



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 19, 2023

Ash Sunday

“Created by God, Shaped by Jesus”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Hymns: VT #22 “What Is This Place”

VT #555 “Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing”

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 51:1-17*

L: O God, have mercy on me! Because of your love and your great compassion, wipe away my faults; wash me clean of my guilt; purify me of my sin.

P: **For I am aware of my faults, and have my sin constantly in mind.
I sinned against you alone, and did what is evil in your sight.**

L: You are just when you pass sentence on me,
blameless when you give judgment.

P: **I was born in sin, conceived in sin—
yet you want truth to live in my innermost being.**

L: Teach me your wisdom! Purify me with hyssop until I am clean;
wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow.

P: **Instill some joy and gladness into me;
Turn your face from my sins, and wipe out all my guilt.**

L: O God, create a clean heart in me,
put into me a new and steadfast spirit;

P: **Be my savior again, renew my joy; and I will teach transgressors
your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

L: Save me from bloodshed, O God, God of my salvation—

P: **Open my lips, YHWH, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

All: *My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
you will not scorn this crushed and broken heart.*

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12 *Inclusive translation*

Shout for all you are worth, raise your voice like a trumpet!

Proclaim to the people their faults, tell the house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob their sins!

They seek me daily, they long to know my ways, like a nation that wants to act with integrity and not ignore the Law of its God. They ask me for laws that are just, they long for God to draw near.

Yet they say, ‘Why should we fast if you never see it? Why do penance if you never notice?’ Because when you fast, it’s business as usual, and you oppress all your workers!

Because when you fast, you quarrel and fight and strike the poor with your fist! Fasting like yours today will never make your voice heard on high! Is that the sort of fast that pleases me—a day when people humiliate themselves, hanging their heads like a reed, lying down on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call fasting, a day acceptable to YHWH?

On the contrary! This is the sort of fast that pleases me: Remove the chains of injustice! Undo the ropes of the yoke! Let those who are oppressed go free, and break every yoke you encounter!

Share your bread with those who are hungry, and shelter homeless poor people! Clothe those who are naked, and don’t hide from the needs of your own flesh and blood!

Do this, and your light will shine like the dawn—and your healing will break forth like lightning! Your integrity will go before you, and the glory of YHWH will be your rearguard.

Cry, and YHWH will answer; call, and God will say, ‘I am here’—provided you remove from your midst all oppression, finger pointing, and malicious talk!

If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows will become like noon. YHWH will always guide you, giving relief in desert places. God will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry.

You will rebuild the ancient ruins, and build upon age-old foundations. You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, and Restorer of Ruined Neighborhoods.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #762 "This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Time: Jake

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for a good Lent

Member Sharing -

Hymn: VT #549 "Be Thou My Vision"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6 *Inclusive translation*

Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention; if you do this, you will have no reward from your Abba God in heaven.

"When you do acts of charity, for example, don't have it trumpeted before you; that is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and the streets, that they may be praised by others. The truth is, they've already received their reward in full. But when you do acts of charity, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing; your good deeds must be done in secret, and your Abba God—who sees all that is done in secret—will repay you.

"And when you pray, don't behave like the hypocrites; they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on street corners for people to see them. The truth is, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to God who is in that secret place, and your Abba God—who sees all that is done in secret—will reward you.

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"And when you fast, don't look depressed like the hypocrites. They deliberately neglect their appearance to let everyone know that they are fasting. The truth is, they have already received their reward. But when you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Don't let anyone know you're fasting except your Abba God, who sees all that is done in secret. And Abba God—who sees everything that is done in secret—will reward you.

"Don't store up earthly treasures for yourselves, which moths and rust destroy and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust can destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal them. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be as well.

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 #551 “Beautiful Things”

Sermon: “Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust”

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn: VT #504 “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

Benediction: May the God who calls us forth from the dust of the earth and names each of us as beloved children, bless our journey through these forty days of Lent. And when we come to Easter and behold the empty cross, may we be renewed in the certainty of God’s unfailing love - for nothing can separate us from God; we are truly and forever in God’s hands.

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

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

Patty’s Week: Mon; CC Zoom; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, pickle ball, grief group; Fri. Office

Luke’s Week: Wed from home, Thurs Youth Ski trip; Fri office; Sat Off in lieu of Family Day

Birthdays: 19- Junko Friesen (86), 20-Glen Grismer, 25-Simon Clark

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Feb 19 ??

TODAY’S WORSHIP February 19

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Children’s Time: Jake Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Family Day – No Sunday School for Children and Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Church Directory Updates** –please check the draft copy of the Directory on the foray table. Updated Directories will be ready for next Sunday.

