



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 20, 2022

“Love Your Enemies”

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: *(Adapted from Psalm 37, by David Adam)*

L: “Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for the Lord to act.”

P: Lord, help me to relax.

L: Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible.

P: Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture.

P: Take from me the worries that blind my sight.

L: Take from me the distress that hides your joy.

P: Help me to know that I am with you,

L: that I am in your care, that I am in your love,

ALL: that you and I are one.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:4-11, 15 *(NRSV)*

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over

all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! X3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I’m gon-na let it shine

Jesus gave it to me...

Shine, shine, shine...

Children’s Time: Patty Friesen

Offering Prayer

We will bless you as long as we live. Through the breath you have given, the words that we utter, the work of our minds and hands, and the gifts of our inheritance, we give back to you so that all may sit in the shadow of your wings and share the joy of your abundance. *Amen.*

Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-restful winter break for students and teachers

-Jake Buhler’s recovery

-ongoing prayers for the escalating situation in the Ukraine

-uncertainty & anxiety in the community due to shifting restrictions around COVID

-Congratulations to Rhonda Hildebrand Gascho & John Gascho on the birth of their new granddaughter Adalynn Marie Gascho.

Hymn

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone

Announcements

Today - Voices Together Adult Education - 11:00 a.m. in buffet room.
Please bring Hymnal, worship leaders edition and bulletin to class.

Intergenerational Drop-In Pickleball Tuesday nights at 7:00 and
Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. No athletic talent required. Come for
fun. Fans welcome.

***Next Sunday, February 27** is Transfiguration Sunday & Communion

***February 27 - Kids and Youth Sunday School** resumes in person

***Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent Begins!** There will be a prayer
posted on Facebook.

***Sunday, Mar 6 at 11:00 am Lent Adult Education** in Room 3
(*Meditation Room*) using "Seeking God's Ways" the weekly Lenten
Prayer Guide which is available on lobby table.

*Other notable dates: Maundy Thursday April 14; Good Friday April 15
and Easter Sunday April 17.

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 20 10:00 am George Janzen

Feb 24 MegaMenno Ski Trip

Feb 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Transfiguration Sunday*

Feb 28 7:30 pm Worship Committee mtg

Mar 4 6:30 pm OMC Youth Event at church in person

Mar 2 Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

Mar 6 10:00 am Jan Bigland Pritchard – *Lent begins*

Mar 6 11:00 am Deacon mtg

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP Feb 27 Transfiguration & Communion

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kevin

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Kathy

Sound: Matt

Usher: Anna

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From the Re-opening Committee. As you are aware, Saskatchewan is lifting all COVID restrictions including masking as of the end of February. The public health officials feel this is too quick and the most current statistics appear to be showing that hospitalizations are still very high. With that and congregational safety in mind, we will be continuing with masks in the church for the month of March. The exceptions will be that the speaker and the worship leader can remove their masks while speaking. Food services will also remain closed. We will be reviewing this decision late in March. Thanks again for your patience as we near the end of this phase of the pandemic.

***“Volunteer Needed in refugee welcome program”** *From Mark Bigland-Pritchard MCC Sask.* I will be arranging visits to some of the people who have arrived in the last year through our private refugee sponsorship program. Out of concern to comply with MCC’s safeguarding principles, I am looking for a volunteer to accompany me on those visits (many of which are to vulnerable people). It could be a good experience for some of the young people in your congregation, or for someone who is considering getting involved in the future in a refugee sponsorship group. If interested, please contact markbiglandpritchard@mccsask.ca



Wishing everyone a happy ‘Winter Break Week’

MC Sask Updates:

***MC Sask 2022 Annual Delegate Sessions - Saturday, March 12, 2022 Youth Farm Bible Camp, Rosthern. Hybrid event with masking required for in person attendance. Registration is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602> Report book available now at <https://mcsask.ca/cell/richtext/default/id/10857>**

***It's not too late! Deadline is extended! Calling all singers!** Join voices across the country in singing "Greater Things Than These," a song commissioned for Gathering 2022 in Edmonton and written by Phil Campbell Enns. **Deadline March 1.** For the music and instructions on how to upload your recording visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022>

***Shekinah Retreat Centre Updates:**

We are **looking for a number of workers for spring / summer 2022.** We need summer camp staff - Camp Leader, Kitchen Coordinator, and Counsellors. In addition, we need hospitality, school program, and maintenance workers. These jobs are either 8 or 16 weeks in length. For more information, go to: <https://shekinah.ca/news/2022/shekinah-is-looking-for-spring-summer-workers>

ALSO looking for...

***Full-time, permanent Administrative / Hospitality Coordinator.**

This person will keep our busy office going and will work closely with guests to make sure their needs are met. For more information: : <https://shekinah.ca/news/2022/shekinah-is-looking-for-an-administrative-hospitality-coordinator>

***MC Canada Gathering 2022, Edmonton, AB Friday, July 29 -**

Monday, August. Join us on Treaty 6 territory as we re-examine what it means to tell the Good News and bear witness to the Gospel of peace.

Watch the invitation video from MC Alberta at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xJ-KlJs1kQ>