



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 16, 2022

Communion Sunday

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: VT #478

“I Come with Joy”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Tasty Call to Worship” *from Psalm 34:8*

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

Let's pray together:

We come to church hungry, Lord!

We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love,

hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word.

Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship,

and we are eager to taste your goodness in community,

with our brothers and sisters.

Bless us as we feast on the Bread of Life today.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Author: Carol Penner

Prayer of Invocation *from Beth Merrill Neel*

L: “Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

All: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, says YHWH, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says YHWH. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

“No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to YHWH. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says YHWH, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

Children’s Gathering Song – VT #515 “O Little Children, Gather”

Children’s Time: Kathy

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

“Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surrounds us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.”

Sharing of joys and concerns/Prayer of the church

-praying for rain

-continued prayer for the hospitalized and the sick at home

Hymn: VT #466 “The Bread We Break Is Telling”

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart: “Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d

better give her the protection she seeks, or she'll keep coming and wear me out!"

Jesus said, "Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won't God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? I tell you, God will give them swift justice. "But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?"

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!

Faith Story: Luke Bushman, pastoral candidate

Hymn: VT #712 "Beauty for Brokenness"

Sermon: Jesus and Justice: Remembering Ron Sider

Communion Service: *Deacons will be serving down the aisles with sanitizer. Please feel free to pass it along if not partaking.*

VT #937 Preparation for Communion – Pledge of Love
(The bread, gluten-free will be distributed)

VT #941 Communion Prayer
(The cup will be distributed)

VT #942 Prayer after Communion

Hymn: VT #805 "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

Benediction: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP October 16 Communion Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi and guitars

Children's Time: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Bill/Anne

S.S. Teachers: Youth-Christy Martens-Funk, Children- Julie Bergen

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

Patty's Week: 17-20 CMU lectures; Fri Office

Birthday: 16 – Loretta Sawatzky

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Oct 16 – Wilf Buhler

Oct 23 – Wilf Buhler

Please consider signing up to bring a snack and prepare the coffee!

Youth Announcements

Sat Oct. 15, OMC Games Night for Mentor/Mentees, Christy sponsor

Fri. Oct. 28, Mega-Menno Halloween Overnighter @ OMC, Alex, Zach, Sarah sponsors

OMC Calendar

Oct 16 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Communion Sunday*

Oct 19 10:30 am Education mtg

Oct 20 7:00 pm Theatre of the Beat

Oct 23 10:00 am Henry Funk

Oct 24 7:00 pm Worship mtg via Zoom

Oct 26 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:00 pm Council mtg

Oct 30 10:00 am Patty Friesen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There will be a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary right after the service to vote on the recommendation from Council to except Luke as our Pastor of Youth & Community. If you are unable to attend the service this Sunday, you may also vote by sending an email to: oslermcoffice@sasktel.net. *All votes will be counted by 11:30 am.*

Our bylaws state we need a 2/3 positive response from those present to proceed with the hiring process. We would hope to have Luke in place by November 1.

The Pastor Search Committee, Nora Bergen-Braun, Christy Martens-Funk, Pastor Patty, Loretta Sawatzky, and Ben Buhler have expressed the wonderful experience of working with Nutana Park committee. We were very blessed with three very good candidates; any one of these candidates could have done a good job for us. However, one stood out. We have unanimously chosen Luke Bushman. Luke is married to Becca and has a dog (Cola). They recently moved to Rosthern. He is a

ripe young age of 25. Luke grew up at Hepburn Mennonite Brethren Church. Luke then went on to graduate from Columbia Bible College, and completing a theological studies program. During CBC he worked at Level Ground Mennonite Church (MCBC). For the next two years he was a youth pastor in a Baptist church on Vancouver Island.

Luke found us on the internet. He read Nutana's statement of inclusion, and he read about the gay wedding that took place at OMC. He has been searching for an open-minded opportunity, where he can learn with the rest of us, about God's calling, how we handle social injustice, God's earth, or being totally inclusive. The committee has had 2 interviews with him. In the first meeting, we were impressed by how well he answered questions regarding the safe church, and our views on inclusivity. In both interviews, he showed tremendous energy, and a deep desire to work with youth and children. His references tell us that he is very good one-on-one with any age group. Also mentioned was his creativity. Pastor Susanne asked Luke to give us a list of books he had read in recent years. We were definitely impressed with his choices, as well as his thoughts on the material read.

***Weds. Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m. OMC Theatre of the Beat** presentation on conscientious objection. (In partnership with other Saskatoon & areas churches). *Admission by donation.*

Selah's Song is an original, heartwarming musical written by Johnny Wideman with music by beloved Mennonite musician Bryan Moyer Suderman. The musical tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village, and whose song became an anthem for peace. Selah, a burgeoning songwriter, is excited to hear that her father is coming home from the war in West Candling. But, the joy of having her family reunited is short-lived when a harsh War Tax is started instead.

