



# 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*

*Lent 3 - March 20, 2022*

*“From Earning to Receiving”*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**Focus:** As we seek God’s way, we move from believing that we must earn our nourishment, our privileges, even our identity as God’s children, to an understanding that abundant life is a gift from God to all.

## **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways;  
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God’s invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert  
and delightful food to share**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

**People: without money and without price.**

*All: So let us praise God and sing for you.*

## **Prayer of Invocation:**

Gracious God, may our rich feast be an open ear to listen. May our rich feast be a song that springs forth from the heart. May our rich feast be a word of praise on our lips. May our rich feast grow as a gift, simple nutrients slowly nourishing the soil, patient as a tree. May we trust that the fruit will come. May we trust that Jesus is providing – the earth, the water, the air, the ear, the heart, the lips, the hands, the tools for the work-and that we are invited to take our place at the table, a table set long before our arrival. Amen.

**Hymn: VT #49  
VT #9**

**“All Who Are Thirsty”**

**“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy food and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money, without price! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you will eat well, you will delight in rich fare; bend your ear and come to me, listen, that you may have life: I will make an everlasting Covenant with you—in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David. See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the nations. See, you will summon nations you never knew, and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you—for the sake of YHWH, the Holy One of Israel, who will glorify you. Seek me, YHWH, while I may still be found, call upon me while I am near! Let the corrupt abandon their ways, the evil their thoughts. Let them return to YHWH, and I will have mercy on them; return to God, for I will freely pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways,” says YHWH. “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsive reading:**

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

*All: Lord, move us away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.*

**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!

**Children’s Time:** Marlene Campbell

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

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

- condolence to the family of Anne Friesen who died March 13; her ashes were buried with her husband on March 18
- continued prayers for the end of violence in Ukraine
- that Patty’s Mom may feel welcomed into Bethany Manor
- safety on icy roads & streets!
- safety for Matt, Julie and family on their European travels

**Lenten prayer of confession** (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our way are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for acting as if we must earn your love. Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

*All: and follow your way more faithfully.*

**Hymn: VT #419 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Scripture Reading:** 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.’”

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 #215 “Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee”**

**Sermon: From Earning to Receiving**

**Hymn: VT #458 The Water Is Ready”**

**Benediction:** From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of receiving. May you let go of your feelings of unworthiness and accept God's abundant gifts. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

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

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP *Third Sunday of Lent***

Speaker: Nora Pederberg      Worship Leader: Adeline Cox  
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta      Accompanist: Naomi  
Children's Time: Marlene      Sound: James/Keri      Usher: Bill  
Children's Sunday School: Loretta, Rachel & Sarah

**Patty's Week:** *Moving Mom to Bethany*; Fri – Anne Friesen Memorial

**Nora's Week:** Wed, Thur, Fri, Sun

**Birthday this week:** Sandra MacArthur & Liam Boldt

### **TODAY**

Terry Stefaniuk is speaking in the Hague Community Church

#### **Announcements**

**\*Bethany Manor** is seeking a temporary full-time Finance and Accounting Manager to fill a 12-month maternity leave, with the potential extension to 18 months. Email resume and cover letter to [melanie@b55.ca](mailto:melanie@b55.ca)

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! The MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale is coming June 2022. We are now accepting donations for various auction items. Contact Marg Epp at 306-381-7059 or [mepp@sasktel.net](mailto:mepp@sasktel.net) to make your donation. We ask all donations include product use and care information, and begin at a minimum \$50 in value.

**MCC is accepting donations** to support its response to the crisis in Ukraine. We will be focused on building up existing programs that support vulnerable people and extending those services to internally displaced populations.

MCC's response will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages.

**CommonWord Webinar: 100 Years of Mennonite Central Committee.** Join Alain Epp Weaver, Esther Epp-Tiessen, and César Flores for an online conversation on **Thursday, April 7** at 7:00 PM CDT. Hear about MCC's 100-year history of service and reconciliation, including the complicated ways Christian service has been intertwined with colonialism, racism, and regimes of power. Visit [commonword.ca/go/2314](http://commonword.ca/go/2314) to register

### **MC Sask Updates**

The search for an **Executive Minister** is ongoing. For the job description, with preferred qualifications and current responsibilities, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) or contact Andrea Enns-Gooding at [searchcommittee@mcsask.ca](mailto:searchcommittee@mcsask.ca).

**Registration for Amplify!** is now open. Come join other youth from across the country for a week off fun and praise. July 31-August 4  
**Save the date!** MC Sask Women's Retreat is booked for May 13-14 at Shekinah.

**Coro Nova SATB Choir Spring Concert** - We are back singing again and happy to share an evening of song with you! Please join us for our first concert in over 2 years on **Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets are \$10 at the door, children free. Doors open at 7pm! Masks and double vaccinations are encouraged.

**RJC employment opportunity** – needed Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE) For more information visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca). Come and join our team!

**Shekinah Retreat Centre** is looking for summer workers and also a full-time, permanent Administrative/Hospitality coordinator.  
<https://shekinah.ca>

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**CMU Campus Visit Day** on March 29 or 30 – Potential students are invited to a half-day in-person experience. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet profs and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café. Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

**Music at CMU Open House**, March 31, 1:30-4:00 PM CST – For those considering a Bachelor of Music, Music Therapy, or a Bachelor of Arts

with a Music major. Meet with professors, discover what classes are like, and tour the campus. To register visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit)

**Camp Elim** Is looking for staff. Check the poster on the bulletin board.

***Walking the Path*** is a 10-year-old Mennonite Church Sask Committee that seeks to improve relations between First Nations and non-First Nations peoples. It is making a film called *Stewards of the Land* which is set at Ancient Echoes near Herschel. See your mailbox for more information. Or talk to Jake Buhler

**\*Another wave of COVID restrictions is sweeping across China**, resulting in the closing of small house churches. Pray that leaders will have wisdom to know how to care for the believers and to encourage them to love and peaceful living in a difficult time

### OMC CALENDAR

**Mar 20 10:00 am Nora Pederberg**

**Mar 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen**

Mar 28 7:30 pm Worship Comm mtg

**Apr 3 10:00 am Nora Pederberg**

Apr 6 1:00 pm Education Comm mtg

Apr 1 Youth Event

**Apr 10 10:00 am Patty Friesen**

**NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP March 27 *Fourth Sunday of Lent***

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna                      Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Wilf                      Sound: Matthew                      Usher: Lloyd

Children's Sunday School: Loretta, Rachel & Sarah

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