

**MCC Connects:** On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 per cent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people in its path with widespread flooding up to six metres high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cylone Idai and subsequent flooding. Donate online at [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) or call (306) 665-2555

\*Station Singers present "**From Billy to Brahms - Love Songs for Spring**" - Station Arts Centre Rosthern Apr 12 at 7:30 pm, and in Saskatoon Apr 14 at 2:30 (we do not have a venue yet). Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members. More details will follow in mid March.

### **OMC CALENDAR**

Apr 3 Executive mtg 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm  
Apr 4 Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
Apr 5 Deacons meeting 12:45 pm  
Apr 9 Choral Society practice 7:00 pm  
Apr 11 Project Thursdays 7:00 pm  
Apr 14 Senior's Pizza Supper @ Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm  
Apr 18 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 5:30 pm  
Apr 19 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm  
Apr 21 Easter Sunday Service, with Potluck Brunch to follow  
Apr 29 Worship meeting @ Stephanie's, 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Ian Osmond      Songleader: Michelle McKinnell  
Pianist: Melanie Boldt      Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Doug McKinnell      Ushers: John Gascho, Susan Braun

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# Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 31, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship:

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary, and know your power and glory.

**People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.**

*All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.*

Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #46      "I sing the mighty power of God"**  
**Blue/HWB #76      "Praise, I will praise you Lord"**

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Glen Grismer

**Hymn: Green/SJ #43      "My faith has found a resting place"**

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #299      "New earth, heavens new"**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9

### **Response to the Scripture:**

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!**

Sermon: "Bearing Fruit" Lisa Martens-Bartel

### **Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #511 "God, who touches earth"**

Benediction: Go from here, nourished by the spiritual Food, satisfied by the spiritual Drink, and established in the spiritual Rock that is Christ.

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**To all our visitors: WELCOME.** We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

**Scent Free:** We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

**Live Stream:** For those wishing to join us for worship, but unable to attend in person, our services are live-streamed to our Facebook page. The recording will be paused during the sharing of joys and concerns.

**Children's Worship Binder,** an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

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### **TODAY:**

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Brief Congregational meeting, 11:00 am**
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.

### **THIS WEEK:**

- **Wednesday, April 3: Executive meeting 5:30 pm;  
Council Meeting 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday, April 4:** Choral Society Practice, 7:00 pm;  
Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm.
- **Friday, April 5: Deacons meeting 12:45 pm**

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon at home, visit; Wed: office, exec, council; Fri: office, visits.

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**Next Sunday, Apr 7: Lent 5:** "Mary's Healing Touch" - Patty F.  
Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens    Sound: Dick Braun  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell    Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Children's Time: Kathy Braun    Nursery: Diana Buhler  
Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**April 14 Palm Sunday:** "Why Does God Hide?" - Patty Friesen

**April 18 Maunday Thursday Potluck and Communion, 5:30 p.m.**  
Lunch Group D-L, with leader Margaret Dyck, in charge of Potluck.

**April 19 Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.**

**April 21 Easter Sunday Service and Brunch;** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." – Patty Friesen.

Lunch Group M-Z, with leaders Sandra MacArthur, Torben Sjoelin, and Edna Zacharias, in charge of Easter Brunch.

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### **Remember in Prayer:**

- Rachel's radiation treatments
- Zac's leadership opportunities at CMU
- thanksgiving for a fun and meaningful church retreat.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*We welcome Lisa Martens-Bartel to speak this morning. Lisa organically farms at Grovenland Farms in Drake and preaches at North Star Mennonite Church. She is married to Ben and they have 3 children - Jacob, Felix and Kaleb.

\***Today: Brief Congregational Meeting, right after worship:** We need to approve our financial review.

\***The Alnouri family is moving** to a different apartment on April 10. Please contact Lyle Stucky if you can help with the move.

\***Thank you to everyone who donated time and material for blanket-making this week. There were 105 blankets made this week!** -Mission and Service Committee

**\*Today:** Lisa Martens-Bartel preaching. Lisa and children and Michelle and children will be eating lunch at the Osler cafe in the reserved backroom. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

**\*Looking for Acreage/Farm/Big Backyard Hosts for Sunday school picnic, Sunday, June 16.** Please talk to Lynette Janzen.

**Cabin Raising Help Needed at Shekinah April 22-27. 9 am – 5 pm:** Timber Frame work is guided - no experience necessary for sanding and varnishing. Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

**\*Music Camp at Shekinah for ages 12-17:** guitar, voice, percussion August 18-23.

**\*Child Dedication on Mother's Day, May 12** for all interested parents. Please talk to Patty or George, Deacon Chair.

**\*Out with the old and in with the new!** Our new church website is <http://oslermennonitechurch.org> The old website is no longer used.

**\*Senior's Pizza Supper & Sing-a-long, Sunday, April 14, 5:00 pm. at Bethany Manor.** The Deacons are hosting a supper for those 70 years and older and their guest or spouse. Invitations have been sent out. If you didn't receive one and are eligible, please contact Loretta. **Please RSVP by April 7 to the church office, Patty or Loretta.**

**\*A Night of Song-** 200+ Singers including "The Joy of Vox", "The Station Singers", "The Valley Action Singers". **Thursday, April 4,** 7:30 pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church. A fundraiser in support of Valley Action.

**\*Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, April 6, 9am - 4pm** at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. **Registration information on the bulletin board.**

**\*RJC SPRING CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, April 7, 2:30 pm in the RJC Gym** – RJC's Spring Concert will feature performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

**"Voices Together" workshop** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Sat, June 15, 2 - 4:30 pm. An afternoon of worship and workshops **introducing the new hymnal.** More details on the bulletin board.

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Psalm 63:1-8 (The Inclusive Bible)**

Adoni, my God, you are the One I seek. My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you in this dry and weary land where there is no water. So I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory; because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

And so I bless you while I live; in your Name I lift up my hands. My soul will be sated as with a sumptuous feast, and with euphoric cries I will praise you.

I remember you when I'm in bed; through sleepless nights I meditate on you, because you are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your mighty hand upholds me.

#### **Luke 13:1-9**

On the same occasion, there were people present who told Jesus about some Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their own sacrifices. Jesus replied, "Do you think these Galileans were the greatest sinners in Galilee just because they suffered this? Not at all! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways. Or take those eighteen who were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. Do you think they were more guilty than anyone else who has lived in Jerusalem? Certainly not! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways."

Jesus told this parable: "There was a fig tree growing in a vineyard. The owner came out looking for fruit on it, but didn't find any. The owner said to the vine dresser, 'Look here! For three years now I've come out in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?'

In reply, the vine dresser said, 'Please leave it one more year while I hoe around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine; if not, then let it be cut down.'"