Inundated with catchy pro-war propaganda songs, Selah is inspired to share her own music with the village, creating some competition for the King.

Selah's Song was commissioned and produced by Community Mennonite Church Stouffville in partnership with Nineteen on the Park Theatre in January 2014 as a community outreach event. Originally conceived as a 40-person musical, it is now revisited as a four-person show with puppets that can tour across Canada.

****Urgently needed** in regard to the above:

- Dinner for four artists and one stage manager prior to the performance
- Billeting for four artists and one stage manager in an LGBTQ-friendly home
- Volunteers to usher and run the merchandise table on October 18th, 19th

***It's not too late** to participate in a one-of-a kind event to explore the connection between land and reconciliation at MCC Saskatchewan's annual Peace Conference, "Land of Living Reconciliation: Seeking Common Ground," on October 21-22 in Saskatoon at Lakeview Church. You will hear from key Indigenous voices Harry Lafond, Lyndon Linklater, and Trevor Herriot and enjoy a special meal prepared by Métis chef Jenni Lessard. For info and to register visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events> or call (306) 665-2555. Friday evening's film screening is free and open to all (no pre-registration).

Tues. Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. Custodians film at the Community Hall about important Indigenous findings at Herschel. *Details to follow.*

***Shekinah Work Day! Saturday, October 22nd - 9:00am to 4:00pm.** Shekinah would love to finish the work around the windows on the inside of the Timber Frame cabins before winter and they need your help. This is not heavy work; however there are six windows in each of the four cabins, so many hands would make for an efficient work bee! Coffee will be served along with a tasty treat and lunch will also be provided. Please bring an impact driver or drill if you have one and small hand tools. Shekinah will have all supplies required for the work that needs to be done. Call Ron at Shekinah if you have any questions (306.945.4929). Come out and bring a friend!

And here are some upcoming events happening in the Timber Lodge before the end of the year:

November 19, 2022 - Wine & Cheese Event, 6:30pm

December 11, 2022 - A Very Shekinah Christmas, 2:00pm

Oct. 21-22, 2022: "Departing Canada, Encountering Latin America: Reflections on the Centenary of Mennonite Emigration from Canada to Mexico and Paraguay," a conference hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg. Sessions will take place in Convocation Hall, 2nd floor Wesley Hall Building at the University of Winnipeg, and will be livestreamed. Free

admission. Program and registration at
<https://ctms.uwinnipeg.ca/events/departing-canada/>

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 1905 RJC AM: Live & on Location | October 29, 2022, doors open at 5:00pm, dinner & program begin at 6:00pm. A radio-style variety show in the RJC auditorium, featuring Joe Callahan (singer-songwriter) and Leland Klassen (comedian), as well as performances by other RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations will go to support RJC's bursary program. Tickets on sale now for \$25. Call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

RJC's Corporation Meeting October 29, 2022, 5:00pm. Join us for your annual report to the community in the RJC chapel prior to our fundraising dinner.

Experience CMU, at our place (in person) or your place (virtually) – Drop-in on October 21 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM CDT for an in-person open house or log into our virtual open house on October 26 from 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Both events include a tour of the CMU campus, meetings with professors and current students, and opportunities for your questions. Visit cmu.ca/experience.

J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series – Dr. Robin W. Jensen, Patrick O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, will deliver three lectures on October 18 and 19, in person at CMU. Title for the lecture series is “Picturing the Bible: How Artists Tell the Story”. Visit cmu.ca/jjt for times and location.

As part of receiving a scholarship from the MC Sask Student Education Fund, applicants are requested to send a note explaining how they will be using their scholarship.

Zenon Borne Osler Mennonite
Rosthern Junior College High School, grade 10

I would like to thank MC Sask for the scholarship awarded to me. RJC has been a great experience in the month I have been here. Already RJC has shown me it's a great place to learn and grow as a student. The classes are set up so that learning is easy and encouraged. Living in the dorm has been one of my life's most significant and best changes. The

best part of living in the dorm is the community. The community is one I actively want to be a part of. Participation is encouraged and everyone does at least something after school or on the weekend. I am currently involved in volleyball, singers, and hanging out with my new friends. RJC is a great place to go to school and I am so thankful to have received the MC Sask Student Education Fund Scholarship.

Lost and Found: Are you missing a water bottle or two? Please check the table in the foyer for found items and the box under the mailboxes.

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month???

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP October 23

Speaker: Henry Funk Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen
Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie
Children's Time: Edna Sound: ??? Ushers: Bill/Anne
S.S. Teachers: Youth- Zach Dueck, Children- Loretta Sawatzky

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