



# 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*

*April 16, 2023*

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
*Living Hope Through the Resurrection*

## **Prelude**

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

### **Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 16)*

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

L: God delights in the holy in the land.

Those who choose another god, multiply their sorrows.

**P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.**

L: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel and instructs me in the night.

**P: I keep the Lord always before me.**

**Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

L: Therefore, my heart is glad, my soul rejoices  
and my body also rests secure.

P: For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

***ALL: You show us the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness  
of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.***

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #341 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!**

**VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty**

### **Epistle Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 *The Inclusive Bible*

Praised be the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: a birth into hope, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable

inheritance incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days.

There is cause for rejoicing here. You may, for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials. But this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Christ, you love Christ; and without seeing, you still believe, and you rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory, because you are achieving faith's goal—your salvation.

**Children's Gathering Song:** VT #509 See the Children Here before Us  
Children's Time: Adeline

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Mediation**  
Solo by Keeley Buhler

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

*Prayers* – for Luke's time at a conference next weekend

*Thanks* – for a great week off for students and staff

*Please raise your hand for the microphone as we would like to hear prayer concerns/joys directly from you.*

**Hymn: VT #375      Joys Are Flowing like a River**

**Gospel Reading:** 1 John 4:17-19 (*The Message*)

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ's.

There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first.

**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 #495      Morning Has Broken**

**Sermon      Fear Not Is Easy to Say**

**Hymn: VT #830      Go, My Children**

**Benediction:** Risen Christ, come lead us, as a ray of hope shining forth in our world.

\*Welcome to Ron and Sue Schellenberg, Executive Directors of Shekinah Retreat Centre, who love spending time in Hawaii. Unfortunately, they have had to *make do* with 2 days at the Moose Jaw Spa.

Welcome also to Camp Leader, Owen Gustafson. Owen is taking an education program at the U of S. He wrestles and coaches wrestling, so you should probably listen to what he says or you may end up in some pretzel-like position.

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP      April 16      *Second Sunday of Easter***

Speaker: Ron Schellenberg      Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta      Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg

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

*Kids S.S. - Julie Bergen, Youth S.S. - Luke Bushman / Shekinah Camp*

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

**Patty's Week:**

**Luke's Week:** Wed. @ OMC/NPMC; Thurs. Ed. mtg; Fri. to Sun – Centering Connection Retreat in Manitoba

**Every Friday 10:00 Drop-In coffee with staff available**

**Birthday:** 18 – Garry Boldt; 18 – James Tataryn

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** April 16 ??

\*\*Congregational Meeting Sunday April 23: After the service on Sunday, April 23 (around 11:00 am) we will hold a congregational meeting to appoint a reviewer for the 2022 financial statements of our church. Dalmeny Accounting had been appointed at our AGM, but they can no longer perform that service for us. Executive is recommending the firm Laskowski & Wright from Warman. Please contact Christy for more details.

## CALENDAR

**Apr 16 10:00 am Ron Schellenberg**

11:00 am Youth SS class with Shekinah Camp Director

12:00 pm Osler Café backroom -Luke pays for all under 40

Ap 20 7:00 pm Anabaptism 500 Bible Study @ OMC led by Luke

**Apr 23 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Mennonites and Race***

Apr 26 **5:30 pm Faspa and Conversation** *Lois Miller* Donation may be made to Prairie Harm Reduction

**Apr 30 10:00 am Jake Buhler**

12:00 pm Pizza lunch

1:00 pm OMC Spring Recital

**NEXT SUNDAY April 23**

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Lynette

Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anne/Bill

*Kids S.S. - Julie Bergen, Youth S.S. - Matthew Braun*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH CALENDAR: April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ OMC, Talent Show**

**Volunteers in Osler Needed:** OMC Youth has two events coming up that require volunteers in our congregation. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 we are hoping to do a progressive supper. Our youth group will go around being hosted for different parts of the meal and getting to know people in our congregation. If you are willing to help drive, or want to get to know youth by hosting and preparing a course of the meal for about 10 people, please contact Luke.

