



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

Many: Put them in their place.

One: Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

Many: Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #152 God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

VT #43 God, Be the Love

First Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Kathy

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for Kaytee, Chris & family as they await the new baby

Thanksgiving –

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...

Hymn: VT #306 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 #301 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Sermon: Transformation

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

Benediction: Holy Spirit of God, you have reached into the lives of many biblical characters and transformed them. Your work continues today. Some days we are awed and humbled in the presence of your work. Some days you make a difference in whispers and small ways. Help us always to be in awe of your power – and your gentleness. Lead us to truth and to freedom. Amen

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

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

TODAY March 16 *Second Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Henry Funk Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Garry Boldt

Sunday School – Kathryn, Emmett & Noah

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

Friday Coffee time at church – 10:00 am *all are welcome*

Luke's Week: Vacation from March 11 to March 22

For Pastoral care please call Dave 306-270-5031 or Julie 306-250-2995

Birthdays: none this week

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Mar 16 – Louise

Mar 23 – George & Lynette

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar 16 – 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking

Sun. Mar 23 – 10:00 am Terry Stefaniuk speaking

March 24 (the week of) proposed - MCC Blanket making

Wed. Mar 26 – 6:30 pm Fasca & Conversation with Jake Buhler re:

Walking the Paths - Indigenous/Settler Reconciliation

Sun. Mar 30 – 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking

11:15 am Visioning Session with Tim Nickel

Noon – Pizza Lunch followed by a final session

Sun. Apr 6 - 10:00 am George Janzen speaking *loose change Sunday*

11:15 am – Karla Koehn MCC – *Material resources, etc*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in **OMC's visioning day on Sunday, March 30, 2025, beginning at 11:15am.** We'll have a pizza lunch at 12:30 and then wrap up with a final session in the afternoon. Tim Nickel from Fifth Business Consulting will facilitate our discernment and discussion as we imagine our future together. *If you have any questions, please speak to any member of Executive.*

Church council has formed an ad hoc committee to help support Pastor Luke and the deacons while we search for a pastor. The "Pastoral Transition Team" currently consists of Dave Feick and Julie Bergen. Their role is to assist and mentor Luke as well as supply the congregation with crisis care if and when it is needed. They will work closely with the deacons and report to OMC executive. If you require further information please speak with Kevin, Shelley, Christy or Loretta. If you require spiritual care and support please contact Luke Bushman, Karl Martens, Julie Bergen or Dave Feick.

Worship Committee - Do you have a story to tell? The worship committee is looking for Sunday morning speakers during the summer months and inviting people to share their own personal stories. These could be lessons learned in life, how you got through a certain time in your life, or just reflections on your journey - whatever you want to share in 5 to 12 minutes or so. This sharing could also be done during the 'Story Time for all Ages'. Please talk to a member of the worship committee (Dave Feick, Kathryn Janzen, Anna Rehan, Chris Buhler, John Reddekopp) if you would be willing to do this. Also let us know what Sunday you would be available to share.

Education Committee - Please join us in the sanctuary on April 6 from 11:15-12:00 for a time of sharing from Karla Koehn, currently serving as the Donor Engagement Coordinator at MCC Saskatchewan. In addition to managing donation processing and donor engagement, she also coordinates the Material Resource Program and its volunteers. Join her to hear inspiring stories of your generosity and the impact of MCC's work both locally and globally. You'll also get an inside look at how the Material Resource Program is supporting those affected by conflict and disaster around the world.

MC Canada Gathering – OMC Council is looking for members who wish to attend these sessions as a delegate. Early bird registration is in June so we seriously need to consider plans to attend. Please contact Kevin, Shelley or Loretta if you are considering attending this event

Registration is officially open for MC Canada Gathering 2025

Register at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45328>. Three tracks to choose from: Gathering 2025 (the main Gathering), U30 Gathering 2025 (part of the main Gathering with unique elements for young adults), and Youth Gathering 2025 (a unique event designed specifically for youth - Grades 6-12). There is also a separate registration for those who are only participating in one of the Pre-Gathering events. (new) Check out this short, thought-provoking video invitation from Gathering 2025 speaker, César García (General Secretary, MWC). He gives us a glimpse into what he's preparing to share with the Nationwide Church at this year's Gathering. View video on our YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/3MMEC5H0akg> (new)

March 26 at 6:30pm at OMC - Faspa & Conversations with Jake Buhler. Jake will be sharing about some work the Walking the Paths committee has been doing in the area of Indigenous/Settler Reconciliation. Join us and bring a light snack to share. Planned by Community Connections. Talk to Alex if you have any questions.

