



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 15, 2024

What's in God's Cup?

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 65 (NIV)

L: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

C: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

L: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

C: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

L: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

All: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #122 Sing to the God of Harvest
I Saw Raindrops on my Window**

First Reading: Job 2:7-10, 19:23-27

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!” He replied, “You are talking foolishness. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see the One who made me, with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Marlene

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Torben’s recovery from knee surgery

-students & teachers @ Evan Hardy

-Youth at Camp Elim next weekend

Congrats – to RJC entrance scholarship winners Lanae & Nora

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires

Hymn: VT #653 Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God

Second Readings: Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Romans 12:9-17 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

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 #778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Sermon: What's in God's Cup?

Hymn: VT #847 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Benediction: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We welcome Lois Siemens to the pulpit this morning. Lois has been the Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany Manor these past 7 years and will be retiring the end of November. We thank her for her prayerful, creative service to our elders these past years. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch in the backroom of the Osler restaurant 12:00. Please consider ordering one of the specials ahead for easier service.

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Sept 15 *What's in God's Cup?*

Speaker: Lois Siemens Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Marlene Sound: James/Keri Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Stephanie Siemens

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

Walking Club: Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Mon/Tues: RJC Gr. 12 Retreat; Wed: OMC Office; Thurs:
Food for Retreat, KCC; Fri-Sun: OMC Youth Retreat @ Camp Elim

Birthdays: 16-Doug McKinnell; 17-Adeline Cox; 18-Anna Peters (80);
18-Brad Schroeder

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Sept 15 – Geo & Lynette

Sept 29 – Diane McKinnell

The Yard Maintenance Schedule: Sept 16-21 – Garry & Jean Harms

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 15 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking

10:30 am Children's Sunday School starts

11:11 am Deacons mtg

12:00 Lunch with Lois @ *Osler Café backroom*

Fri – Sun – Sept 20 – 22 Youth to Camp Elim

Sun. Sept 22 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Life Worth Living: Work & Calling*

11:11 Community Connections mtg

Mon. Sept 23 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Tues. Sept 24 7:00 pm Book Club meets @ Diana McKinnell

Thur. Sept 26 7:00 pm Worship mtg @ OMC

Sun. Sept 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking *Healing in Mark*

Special music by Bethany Ukulele Band

11:15 am Jam sessions with Ukuleles by Lynn Driedger

12:00 noon Potluck (*please bring extra for the band*)

Group C-M clean-up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Aid Fund could use a boost for local needs. Talk to John R, Kaytee, Alex from Community Connections about that.

Fresh garden veg also welcomed at 312 Pauls Crescent.

Education Committee is excited to start off the year on Sept 15, 2024. As in previous years, Sunday school will be offered every Sunday except for long weekends. Our classes this fall will be:

Children (Preschool to Gr 5): We will be using the Shine curriculum to engage our children in stories from the Bible and activities that connect them to God and the faith community. Children will be invited to move

to a classroom following Children's Story-time for the remainder of the service.

Youth(Gr 6-12): All youth are invited to meet in the youth room after the service for a chance to visit with one another and dive into some deeper discussions. These discussions may be about baptism, Anabaptist values, the Bible, the intersection of faith and culture, and many more topics. Additionally we will have special guests who share their life stories, or talk about an area of expertise. Come out to visit and learn with other youth.

Adults:

1) An adult class is being offered for those interested in Bible-based study and discussion. The curriculum title is Salt and Light and was produced by MennoMedia and is designed for those following an Anabaptist tradition. The writers are Elsie Rempel and Gordon Matties, both based in Winnipeg. The first quarter's theme is Life's Essentials. The three units of study are Food, Living Water, and Shelter. Jake Buhler will coordinate the class with help in teaching from others.

2) Mosaic. This is an informal conversation about the intersection of daily life, faith and community. We will meet in the nursery at 11:15. If you'd like more information about Mosaic, please contact Melanie Boldt.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club: Tuesday, September 24 @ 7:00 pm Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies on the table in the foyer. We're thrilled to announce that **Shekinah Retreat Centre** has been selected as one of this year's @saskatoon_coop Fuel Good Day organizations! On September 17, five cents from every litre of fuel sold at Waldheim Co-op gas bar will be donated to our organization to help us with our fall and winter programming.

