	Between 40-50 - 5 couples
Dennis & Margaret Boldt	65	30-40– 4 couples
Jacob & Junko Friesen	64	20-30 – 9 couples
Cornie & Sarah Guenther	60	10–20 – 3 couples
Bill & Anna Peters	59	-10 – 5 couples
Harry & Eva Martens	59	
Jake & Louise Buhler	56	
Wilf & Ruth Buhler	55	
Jim & Margaret Dyck	54	
Henry & Erna Funk	53	
Lyle & Linda Stucky	53	
Ben & Diana Buhler	51	
Gary & Jean Harms	51	
Dick & Kathy Braun	51	

## **THE WEDDING BANQUET**

### **CHORUS**

I cannot come.

I cannot come to the banquet, don’t trouble me now.

I have married a wife. I have bought me a cow.

I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.

Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.

He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown.

He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide

But when the meal was ready, each of them replied:

### **CHORUS**

The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name,

Said, “Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,

Fetch the peasant and the pauper for this I have willed,

My banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled.”

## CHORUS

When all the poor had assembled there was still room to spare,  
So the master demanded: “Go search ev’rywhere,  
To the highways and the byways and force them to come in.  
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin.”

## CHORUS

Now God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind;  
If we’re slow in responding, He may leave us behind.  
He’s preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day.  
When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say:

## CHORUS

### CALENDAR

Oct 15 9:15 am Centering Prayer Room 2

**10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

12:00 Parking Pad Party

2:00 pm Theatre of the Beat: *I Love You and It Hurts*

**Oct 22 10:00 am Heather Peters, MCC SK speaking**

11:45 am Lunch with Heather, Osler restaurant

Oct 24 6:30 pm Exec mtg

Oct 25 6:30 pm Faspa & Conversation Josephine Kroeker

Oct 27 Mega Menno

**Oct 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

Oct 30 – Nov 3 9:00 am start – MCC Blanket making

**Nov 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

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