



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 19, 2024

*Pentecost Sunday  
I will put my Spirit within you*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

L: The Spirit has gathered us from down the road and across the city.

**P: We are not quite ready to settle in and worship.**

L: The Spirit has arrived to strengthen us.

**P: We come with questions, heavy hearts along with gratitude.**

L: The Spirit is ready to kindle a flame of hope in our hearts.

**P: We will open ourselves to receive and hear again**

**God's deeds of power.**

*ALL: We invite the Spirit to renew us today.*

**Opening Prayer:** Renewing God who strengthens us through worship and prayer, regenerate us today, that we may find freedom from fears that block us from connecting with our neighbours down the street and around the world, we pray in the strong name of Jesus, Amen.

**Hymns of Praise: VT #371 Come, Gracious Spirit**

**VT #373 As the Wind Song through the Trees**

**First Reading:** Psalm 104:10-17 (*International Children's Bible*)

My God, you are very great. You make springs pour into the ravines. They flow between the mountains. They water all the wild animals. The wild donkeys come there to drink. Wild birds make nests by the water. They sing among the tree branches. You water the mountains from above. The earth is full of the things you made. You make the grass for cattle and vegetables for us. You make food grow from the earth. You give us wine that makes happy hearts. And you give us olive oil that

makes our faces shine. You give us bread that gives us strength. Your trees have plenty of water. The birds make their nests there. The stork's home is in the fir trees.

### **Children's Gathering Song:**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. You spread God's love to everyone; You want to pass it on. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding. The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love. Once you've experienced it. You want to sing, it's fresh like spring. You want to pass it on.

**Story for All Ages: Patty**

### **Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

#### **Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers** – for Braden on Alternative Learning in Appalachia and his upcoming graduation

-for Luke and our Youth at Shekinah for Retreat this weekend

-those affected by wildfires

**Thanksgiving** – for more rain and lots of sunshine

**Hymn: VT #737      Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

#### **Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-13**

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

There were some religious people staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these people that we hear speaking from Galilee? But each of us hears them in their own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene,

Rome, Crete and Arabia. But we hear these people telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!” They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others were making fun of them, saying, “They have had too much wine.”

**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 #152      God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle**

**Sermon:      The Holy Spirit Works in Mysterious Ways**

**Communion Introduction:** We celebrate God’s Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and through him, made life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the reign of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit’s presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit’s influence.

**Prayer:** God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter. Amen. (*Deacons distribute bread – gluten-free*)

Our Lord Jesus, on the eve of his crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal. During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it. Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words: This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me.

*(Take together. Deacons distribute juice)*

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he passed it among them with these words: This is my life which is given for you. Take, drink and remember me.      *(Take together)*

**Let us pray together:** Gracious God, as we share this bread and cup, let it be a sharing in Christ’s body, life and presence; and may we embody your life, love, and Spirit in our homes and community. Amen.

**Hymn: VT #9      Come Away from Rush and Hurry**

**Benediction:** The Lord bless you with the knowledge that you are God's beloved, and in that knowledge strengthen you to live a life of freedom from fear. Go forth now and witness to the depth and height of the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

\*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP May 19** *Day of Pentecost*

Speaker: Henry Funk Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Patty Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Dick/Kathy

Sunday School Leader: No Kids Sunday School today

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Matthew Braun

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

**Walking Club:** Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

**Coffee** at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

**Patty's Week:** Weds. office, Fri. Office, Sat. RJC Golf Tournament,

Sun. NPMC with Charlie and Mom, Weds-Sat. May 29-June 1

Grasslands NP

**Luke's Week:** Tues. Work from Home; Weds. NPMC Youth; Thurs.

Worship Leading Prep; Fri. OMC Office/OMC Youth; Sun. Church

**Birthdays:** May 15 – Alex Tiessen; 15 – Carl Martens-Funk; 18 – Susan

Braun; 18 – Kathryn Janzen; 21 – Henry Funk (*this includes the ones*

*missed last week*)

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** May 19 - George & Lynette

May 26 - Diana

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY is Pentecost** whose colours are traditionally fiery red, yellow, orange if folks want to wear those. We will also be celebrating communion. Let's observe with thanksgiving the ways Christ is revealed to us through the week and in the breaking of bread.

**Please sign** the Grad Hymnal for Braden Martens-Funk on lobby table before June 9 Outdoor Service/Church Picnic.

**When dropping off cans at Sarcan** please donate to code "omcgreen" for the Youth Green Fund.

**John Gascho** has a display of various cards on the back table that are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. The proceeds will be to assist a

local student attending RJC this coming fall. Other assistance and monthly direct deposits welcome to local student's account at RJC. This assistance is not tax receivable.

8 more helpers needed at \$100/month or 16@\$50/month. Please contact John or Alex at [Alex.tiessen@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:Alex.tiessen@rjc.sk.ca) to add to student's account.

\*We have a vacancy on the Community Connections Committee that needs to be filled. If you think you could help out in this capacity (it's only a partial term) please speak with Shelley, Nominating Committee.

### **\*The Yard Maintenance Schedule**

has been sent out to all members on the list. Mowing has already been necessary but the list begins for the week of May 27 to June 1. The list will be posted on the bulletin board. If your assigned week does not work for you, please try to switch and let the office know of the change.