MCC Connects: The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, Sep 25 at 6:30-9 pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. We will celebrate 60 years of MCC ministry in SK and be inspired by

courageous women in Zimbabwe who are seeking creative solutions to the stresses in their communities.

If you are able/wish to be a delegate for OMC, please contact Shelley Penner.

RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer | October 4 & 5 - Join us for a weekend of connecting with friends through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual (\$25/player). Soccer will only take place October 5 (\$10/player) at 9:00am, pre-registration is not required for soccer. Lunch available in the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). Contact Alex if you have any questions at development@rjc.sk.ca or to register. All are welcome to participate.

MC Sask News:

Warman Mennonite Church invites you to join them on Sunday, Sept 29th for the celebration of 60 years of worshipping together! The celebration begins with a Worship Service at 2pm followed by Faspas and fellowship. If you're planning to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly by email at office@warmanmennonite.org or calling 306-933-4660. (new)

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an Interim Youth Minister/Worker on a contract basis until mid-July, 2025. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will involve coordinate and working with youth pastors, leaders, and sponsors on province-wide and regional youth events such as MegaMenno and youth retreats, including travel to the 2025 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume to Len Rempel at minister@mcsask.ca. A full job description is available at www.mcsask.ca (new)

Mennonite Church Canada is pleased to introduce the five Regional Church youth who will represent us at the Global Youth Summit 2025 in Germany. More information and introductions at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44928>

September 21 1:30 - 4:30pm The Micah Mission and our friends at Parkland Restorative Justice are delighted to invite you to our Fall Kickoff Event - a special gathering to celebrate the impactful work of prison ministry and the power of restorative justice. Join us at Rosthern

Mennonite Church to hear from Rev. Don Stoesz, author of Transformative Moments in Chaplaincy, engage with staff from Micah Mission and Parkland Restorative Justice, and enjoy refreshments while connecting with like-minded individuals who share a passion for restorative justice and prison ministry. Please RSVP by September 16 to info@themicahmission.org. Details available at www.mcsask.ca/fallkickoff (new)

Prayer: Fifteen Asian church leaders are gathering in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on September 14-18 together with representatives from MC Canada Witness, Mennonite Mission Network and AMBS to share and dream about Asia-based Anabaptist biblical and theological training for pastors and lay leaders. Pray for God's wisdom as they plan for ways to answer the calls for more locally based Anabaptist teaching. (new)

Join with Mennonite World Conference in praying for violence to end in Burkina Faso. With 2 million people displaced and news of violent attacks every week, Siaka Traore, MWC regional representative, asks us to pray for God's healing. Read more: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers> (new)

Hold in prayer the gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action working group leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation. (new)

InCERT – delivered from MC Sask's Climate Emergency Response Team. Mennonites have joined Christians all over the world to mark the Season of Creation, six weeks of worship, prayer and action, dedicated to the healing of our common home. We are in the middle of this season now. For a guide to participating in this Season, as an individual, family or congregation, check out the free resource from CommonWord: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/27895> (new)

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30

am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

Anabaptism at 500 declares September 29, 2024 as Anabaptist Community Bible Day. Celebrate and explore the rich history and teachings of Anabaptism. Engage with unique insights offered by the Anabaptist Community Bible. Join churches around the world to study the Anabaptist Community Bible. Anabaptism at 500 also offers a free Tool Kit to help churches, groups and individuals plan their celebrations for the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. Toolkit available to buy, borrow or access online – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/500toolkit>

Xplore – “**Lord teach us to pray**”, “The Great Oratorios” and “Coming to terms with Christian Anti-Semitism” are some of the fall courses offered through CMU’s Xplore extended education program. Courses begin October 1; for course information and to register, visit cmu.ca/xplore Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community.

Youth News

A reminder that our retreat at Camp Elim is coming up September 20th-22nd. If you haven’t already, please indicate if you are (or are not) planning to come by the end of this week so I can plan out transportation. I will be purchasing food next week for the retreat. Please formally register by sending me the information requested in the attached form, or filling the form out in whatever way is easiest for you. **September 25th/27th** No Youth (to recover from the retreat and the busyness of September)

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 22 *God’s Work and Ours*
Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Anna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Wilf Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Susan
Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Kevin Boldt

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis