



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 20, 2023

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 67

L: God, be gracious to us and bless us and shine your face upon us that
your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

C: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

C: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: God, continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere you.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #10 Here in This Place

VT #30 Jesus Calls Us

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister and to love the name of the Lord, and to be God's servants; all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing
Children's Time: Luke

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

Prayers-safe harvest

-teachers and students heading back to school

-homeless folks and solutions to complex problems

Condolences-to Sandra Grismer & family at Glen's passing Aug
16th. The Memorial Service will be Private.

Hymn: VT #440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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 #758 Who Will Speak a Word of Warning

Sermon: A Tale of Two Cities

Hymn: VT #705 For the Healing of the Nations

Benediction: *Psalms 133* How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head. It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained blessing, life forevermore.

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

Right after the service, please grab a quick coffee and return to the sanctuary for a Q&A with Charlie.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Aug 20

Speaker: Charlie Clark

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Luke

Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Anna & Susan

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

Patty's Week: Tues. fall prep; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Sun. Church; Mon. from home; Tues. from home; Weds.

OMC Office Hours/Nutana Staff Mtg; Thurs. from home

Birthdays: 20 – Jim Dyck; 20 - Betty Friesen (89); 21 – Bill Peters;

21 – Merel Kriegsman

Yard Maintenance: Eugene Penner and family

***Note new time - Join the OMC Friday Walking Group** starting at 9:00 am at the church (*until Thanksgiving*).

Free coffee every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

Aug 20 8:30 am Worship mtg

Aug 20 10:00 am Charlie Clark speaking

11:00 am Q & A after a quick coffee

Aug 27 10:00 am Joint Service AWOL on the Buhler yard

Sept 3 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

11:00 Coffee, Summer Slideshow and Sharing

Sept 10 10:00 Julie Bergen speaking

11:00 Sunday school, deacons meeting

Noon – Potluck with group C-L

Sept 17 11:00 am Semi-Annual mtg

Sept 24 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

NEXT SUNDAY Aug 27 *Wilf & Ruth's yard*

Joint Service AWOL Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Curtis/Jill Wiens Accompanist: Curtis/Jill

Children's Time: Emily Summach Ushers: Anna & Susan

*Please sign the Grad Hymnal for Sarah Baudais on lobby table.

Sun. Aug. 20, 1:00 Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare on the SK with Patty and Robin. Please get tickets ahead - may sell out.

Sun. Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Joint Service with Aberdeen, Warman, Langham at Wilf and Ruth's yard, featuring Midwives of Justice skit; Curtis and Jill Wiens music; and communion led by Gary Ewen-Peters. Rollkucken and watermelon to follow. Bring your own seating.

***Centering Prayer** starting Sunday, September 10, 9:15-9:35 a.m. in Tent Room #2.

***October-December Worship Schedule** is being worked on. A big thank you to all our worship leaders, song leaders, pianists, children's time, sound folks, preachers. Please check google doc and put in your names for availability October-December.

***OMC/CMU Zoom Explore Class** Wed., October 4-November 8, 10:00 a.m. Coffee Room: Reconsidering Anabaptist Identity after 500 years with Karl Koop.

***Stones for Sweat Lodges** - My friends at Beardy's asked me if I knew where they could pick up stones. If you have stone piles with stones of a nice size and would like to meet your neighbours from Beardy's let Tim Martens know. Hoping to make connections for after the crop is removed. It is not very formal but could turn into something meaningful.
Tim Martens 306.270.3962

*"Thank you to all those who prepared and participated in the Muskeg Lake-Mennonite Church celebrations on August 6, as well as those on August 12 at the Spruce River Folkfest"

*Fall Coffee sign-up bulletin board. Please help Wilf!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education committee

"Thanks to those who have volunteered to help with kids Sunday school. We still have room for more! If anyone is interested in teaching the K-5 class (during part of the service) or the youth class (after the service) please let Naomi know by Sunday August 27. You can text or email (306) 202-3467 or naomi@schellenbergs.ca. Thanks very much!"

NPMC Kids' Club and Choir!

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is once again excited to offer Kids' Club and Choir on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. beginning September 7, 2023. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. We will run the program each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March.

Each Thursday will include a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking!

If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child.

There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help!

Looking forward to seeing you and your children at Kids' Club and Choir!

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European Holiday sharing with coffee and kuchen Sunday, Sept 3, 11:00 a.m. sanctuary. We would like to see 3 slides of your holiday (doesn't matter when) and hear your brief reflection on a highlight and lowlight of your trip and why we travel. Please bring slides on USB over the next weeks and we'll assemble a slideshow on the sanctuary computer. Feel free to bring other souvenirs or European chocolates!

MC SK Updates:

***In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager.** Duties include all kinds of tasks involved in maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, vehicles, and equipment; general facility maintenance; and snow removal in winter. We are looking for someone with the following: working knowledge in some combination in the areas of plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical or general construction; experience supervising staff and volunteers, a willingness to uphold Mennonite/Anabaptist practices. Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact director@shekinah.ca or submit resume to director@shekinah.ca

CMU Faith Community Matching Grant – Undergraduate students attending CMU who receive financial support from their faith community can have that support matched by CMU up to \$250 per semester, to a maximum of \$500 per year. Visit cmu.ca/church-matching for more information.

CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (GSTM) – Know of anyone considering graduate-level studies in theology? All GSTM courses are offered in person and online, plus there are seven full-time scholarships available. Visit cmu.ca/gstm for more information.

renew 2024 – Pastor and Church Leader Conference is taking place at CMU on February 5-6, 2024. Our topic this year is “Leading with Hope in Anxious Times.” Visit cmu.ca/renew for information as it becomes available.

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle. Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Learn about topics such as Anabaptist approaches to Scripture, peace and justice in the Bible, and transforming congregational conflict. Take four noncredit online courses in 2023–24 for only \$995 total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) No grades, no papers! Each course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

MCC Connects: We are excited to announce that MCC has a new website! It is easier to use, story-driven, and includes more ways to engage with relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. Take a look around at [Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](http://Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee (mcc.org))

***Notebooks and pencils** are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for the School Kit Challenge! Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>

***Theatre of the Beat** will be in at OMC Sunday Oct 15th, 7:00 p.m. with the show *I Love You and it Hurts*. It is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships.

Commonword

*Watch and share a video introduction to The Peace Table Storybook Bible. <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3564>

Buy or borrow The Peace Table <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3344>

*Luke is the 36th volume in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series; now with a complete gospel commentary set. Buy or borrow here - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3412>

*Through our collaboration with Together in Worship, multiple artists have shared their new songs with us – available for your personal and congregational use - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3570>

Church Seasonal Resources To Buy, Borrow, Access Online (includes Together in Worship resources) <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2350>

*Free peace bookmarks from Lois Siemens on Lobby table.

Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together

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