



# 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

October 19, 2025

## *Spiritual Inheritance*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

L: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in faith.

*All: We come to celebrate God's presence,*

L: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

*All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry*

L: and the life we are called to live.

*All: We come as a pilgrim people*

*Searching for ways to live out our faith.*

L: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

*All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!*

### **Invocation:**

We have been called the salt of the earth.

Let us remain distinctive and salty.

We have been called the light of the world.

Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

We have been called a city set on a hill.

Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts,

Lift our voices in the worship of God. Amen.

**Hymns of Praise: VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer  
VT #47 God of Our Strength**

### **First Reading: Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge

who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

**Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**  
**Story for All Ages: Kathy**

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

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

**Prayers:** for the unhoused in our province as the weather turns colder  
- continued healing for those struggling with mental health

**Thanks:** for a safe harvest

**Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...**

**Hymn: VT #443      I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

I'm giving you this commission in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearance and his kingdom. Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. There will come a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. They will collect teachers who say what they want to hear because they are self-centered. They will turn their back on

the truth and turn to myths. But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully.

**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 #601      Lead Me, Guide Me**

**Sermon:            Holding Fast to What is Good:  
                         Wrestling with our Spiritual Inheritance**

**Hymn: VT #816      Guide My Feet**

**Benediction**

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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

**TODAY                      Oct 19**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder      Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk  
Song Leaders: Loretta, Benjamin, Ben      Accompanist: Naomi  
Story: Kathy      Sound: Doug      Ushers: Carl/Lanae  
Offering Counter Team: Jim/Matthew

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

**Luke's Week:** Wed: OMC Office Hours/NPMC Staff Mtg; Thurs: KCC;

Fri: OMC Office/Youth; Sat: Work from home; Sun: OMC Service;

Mon: Exec Mtg

**Brad's Week:** in office Mon & Wed but away from the 23 to 26

**Coffee Time Friday - 10:00 am with the OMC staff**

There may or may not be treats but there will be good conversation

**Birthday this Week:** 25 – Diane McKinnell

**Sunday Coffee:** Oct 19 –

Oct 26 –

Nov 2 - Marlene

**TODAY: Visioning Committee** - during coffee time; Please take 15 minutes to participate in a round of *Roses and Thorns* hosted by the OMC Visioning Committee. It will be a chance to get together in small groups and share the highs and lows of our past week. We are excited to practice our conversation skills and learn more about each other!

**Book Club is starting up.** The book we are reading is **Call Me Indian** by *Fred Sasakamoose*. If you are interested, please contact Loretta Sawatzky for a book. Discussion about the book will be on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 pm at Loretta's house.

**Community Connections is exploring a volunteer opportunity at the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern** - there are various opportunities on Tuesdays and Fridays. Time commitments vary from an hour to an afternoon. Interested in getting involved? Talk to Alex or Kaytee if you would like some more information.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MHSS** is offering a Mennonite History virtual class via Zoom. The presenter is Roydon Loewen, the topic is the Anabaptists at 500. Classes are Wednesdays from 9 am to 10 am starting October 1 to November 5 at the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor. All are welcome.

**Forever in Motion free** drop in classes from 10:00 to 11:00 am, Tuesdays and Fridays at the Osler Community Hall. See the poster on the bulletin for details.

**MCC Connects:** MCC's 7th Annual Peace Conference, *Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably* will be on Saturday, November 1 at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. If you are working to make your community better, you are a peacebuilder! We will explore being peacebuilders grounded in hope and inspired to action amidst turbulent times. Speakers include Gareth Brandt, Heather Peters, as well as several church and community partners. For more information and to register, visit [mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference-2025](http://mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference-2025)

### **MC SASK Updates:**

We pray for peace. As wars continue to fill our news, the suffering and pain mounts. Governments and world leaders talk of peace but often it is

a peace through military means. Jesus came preaching a peace that changes hearts; a peace that is rooted in love: love of God, love of neighbours, love of enemies. May we as the church continue to speak out for this peace and live it out in our lives. (MC Sask) (new)

**Praying for each other:** Please pray for Carrot River Mennonite Church as fall programs get underway. May they be effective at connecting us to God and to each other and to help our faith to grow. (new)

**Pray with Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong,** as they again host evacuees because of rising tensions last weekend from the Thai-Cambodia disputed, shared border area. Tom says, “The Gospel of Peace is needed now more than ever. It is our responsibility to share that with others.” Thousands of families in Cambodia and Thailand have been displaced due to this conflict. (new)

**October 22, 29 & November 5, 7pm (CST) | Webinar: “How did we get from the Bible to a genocide in Gaza?”** with Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen. More info and registration: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/PIN/Events> (new)

**October 23, 6pm| MA monthly mass calls (Zoom meeting).** **Mennonite Action** is a movement of Mennonites, Christians, and friends following in the example of Jesus Christ, who called us to live as active peacemakers, standing firmly on the side of the downtrodden and the oppressed. We take public action against the occupation of Palestine and for a world where all God’s children are free. MA holds monthly mass calls (Zoom meeting) to discuss their ongoing work and talk about ways you can get involved. The mass call for October is Thursday, October 23rd, 6pm. Please go to: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/call> to sign up to attend. (new)

**October 24 | CMU Discover Day** – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of October 24 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/discover-days](http://cmu.ca/discover-days).

**CMU Employment Opportunities** – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Practicum Coordinator and Program Support position as well as a Mini U Coordinator role in the Athletics Department. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for information on these opportunities. (new)

**RJC Annual General Meeting** | 5:00pm, Saturday, October 25 We invite the extended RJC community to join us for our Annual General Meeting in the RJC High School Chapel. The 2024-25 RJC Report Book will be available on our website and audited financial statements are available upon request from [executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca).

**October 25 5:00 pm | RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - A Place at the Table** Join us for a meaningful evening of food, community and celebration at RJC High School. This year's theme, A Place at the Table, invites us to reflect on the food that brings us together and the relationships that are built around it. Featuring tasting tables, a cooking demonstration, dinner, live music, silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$25/person or \$200/table and go on sale October 1. Call (306) 232-4222 or email [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) to reserve your spot. We hope to see you there!

**October 29 | RJC Spend-A-Day** Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! From 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, you'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend the day with us and see what we have to offer! Please register at [rjc.sk.ca/spendaday](http://rjc.sk.ca/spendaday).

**November 1 9:00 AM – 3:45 pm | Walking the Long Path:** How to Build Peace Sustainably peace conference at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. If you are working to make your community better, you are a peacebuilder !We invite you to Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably, a one-day peace conference exploring what it means to be grounded in hope amidst turbulent times. Together, we will reflect, learn, and practice the skills needed to continue the work of peacebuilding within ourselves, with our neighbours, and in our broader world. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference-2025>

**November 7, 7pm | All are welcome to Shekinah's "Tremendous Time with Trifles" Fundraiser at Bethany Manor.** Come out to hear stories from our campers and summer staff! Shekinah's own "troubadour," Sterling Boehm, will serenade us as we indulge in sweet goodness and continue to work together to ensure that "all are welcome to experience the presence and glory of God" at Shekinah. Admission by donation. Please send an email to [office@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:office@shekinahretreatcentre.org) or call the office on 306-945-4929 to RSVP (new)

**November 10-14 | CMU and MC Sask present Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Identity:** From Reformation to Global Movement. Are you looking to learn more about Anabaptist history or understand what global Anabaptism looks like today? MC Sask, in conjunction with Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) is offering this course in November. It is a week-long intensive course in Saskatoon, SK. The course is available for credit or for those who wish to take it only for personal enrichment (in-person or online).(updated)

**International Witness Sunday, October 26.** Theme: Walking with Global Companions - Seeing Jesus on the Road (Luke 24:13-35). Our global companions are inviting us to walk with them – be in relationship with them. All resources are now available:  
<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday>.

**2025 J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: A Sacred Way of Life: Theology as a Guide to Spirituality** – CMU invites you to hear Dr. Kevin Hector from University of Chicago on October 21-22 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on October 21 and at 11:00 AM on October 22 in the CMU Chapel. The lectures will explore spirituality through three forms of sacredness—transcendent value, beauty, and power— and examine how religion can play a crucial role in helping us hold these together. All lectures are free and open to all. More information and recordings at [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt).

### **Global Companion of the Month - October**

More than a hundred house churches and congregations work together in the Friends of Grace network to build communities of faith rooted in the local soil of Thailand. Leadership development and Bible study are key parts of what they do together. Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong

(<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/thailand>) provide support for local leaders in income generation ministry and community development. Most recently this has meant building opportunities for farming families to stay on the land and still support their families while forming communities of faith. (new)

### **Commonword**

**Thursday, Oct 23, 7:00pm (CDT). Book launch of Nothing Will Save Us: A Theology of Immeasurable Life.** Join author David Driedger, in conversation with Jane Barter and John Samson Fellows. Join us in person or by livestream – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4272>.

**Wed., Nov 5, 7:00 PM (CST). If Indigenous hearts are broken by Christianity, what is it in Christian theology that is life giving at all?** Join us in person or by livestream for a conversation with Carmen Lansdowne, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4284>. (new)

### **YOUTH SCHEDULE**

Oct. 24th: Games and Bible Lesson Night

Nov. 1st: Mega Menno: *Menno Glows in the Dark*

### **CALENDAR**

**Sun. Oct 19 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

11:11 am Worship mtg

Mon. Oct 20 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

**Sun. Oct 26 – 10:00 am Youth program**

**Sun. Nov 2 – 10:00 am Gareth Brandt speaking**

**Sun. Nov 9 - 10:00 am Len Rempel – Brad’s installation**

**NEXT SUNDAY**      Oct 26              Youth

Speaker:              Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Kathryn/Nora              Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Youth              Sound: James      Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Doug

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