



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.

People: Praise the Lord!

Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #29 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
VT #36 Let Us Build a House**

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;¹

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Casadi

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- celebrating and welcoming baby Felix (*with cake after service*)
- Pray for Hasani Family (*more details in announcements*)

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

Hymn: VT #712 Beauty for Brokenness

Second Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will

give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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 #809 Sing a New World into Being

Sermon: A Sheet Lowered from Heaven

Hymn: VT #549 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

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

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Sarah Buhler Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Casadi Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Loretta Sawatzky

No Sunday School Today

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: Tues. mtg; Wed. Office; Thurs. work from home; Fri. OMC Youth

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 18 – Susan Braun; 18 – Kathryn Janzen; 21 – Henry Funk

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: May 18 – Deacons

Yard Maintenance Schedule for May 26 – 31 -Kevin Boldt & family
June 2 – 7 – George Janzen & family

Duties Include: Mowing grass on the cemetery and the church yard, including the west side up to the street and on the north side up to the street. *(The town has been mowing the east part from the trees to the street).*

Whipper snipping around the concert and blowing debris off the concrete and grave markers. If you have problems with equipment or ?? please contact Dick Braun (306-230-1071), Eugene Penner (306-220-3844) or Lloyd Sawatzky (306-281-2247). It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you. *Thank you all for the help in keeping the church property in such great shape.*

You will need the key to the garage door – it is in church in a Mailbox – second from the top row - right-hand side. Please remember to return it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Trustees: Please note the church yard maintenance schedule, and contact the office if the assigned week doesn't work for you.

Seeking : OMC Librarian

The Ed Committee is on the lookout for someone who is passionate about books and interested in learning the role of OMC Librarian. Our ever-steady, long-serving, rockstar librarian, Ruth, is looking to close the chapter on her work as librarian, and pass on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but Ruth has kindly offered to help the next person learn the role. For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C. (new)

Pray for Hasani Family

Our application for sponsorship of the Hasani family is expected to be approved in early 2026.

This project will see the parents and 3 sons come from Pakistan to reunite with the daughters, Fawzia and Alia in Saskatoon. In the meantime the conditions for the thousands of Afghan refugees in Pakistan is extremely difficult.

Community Connections: We are looking for more volunteers to make 5 or 6 gallon pails of rhubarb sauce and cream gravy for the MCC

Relief Sale. MCC would like rhubarb sauce prepared in advance (let us know if you need rhubarb), but cream gravy will be prepared the morning of the sale at Forrest Grove Church. Please talk to Alex if you are interested in helping, or would be available to volunteer at the relief sale. alextiessen15@gmail.com or 306-212-0463.

SHEKINAH KITCHEN HELP NEEDED for OMC week **August 4-7**. Lloyd and Loretta have committed to cooking at Shekinah for children's camp. Please consider giving a day or two of your time to help feed hungry kids, counsellors and CIT's. Accommodation provided in the Timber Lodge. Please contact Lloyd or Loretta to sign up!

MCC Connects: Looking for ways to support this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14? MCC is seeking donations for a "Ten Thousand Villages Revisited" table, baked goods, and plants. In addition, we are also in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks and are accepting donations of homemade crafts and goods for a craft table. For more information, please call the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or visit www.mccskreliefsale.com Thank you for your support!

MCC is looking for volunteers for this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14 at Forest Grove Community Church.

Volunteer duties may include: serving food, preparing food, set up, or clean up. If interested, and to learn about other ways to get involved, like contributing the bake sale, plant sale, online auction, or artisan booths, please visit www.mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html

MC Sask News:

Praying for each other: Please pray for **Grace Mennonite Church** in Regina as we search for a part-time pastor who has a heart for the diversity of our congregation. Please also pray for our lay leadership as they continue the work of worship service preparation, children and youth education and discerning how to best share our building with our renters. (new)

Please pray for Shenyce Buhler as she travels to Europe to be the MC Sask representative at the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit. From May 30 to June 1, Young Anabaptists (YABs) from around the world will gather in Württemberg, Germany. The YABs will be worshipping together, reflecting on faith across cultures, learning about the local culture, and growing understanding through relevant

workshops – and love. We pray for safe travels and that God's spirit may be felt by all the participants. (new)

The spring MC Sask Reflections is now available! (formerly known as the UPDATE) Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/Reflections-May-2025> (new)

You're Invited to the Youth Farm Bible Camp Spring Supper!