### **CALENDAR**

Fri. to Sun. May 17-19 Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

**Sun. May 19 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking *Pentecost Communion***  
11:00 am SS Forum - Film: Conform: Mennonites  
and the Mexican Migration

**Sun. May 26 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking – *loose change Sunday***

Weds. May 29 7:00 pm Summer Sing-A-long at Ben & Diana's yard

**Sun. June 2 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Beethoven's Ode***

**Sun. June 9 10:00 am Church Picnic** group M-Z help deacons

Weds. June 12 7:00 pm Book Club at Stuckys Bethany Townhouse #6

Thurs. June 13 4:30 pm Worship meeting @ Michelle's

**The Rejoice Devotional** is due for Renewal. If you are currently subscribed, it will continue unless you notify the office that you **don't** wish to receive it any more. Any member of the congregation may subscribe – just let the office know before June 1.

### **New Address for Linda Doell:**

Elite Living Care Home Ltd Saskatoon  
103 Thakur Street, Saskatoon, SK S7W 1C9

**OMC Summer Backyard Book Club;** second Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. starting Weds. June 12, 7:00 p.m. on Lyle & Linda's deck – Bethany Townhouse #6 (*deck is accessible*) with Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue.

Books available on lobby table. Questions and book-sign out on lobby table. We will deliver books for OMC on-liners. We'd love to have you with us.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is looking for volunteers to help this year's Relief Sale Festival run smoothly on June 15. Volunteer duties may include: making or serving food, wiping tables, collecting garbage, selling tickets, set up and take down, etc. We are also still accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 8-15. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. For more information, please call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. Thank you for your support!

### **MC Updates:**

**Youth Retreat, May 17-19** – Calling ALL youth gr. 6-12!! Come join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a weekend of worship, activities, and fun! Cost: \$75/person (financial aid available). Visit <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for more information or contact [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

**Camp Shekinah is inviting applications for female counsellors** for the upcoming summer camp season. If you know someone who loves working with children and loves being outside in God's creation, please have them check out our website or go to <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/ReturningNewCounsellorApplication>.

**Don't forget to register your children** for a great week of summer camp at Shekinah. Check out our website <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> or go to <https://shekinah.campbrainregistration.com/>

**RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25!** RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories, and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca), or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC Spend-a-day | May 22 (9:00am-3:30pm)** Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 25, 2024** 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. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register your team today! Visit [rjc.sk.ca/golf](http://rjc.sk.ca/golf) for more details and to register.

**Do you want to be part of the important work that MCC leads in making a difference in communities worldwide?** There are opportunities for volunteers to be involved in MCC Sask's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 15 at Forest Grove Community Church. Check out the opportunities and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AD2DA1FDC61-48396552-relief>.

**This only happens once ...**Get your copy of The Anabaptist Community Bible and celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. 3 editions available (hardcover, soft touch, genuine leather). Pre-order now and save! <https://www.commonword.ca/go/bible500>. (new)

**Check out Anabaptist Climate Collaborative's Climate Pollinator.** Here is Pollinator #37: Cooking with the Climate in Mind, Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration for Plant-based, Planet-Conscious Meals. <https://www.anabaptistclimate.org/climate-pollinator-series/nx954pnrtsct5-a58gm-hgjr8-w57jr-m2rw1-lk666-nweyp-bg3j9-5efmn>

**CMU Employment Opportunities** – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Counsellor (permanent, salaried with benefits). Other opportunities include Business and Social Work faculty positions. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for information on all employment opportunities. (new)

**SEED Colombia** is currently seeking applicants for the upcoming SEED cohort beginning August, 2024. MCC Colombia, through the SEED program, seeks to strengthen relationships and peacebuilding efforts of institutions, churches, and local communities. In conjunction with the group of participants, an analysis of the context of social and armed conflict will be made, to serve in a practical way with the processes of churches and local organizations. At the same time, there is a duty of understanding the role we should play in the transformation of societies as people of faith and the various theological frameworks that shape the work of the church in its local context. For more information on the Seed program in Colombia, please visit the Seed blog at <https://seedcolombia.wordpress.com/> or go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/seed> (new)

**OMC Super Summer** - (it's Pastor Patty's last and she wants to party!)

Weds. May 29, 7:00 Summer Singalong – Ben & Dian's yard

-bring a lawn chair/blanket

Sun. June 9, 10:00 am Outdoor Service led by youth and picnic provided by deacons - bring lawn chairs. SS teacher and grad recognition

Weds. June 12, 7:00 Backyard Book club - Linda and Lyle's deck at Bethany (Unit #6) Pull of the Stars - books on lobby table)

Sat. June 15, MCC Sale - Forest Grove Church

Weds. June 19, 7:00 Summer Singalong Bethany Courtyard

Sat. June 22, Mennos at Pride Parade, 12:00 University Bridge

Sun. June 23, 1:30 Katherine and Dakota's shower @ Kathy and Dick's yard *There will be a cash basket for future household purchases*

Mon. July 1, 11:00 Osler Parade, OMC Ice Cream & Water  
- talk to Kaytee about volunteering

**NEXT SUNDAY**      **May 26 Trinity Sunday** \*Loose change Sunday

Speaker: Jake Buhler      Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin      Accompanist: Melanie

\*Story: John Gascho      Sound: Keri/James      Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Sunday School Leader: Lynette, Helpers: Nora, Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Garry Boldt

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