***From the Treasurer:** Donation receipts have been emailed or sent by regular mail. If you do not receive yours in the next week, or if you prefer a paper copy rather than email, please contact the treasurer or this office.

Monday, March 13: Executive meeting 6:00 pm, Council mtg 7:30 pm
*Committees-please have your organizational meeting to determine your chairperson before the March 13th Council meeting.

Season of Lent

Grief group Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 noon CST (February 23 – March 30) on Zoom only Grieving Well with Wilma Derksen. More detailed information available information at the CMU web site. Registration www.cmu.ca/xplore.

Lenten Stations of the Cross in Sunday school wing rooms. Lenten Sunday Theme: Created by God, Shaped by Jesus. Devotional materials on the back table.

Every Second Sunday of the month: 11:30ish-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch - back room at Osler restaurant reserved for anyone who wants to eat together. Sponsored but not paid for by deacons: ☺

***Congratulations** to Dayna and Matthew Stefaniuk as first OMCers to own a completely electric vehicle. Test drives at the Green fundraiser.

Community Connections: Please consider giving generously to the Local Family Fund. \$1000/month for the next 3 months is needed. Driver Pool also needed. Going to or from the city and willing to take a passenger - please contact Kaytee Edwards Buhler or Patty Friesen.

March 15 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Prairie Rivers Reconciliation

Committee 5th Annual Educational Gathering to be held at the Ramada Inn, Saskatoon. Lunch and refreshments provided. To register or for more info, contact: prcommittee@gamil.com

Poster on the bulletin board

***MCC Connect:** MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma

counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at mccanada.ca/earthquake, by calling 888-622-6337 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to the MCCS office.

MC Sask Updates:

The 2023 MC Sask Winter UPDATE is now available. Check out what's new, what you've missed and what's coming up! Available at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/UPDATE/Winter-2023-update.pdf>. *It is also on the bulletin board.*

MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. A **working copy of the report book is now available!** This is a hybrid online and in person event, and **registration is required to** attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

Annual reports for MC Sask and MC Canada are available on the MC Sask Website at

https://mcsask.ca/resources/congregational_resources

RJC Choirs & Cakes 7:00pm March 12, 2023

Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222.

The 2022 edition of the Mennonite World Conference Transmission video series reveals how young Mennonites in Latin America are dealing with and responding to climate change. Watch the 11 minute video at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3304> Donate to the project at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/transmission-films>

Consider CMU – "Where faith and community matter." Virtual open house on Wednesday, February 22, 6:00–7:00 PM CST. Receive a

virtual tour of CMU's campus, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. For information and to register, visit cmu.ca/virtual-open-house.

YOUTH CALENDAR

February 18th 1:30 – 4:00 pm Volunteering at Warman MCC Thrift,

February 23rd Mega Menno Ski Trip to Table Mountain

March 3rd & 5th Green Fundraiser: making dessert on the 3rd and on the 5th - set up, serve and do dishes along with the Deacons and Community Connections

March 11th 6:30 pm Mega Menno Move Night

March 18th 7:00 pm @ OMC, Talent Show

Youth Announcements:

***Thursday, February 23 – Mega Menno Ski Day at Table**

Mountain. Join us for a day of winter fun on the infamous ‘Sask slopes!’ **Registration is required**, with group transportation provided on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit <https://permission.click/JLAZA/ca>, deadline is **Tuesday, February 21**. Contact Zach Dueck, zdueck@gmail.com, with any questions.

***Sunday, March 5th,** we will be kicking off our Green Fund with a chili fundraiser. This will take place after Sunday School, cost will be by donation. More details to come in the near future!

***Saturday, March 11, 6:30pm – Mega Menno Movie Night.** Youth will join with other members of the MC Sask family to watch ‘*Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes*’ at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Come enjoy some popcorn, and learn more about how we can help protect Indigenous artifacts and stories. Youth will have a separate discussion and debrief following the film. Free event for all youth gr. 6-12; contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca, or visit www.mcsask.ca to learn more.

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for numerous full-time and part-time positions. We need a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to shekinah.ca/jobs for more information

Save the Date. Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting of the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah. This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

CALENDAR

- Feb 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** *Ash Sunday*
Feb 20 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg via Zoom
Feb 22 1:00 pm Pickleball
Feb 23 11:00-12:00 Grief Group *Gathering Room*
Feb 26 10:00 am Luke Bushman *First Sunday of Lent*
11:10 am Kroeger Clock History *Tony Funk - sanctuary*
Mar 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen

NEXT SUNDAY February 26

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna, Ben Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Anne/Bill
Kid's S.S. – Rachel Buhler, Youth S.S. – Matthew Braun

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