**On May 27<sup>th</sup>,** we are doing a "Menno Run" with some other churches in MC Sask. This is a town wide game, and we are looking for people to volunteer their homes as "safe houses" as part of the game, as well as additional leaders who want to participate as "hunters for the game". Contact Luke for more information.

A Memorial service to celebrate Helen Kruger's life will be held at Osler Mennonite Church on **Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.** The service will be live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/Oslermennonitechurch>. A private family committal will have taken place. Helen's life story (obituary) and tribute page are available through the Choice Memorial website.

**Anabaptism 500 Community Bible Study** led by Pastor Luke is tentatively scheduled to begin Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Doing any Spring Cleaning??** Our local MCC Thrift Shop would appreciate your donations of clean and sellable items, especially clothing and housewares. They are open for donations from 10 am to 4 pm Tuesdays thru Saturdays.

**RJC is hiring: Women's Dormitory Dean (1.0 FTE)** - RJC is inviting applicants for a women's dormitory dean position, beginning Fall 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Our dormitory staff, along with the RJC Student Life Team, are responsible for overseeing the dormitory and supervising students who live on campus. A primary emphasis in the role is student care, including relationship building and individual support. Visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) for the full job description or contact Ryan Wood, Principal, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**Forever in Motion** will continue at the Osler Community Hall to the end of April - Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M.

**SARCAN Drop and Go Donations** You can now donate your SARCAN recycling to benefit the OMC Green Fund initiated by the Youth and Community Connections. Simply visit your local SARCAN depot and log in with our group phrase: omcgreen  
For more information, please visit:  
[https://www.sarcana.ca/pages/drop\\_and\\_donate.html](https://www.sarcana.ca/pages/drop_and_donate.html)

**\*MCC Connect:** MCC is looking for volunteers to help the Relief Sale Festival run smoothly on Saturday, June 17. Volunteer duties may include: making or serving food, wiping tables, collecting garbage, selling tickets, set up and take down, etc. For more information, please contact Lois and Gaylord Mierau at [lgmierau@gmail.com](mailto:lgmierau@gmail.com) or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. Thank you for your support!

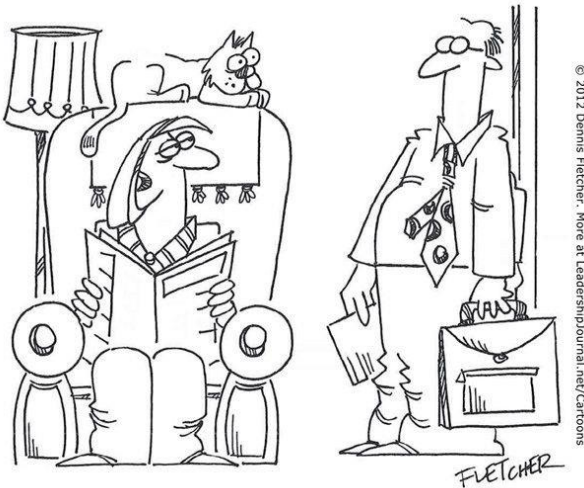
**MC SK Updates:**

**\*Saturday, April 22, 6:30pm - Mega Menno Earth Day**, MCC Centre, Saskatoon. With snacks, worship, and presenting the all-new game, Mega Menno 'Mensch' Matching, where it's not about who you know (and who they're related to!), but about how people are caring for the earth in their lives. All youth gr. 6-12 welcome, friends encouraged! Contact Kirsten, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more details

**\*Earth Day is coming on Saturday, April 22, 2023.** MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) invites you to experience God's creations, for discovery, for learning, for contemplation, for action and for prayer. To find some ideas of things you might undertake go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11340>

**\*The Watoto Children's Choir** will be at the Youth Farm Bible Camp on Sunday, April 30th for a 7:00pm Concert. Come be a part of this vibrant worship experience! The children are from Uganda and love to sing! At the heart of the Watoto Children's Choir is a message of God's unfailing love. On Monday morning, the choir will be serving at the Mennonite Nursing Home.

**Spring is almost here!** Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.



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**"I asked the elders for some time off for prayer and fasting ... they said I could skip lunch for the next two weeks."**

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