



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022

The Burial of Christ: Luke 23:44-46, 50-54 (*Inclusive Version*)

It was about noon, and darkness fell on the whole land until three in the afternoon, because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, and Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Abba, into your hands I commit my spirit." Saying this, Jesus breathed for the last time. There was a member of the Sanhedrin named Joseph, who had not consented to their action. Joseph was from Arimathea and lived in anticipation of the reign of God. He approached Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Joseph took the body down, wrapped it in fine linen and laid it in a tomb cut out of rock, where no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

Hymn of Proclamation and Procession

VT# 329 "Were You There"

VT# 333 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Easter Proclamation:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God—

Group 1: the generous,

Group 2: *compassionate,*

Group 1: grace-filled,

Group 2: *inclusive,*

Group 1: abundant,

Group 2: *powerful,*

Group 1: unsettling,

All: *way of God.*

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open to the good news: Christ is not here, for he is risen.

All: *Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer: Creating God, redeeming God, sustaining God, you are always on the cusp of creating new heavens, new earth. The twists and turns of life, the resurrection from death, the power of love to find a path in the wilderness—all astound and confound us. We stand wet-eyed with open mouths before the tomb. The stone has been rolled away, and we peer into darkness as your voice calls from behind. You know our names. You are a new being, you are compassion, and you are release, urging us not to hold on to you but to join in your movement. May we move so that our lives become new, the circle of our care expands and connects, our openness clearly declares, “We have seen the Lord!” On this day of resurrection, we praise you for your renewing promise and power. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: VT # 346 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

First Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn’t find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, “Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.” With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children’s Time: Patty

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Announcements

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- congratulations to Katherine Penner on her graduation from Canadian Mennonite University
- congratulations to Michelle McKinnell on completing her Master's degree in Education
- prayers for Nora at the passing of Matt's grandmother
- prayers for students writing exams
- Sarah sister to Susan & Dick with her diagnosis of ALS
- people with family in Ukraine
- our pastoral search

Hymn: VT# 332 "In Christ Alone"

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 15:20-24

With that, the younger son set off for home. "While still a long way off, the father caught sight of the returning child and was deeply moved. The father ran out to meet him, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'I've sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called one of your children.' But his father said to one of the workers, 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the calf we've been fattening and butcher it. Let's eat and celebrate! This son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he's found!' And the celebration began.

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# 352 "This Joyful Eastertide"

Sermon: Under God's Wings

Hymn: VT# 103 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Benediction: From this time and place into whatever awaits, may we follow God's way of openness. May we have the courage to step beyond certainty into the unsettling miracle of the resurrection. As we go, give thanks that the Resurrected One leads us toward God's way. Alleluia!

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

THIS SUNDAY

April 17

Easter Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta, Michelle

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Patty

Sound: Doug

Usher: Anne & Bill

No Children's Sunday School Today

Patty's Week: Tues. worship prep; Weds. office, book signing; Thurs. April 21-Sun. April 24 Spring Birding in Grasslands - cell coverage for emergency

Nora's Week: On holidays Apr 9th - 25th

Birthdays this week: Garry Boldt & James Tataryn

NEXT SUNDAY

April 24

Speaker: Jake Buhler

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Vanessa

Sound: Keri/James

Ushers: Anne & Bill

Sunday School Teachers: Naomi & Wilf

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 17 10:00 am Patty Friesen Easter Sunday

11:00 am Easter Buns & Coffee in Multi-purpose room

Apr 20 2:00 pm Ernie Hildebrandt book reading at the Osler Cafe

Apr 24 10:00 am Jake Buhler

Apr 27 6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:00 pm Council mtg

Apr 29 7:00 pm Youth Mega Menno at OMC

May 1 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Quote "But from this earth, this grave, this dust, my God shall raise me up, I trust." – Walter Raleigh.

Easter Greeting "Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."

Announcements

Worship Committee - Ready to try worship leading, reading scripture or ushering? Worship looking for more ushers and worship leaders.

Coffee Time will begin again (in the multi-purpose room for now) on April 24th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

*There is a **Pickleball Attendance chart** on the bulletin board – *so that no one drives a long way to find an empty gym*

*Watch the **Spring at CUM 2022/Program** by following the link <https://youtu.be/9rf4ZrOuSCs>

Friendship Inn has a ‘Bunny wish list’ – check their Newsletter on the bulletin board. *Our next volunteer day is May 21.*

April 29 - May 1 – Quilting Retreat at the Barn Playhouse – A Weekend of Quilting, Laughter, Relaxation and Shopping. Check the Poster on the Bulletin Board for details.

Pray for RJC students & staff as they leave for their ALSO (Alternative Learning & Service Opportunities) week May 2-6. Students will be travelling to Oliver, BC, Calgary, AB, and Saskatoon, SK for a time of learning and serving with a variety of partner organizations. Your support is very much appreciated.

Touchdown! at RJC: a celebration of the legacy of athletics - May 28: This year RJC's annual golf classic and homecoming fundraising banquet will be celebrated as one event! Golf begins at 1:00pm (shotgun start) at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern, with a banquet and program on the RJC campus to follow at 6:30pm. Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to register your team for golf or call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your banquet tickets.

RJC Musical: Anastasia - June 23-25: Tickets will go on sale in May. An alumnus & friends’ barbeque is planned for Saturday, June 25 prior to the musical for any who would like to attend. Email office@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 to register for the meal.

May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah!

Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "The Divine Spark". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125 Registration is now open!! Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899> Open to all ladies 16 years and up!!

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online!

Can't make it to Indonesia 2022? With online registration you will get access to a virtual hub, the “home-base” of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and

online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group. There will be exhibits of MWC related organization, concerts, children and youth activities. Cost is \$150 USD. Details at <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/websitePage:371aa2ec-8bd6-47fb-bfad-deb6c4c16fa6>

Amplify early bird registration has been extended until May 2nd, 2022. Register online at <https://mennonitechurch.ca/amplifyChurch> Canada Proof of vaccination is required for this event. Amplify is open to all youth ages 12-18. Vaccination is required to attend.

Travel from Saskatoon is available!! (\$35/person) register for travel at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10659>) We are still looking for another sponsor who's able to attend and willing to help share driving duties. If interested please contact Mel Harms at cmharms3@gmail.com

OMC MDS trip July 3-8 at Monte Lake, BC with travel dates July 1/2/9 with Pastor Patty. Interested participants can receive financial assistance for food/gas or train. In August 2021, the White Rock fire destroyed 28 structures at Monte Lake, B.C. It was one of about 1,600 fires in the province during last year's fire season. In collaboration with the B.C. unit, we are rebuilding up to five new homes in the small community. Many volunteers of all skill levels will be needed for this project, which will run from May until fall. Monte Lake is located about 50 kilometres from Kamloops in B.C.'s interior with camping options at Monte Lake Provincial Park. For more detailed information contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org.

Easter quotes from the Bible - Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. We live and die; Christ died and lived! Do not abandon yourselves to despair: We are the Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song.

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