



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 17, 2024

Hungering for Hope: Embodying Openness

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: based on Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33

One: “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord!’ because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest.”

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

Many: Death must come before resurrection.

A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.

All: This new covenant is being offered to us:

to lay down our life and follow.

One: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God’s people and God is our God.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, every part of us learns in your direction. Keep us on your path. Your words of life live within us, shaping us. May the love you teach so generously infuse our speech, our labour, our thoughts and vision. Your word of love assures our hearts with joy and we will return to it, over and over again. Amen.

Gathering Hymns: VT #377
VT #636

**New Earth, Heavens New
Spirit, Open My Heart**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510

Story for All Ages: Kathy

Lenten Prayer of Confession adapted from Psalm 51

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy.

Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

Many: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

All: So that we can cry out with joy, cleansed in your abundant mercy.

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Diana McKinnell’s brother in hospital

-Rob Borne’s dad in hospital

Thanks – 99 MCC Blankets

-\$221 from the *Loose Change Sunday* Gaza Project

Hymn: VT #608 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for me to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain,

but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. God, Glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 #612 When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On

Sermon:

Hymn: VT #828 There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind

Benediction: Go from here assured of the new covenant written on your hearts. God is our God. We are God’s people. Praise be to God of the covenant!

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

Next Loose Change Sunday - April 14 for MCC Gaza project. Please start your stockpile!

TODAY’S WORSHIP March 17 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Speaker: Karl Martens Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Sunday School Leader: Naomi – Helpers: Bree, Dylan

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler & Shelley Penner

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

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

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

Holy Week: Maundy Thurs service, Good Friday service (not in office all week), holidays April 1-8 in Moose Jaw

Luke's Week: Wed. Work from Home; Thurs. KCC Showcase; Fri.

NPMC Youth; Sat. OMC Youth; Sun. Church at Nutana

Birthdays: 23 – Sandra MacArthur

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Mar 17 – Diana Buhler

NEXT SUNDAY March 24 *Palm Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Patty Sound: Doug Ushers: Matthew

Sunday School Leader: Karl – Helpers: Zoe, Emmett

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Loretta Sawatzky

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 17 10:00 Karl Martens speaking *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Sun. Mar. 17 7:00-9:00 pm Mega Menno Youth Event at NPMC

Weds .Mar. 20 10:30-11:30 Lent Bible Study Zoom with Dan Epp-
Thiessen Coffee Room

Sun. Mar 24 10:00 Patty Friesen preaching *Palm Sunday*

Thur. Mar 27 6:30-7:30 pm Maunday Thursday *Faspa & Communion*

Fri. Mar 29 7:00 pm Good Friday service

Sun. Mar. 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter Brunch – Group C-M helping

Sun. Apr. 7 10:00 am George Janzen speaking

11:00 am Deacon mtg Patty's office

Sun. Apr. 14 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:00 am Forum MCC – Women Will Renew

12:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our parking pad is a great success and is being used well! But if you can navigate the gravel, please leave the concrete for others.

OMC Executive

OMC Impromptu Easter Choir--All are welcome to sing in our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday choir! Rehearsal will be at 9:00am on March 24th and March 31st. *Worship Committee*

From the Treasurer: 2023 donation receipts have been distributed by email or by mail to everyone this week. Please contact Christy with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Osler Mennonite Church!

On March 23 & 24, folks from MC Sask Ministries Commission along with the Living Skies Region of the United Church are holding a Gaza Peace Pilgrimage in Saskatoon (part of the <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>). Mark your calendars and watch for more information over the next week!

MCC Connects: Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, Our Shared Future will be facilitated on Tuesday, March 26 from 7-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome to this scenario-based exercise that reflects on how climate action contributes to building peace. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

Mennonite Historical Society of Sask. AGM - March 23, 2024 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon.

9:30 - MHSS Business Session 10:30 - coffee break 11:00 - speaker, Ken Dahl - city of Saskatoon Archivist noon- Lunch - \$16.00 / ticket 1:00 - film "ConForm" - Mennonite Migration to Mexico

Mid-Winter Winds & Pipes Concert at Grace Westminster – Sunday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm with *The Warman Concert Showband*.
For more details see the Poster on the bulletin board.

The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having their annual Vereniki Fund Raiser on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00-7:00pm. Admission is by donation and the menu includes Vereniki (two types), Farmer Sausage, Cream Gravy, Fruit Sauces, Coleslaw, and soft serve ice cream. More information at <https://www.yfbc.ca/march> and read an article about how Anabaptist Theology impacts Spiritual Formation at YFBC (same link).
(new)

Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Shekinah Retreat Centre and Carmen Corner Meats are *"Puttin on the Ribz '24"*. For more information and to purchase tickets see shekinahretreatcentre.org or call (306) 945-4929.

Film Event: "The Occupation of the American Mind"

Tues Mar 19th @ Grace-Westminster United Church, 505 10th St E.
Saskatoon

5:30pm - light supper provided

6:30pm - Film with discussion to follow

Come to all, or just the film; whatever works for you. As the genocide in Palestine continues, this is an opportunity to learn more about Palestine-Israel relations, and discuss our role/response with the broader Christian community.

Steph S. will be in attendance.

Sunday, March 17, 7:00pm – Mega Menno Celebrating the Saints!

Come in all your St. Patty's Day (or Roughrider) green gear for a night of Jell-O Games and fun facts about sainthood. Event takes place at Nutana Park MC, Saskatoon. Open to all youth gr. 6-12, bring a friend and prepare to get a little green, or maybe even covered in whipped cream! Contact youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information.(new)March 17, 2024

Yes, we can inspire change by being moderate and wise consumers. In this short (6 1/2 minutes) video, Annie Leonard explains how we can affect change beyond ourselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIQdYXCKUv0> (new)

Forever in Motion - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday
10:00 am at the Community Hall

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