Change – Due to time change it now begins at 8:30 am Gospel of Luke CMU Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays, until April 2, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. Osler Mennonite Church Coffee Room.

Check the Bulletin Board for the poster made by Lanae for the MC Sask AGM to represent our church.

Bethany Family / Friends are you willing and able to serve the Bethany Community? Get involved by becoming a Volunteer Dining Room Server! This is your opportunity to get some light exercise while serving your community. Plus, you receive a meal free each time you serve! We especially need volunteers on Sundays, even one Sunday a month can help! Check the bulletin board for more details....

MCC Connects: Join MCC for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Treaty Simulation featuring Traditional Knowledge Keeper Lyndon J. Linklater will be facilitated on Tuesday, March 25 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to be guided through the process of treaty-making through interactive storytelling. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/mennonitecentralcommittee2/transformationtuesdaytreatysimulation>

MC Sask News:

Anabaptism at 500

Saturday, July 26 3:00 pm at the Mennonite Youth Farm, Rosthern
Join fellow heirs of the Anabaptist Reformation in celebrating with music and stories the 500th anniversary of the beginning of our Anabaptist faith family, and our 130 years in Saskatchewan. Supper will be available for purchase on the grounds. Bring your own seating.

Through the winter, Len Rempel and Council members have been holding Town Hall meetings in our congregations across the province. It has been a wonderful time of connecting and hearing from many of you. We have set up a web-form so that those who couldn't attend can now respond as well. Please go to <https://mcsask.ca/townhallmeeting> - we'd love to hear from you! The link will be available until March 17. *(updated)*

Praying for each other: Pray for Zion Mennonite as we begin Lent that we may grow in our faith in God and relationship with one another. *(new)*

March 15 Puttin' on the Ribs '25 Don't miss this opportunity to hear SPARKY and the PLUGS (aka Curtis Wiens, Jill Wiens, Zac Schellenberg and Clay Buhler) as they return to Shekinah filling the Timber lodge with their beautiful harmonies. is happening on March 15th at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$65/person or \$425/per table of 8. Tickets available at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org

We are hiring! Shekinah Retreat Centre is currently looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Booking Coordinator/Event Host. For details on this full time position, please go to <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> and scroll down to career opportunities.

The Youth Farm Bible Camp invites you to our 32nd Annual Vereniki Fund Raiser on Wednesday, March 26 from 5:00-7:00pm. Admission is by Donation. More information about the event can be found at www.yfbc.ca/march

Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan AGM March 29 at Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre 110 LaRonge Rd., Saskatoon 9:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting Session; 11:00 Speaker: Bill Wiebe: Cemetery Research; Noon Lunch (\$20/ticket available at door); 1 p.m. Film: "Where the Cottonwoods Grow" An epic journey of survival, enduring unimaginable trials and the profound complexities of colonization; Tour of the archives. Everyone is invited to attend (new)

RJC Spend-a-day | April 9 Prospective students in Grades 8-11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC on Wednesday, April 9 from 9:00am – 3:30pm. Shadow a student, enjoy a meal in the dining hall, attend chapel, explore music, sports, and dorm life. Come and see what RJC is all about and what we can offer you! Register at rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day. (new)

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is celebrating 60 years of congregational life the weekend of April 5 & 6. Lots of music, special features and food. Anyone that ever attended NPMC is welcome.

Canadian Mennonite magazine weekly...

We've had several people reach to us, excited to join in fasting with our digital detox. Their reasons are many. Some spend too much time "doomscrolling." Others always want to be in the know, or have a life filled with noise.

People are planning to read a daily devotional or send notes of appreciation to those in their lives...or just to be quiet. Some have

committed to an hour off their phones, while others have gone cold turkey, or taken the ‘smart’ out of their phone, removing even weather apps!

And then the weekend came, and I didn’t get enough sleep, and I fell off the bandwagon. Monday morning found me groggy, nursing a cup of coffee and scrolling.

I didn’t even make it a week.

Fasting is intimidating to me. But how do I become good at fasting if I don’t have the chance to mess up? I want to bring my best offerings before God. But just like in daily life, sometimes that ‘best’ is battered and imperfect.

So I invite you.

If you’re like me and you’ve messed up, or if you’ve been thinking about trying this fast, but you missed the start, or you’re not sure you can make it all the way through, join me. I might mess up again before Easter sunrise, and then I’ll try again. Drawing closer to God isn’t a flawless commitment, it’s a journey for the imperfect.

There’s grace enough.

Want to connect about fasting and flaws?

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NEXT SUNDAY March 23 *Christ Collides with Our Priorities*
Speaker: Terry Stefaniuk Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Accompanist: Naomi
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