Thursday, May 22 at 5:00 pm. Join us for a delicious meal featuring slow-roasted pulled pork, salads, and dessert—all in support of the ministry of Youth Farm Bible Camp! Hear stories and watch videos from our Mexico and Nicaragua mission trips, with testimonies from this year's interns, and bid on homemade cakes to help raise funds for our internship program. Admission by donation.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2025, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility

Come celebrate Anabaptism 500 Years with Gareth Brandt at Rosthern Mennonite Church, May 31 and June 1. Gareth will guide us through reflections on the beginning of the Anabaptist Movement through to contemporary interpretations of the movement for our lives. He will use visuals, lectures and biblical reflections to animate his presentations. Join us Saturday 10:00 to 2:00 (please bring a bag lunch) and again for worship on Sunday morning at 10:00. Please let us know if you are coming for these FREE presentations: rosthernmc@sasktel.net or 1 (306) 232-5577. (new)

Shekinah Open House: Sunday June 1st, 2pm - 5pm Come enjoy wall climbing, zip lining, and crafts between 2pm and 5pm on June 1st. Hot dog roast will start at 4pm. This is a free event, no registration needed!

Celebrate with Us! Join Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on June 7 & 8. On June 7 the celebrations begin at 1 pm, with choir practice at 4 pm, a BBQ at 5 pm and a program at 7pm. On June 8 the Church Service begins at 10:30 am followed by a catered lunch and visiting. Please RSVP by May 8 to

herschelmennonitechurch@hotmail.com or to Devin at 306-831-8890 (new)

Join us in celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Fiske Mennonite Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 15. Worship begins at 10:30 am in the church followed by a catered lunch at the Fiske hall. The afternoon will feature reflections, a slide show, ball games and ice cream! RSVP by May 31 to fiskemennochurch@sasktel.net or call 306-831-9723.

Consider the Birds. Birds are reliable indicators of environmental health, as Ingrid Thiessen of Grace Mennonite in Regina points out. Read more at <https://mcsask.ca/considerthebirds> (new)

RJC Info Night in Saskatoon | Tuesday, May 13, 7:00pm Looking into high school options? Prospective students in Grades 7-11 and their families are invited to join us in Saskatoon at Wildwood Mennonite Church (1502 Acadia Dr) on May 13 to hear a presentation about our various academic programs (including Grade 9 GROW) as well as our music & arts, athletics, faith, dormitory and community programming. The evening will begin a presentation followed by a Q & A time, with visiting and refreshments to follow. For questions or to RSVP, email admissions@rjc.sk.ca or just show up!

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 24 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:30am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. This year, we are excited to host our evening dinner in the brand-new Valley Regional Park clubhouse! Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Guests who would like to join us at the dinner following golf, are welcome to RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca for \$25/person. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

RJC Spring Concert | Tuesday May 27, 7:00pm Join us as we celebrate the spring season with the RJC Spring Concert! Featuring performances by RJC's Concert Choir, Singers, Concert Band and Dance Class. Showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. Admission is by donation, a live-stream option will be available at rjc.sk.ca/springconcert. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

RJC Summer Sports Camp | Aug 11-14 Looking to develop your sports skills? Youth entering Grades 7-12 are invited to join us this summer at RJC for a 4-day sports camp! Facilitated by University level athletes and offering development in Volleyball, Basketball, Football or Soccer. The camp runs from 9:00am-3:30pm each day and includes lunches and a t-shirt for each participant. Cost is \$250/athlete with discounts offered for additional children. Register today at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp!

CALENDAR

Sat. May 17 – 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Howard Janzen

Sun. May 18 – 10:00 am Sarah Buhler speaking

11:00 a.m. Celebrate Baby Felix

Sun. May 25 – 10:00 a.m. Jake Buhler speaking

11:10 am Amanda Dodge sharing on MCC learning tour

Sun. June 1 – 10:00 am Terry Stefaniuk speaking

11:15 am – Congregation mtg re: Visioning Workshop

Sun. June 8 – 10:00 am Outdoor Service on the Church yard

NEXT SUNDAY May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Loretta, Benjamin, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Luke Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Offering Counter Team: Jim, Stephanie

Sunday School: Naomi/Dylan

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis