



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 20, 2024

The Church: Belief, Behaviour and Belonging

Prelude

Welcome/land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 91:9-16 *Inclusive Bible*

L: Because you have made me your refuge and have me as your stronghold, no evil will befall you, and no disaster will come near your tent. For I will command my angels to guard you wherever you go. They'll carry you in their hands so you don't hurt your foot on a stone.

C: Because you love me, I will deliver you; I will rescue you because you acknowledge my Name. You will call upon me, and I will answer you.

L: I will be with you in trouble; I will deliver you and honour you. I will satisfy you with a long life and show you my salvation.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry
VT #619 In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting**

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely the Righteous One has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

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 – elections – local & provincial

Thanksgiving - thanksgiving for health recoveries

Candle Prayers for our inner desires and peace of the world

Hymn: VT #551 Beautiful Things

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers

lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Humanity came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 #458 The Water Is Ready

**Sermon: Shared Convictions 4 -7:
The Church: Belief, Behaviour and Belonging**

Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

Benediction: Christ has no body but ours. Ours are the hands, feet and eyes with which Christ’s compassion moves through the world. Go in the peace and love of Christ. Amen.

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Oct 20 *Shared Convictions #4-7*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Benjamin, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kathy Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Bill/Anne

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Garry Boldt

Sunday School: Lynette with Zoe & Nora

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

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty’s Week: Mon. Exec; Tues. sermon; Weds. Bible, Faspa; Fri.

Office; Sun. Off

Luke’s Week:

Birthdays 25 – Diane McKinnell

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Oct 20 – Louise/Wilf

CALENDAR

October Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount, Wednesdays 10:30 a.m., with Michael Pahl, MC Manitoba on Zoom Coffee Room.

Sun. Oct 20 – 10:00 am Patty preaching on 7 Shared Convictions:
#4-7 The Church

11:11 am Deacon's sharing in Youth room

Mon. Oct 21 6:00 pm Exec. Mtg

Wed. Oct 23 6:00 Faspa & Conversation

Sun. Oct 27 – 10:00 am Luke preaching *Demons in Mark's Gospel*

11:11 Comm. Connection mtg

Mon. Oct 28 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ John Reddekopp's house

Tues. Oct 29 – 7:00 pm OMC Book Club in the Coffee Room

A Psalm for the Wild-Built by *Becky Chambers*. Everyone responsible to find their own book. Men & Youth welcome

Sun. Nov 3 – 10:00 am Jeanette Hanson & Pastor Yin Hongtao

MC Canada International Witness

October Faspa and Conversation: Greening Church Buildings,

Weds. Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m. with Sandy Plett, MC Can Environment Coordinator on Zoom in the Coffee room

Do you feel lost trying to navigate changes in your life? **Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey**, is an online course from the Center for Action and Contemplation, based on Richard Rohr's content on the concept of Falling Upward. It offers wisdom for transformation and self-discovery. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning October 23rd, at 7:30 pm, for this 15-week course and discover what it feels like when the soul finds its fullness. *Talk to Dave, Harold, or John G for further details*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to update our subscription list for the *Canadian Mennonite*. Under the *Every Home Plan*, everyone who attends church is eligible to subscribe. Many of our church members have been subscribing for years, but we want to ensure that newcomers to the church also have access to the magazine. If you wish to change your subscription – it is available in print and digital formats, or if you don't receive it and wish too, please let the office know by October 25.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Consider gifting your pastor(s) with a CommonWord gift card! Applicable anywhere in Canada – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/giftcard>.

Please join Shekinah Board and Summer Staff for: 45 Years of S'mores: A buffet of Shekinah Desserts and Sweets. This fundraiser will be Saturday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. @ Bethany Manor. Musical entertainment is provided by Monica Steinke (2023 & 2024 counsellor) and sharing about the summer camp program will be provided by staff and campers! All are welcome.

Planning is beginning for the December 1 celebration, A Very Shekinah Christmas. 38 dozen cookies and squares are needed to feed the festivities! Please consider signing up to bring a few dozen goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Arrangements can be made to deliver baking to Shekinah. Contact Julie with questions.

MCC Connects: The 7th season of Grow Hope Saskatchewan is coming to a close on October 31. Globally, there are millions of people who do not get enough to eat every day. There are still 68 acres remaining of the 428 acres available this year that need to be sponsored. As little as \$15 can provide food assistance to one person for a month, and \$350 can sponsor one acre and support up to 200 people for a month. The Canadian government matches donations up to 4:1. For more information and to donate, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>.

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - The Tonight Show at RJC!
With Your Host: Corey Ginther (1990) | Join us on October 26, 2024 for an evening of conversations and entertainment with RJC alumni, friends, and students. \$25/person or \$200/table. Tickets on sale October 1, 2024. Call (306) 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Annual Corporation Meeting | 5:00pm, Saturday, October 26 We invite the extended RJC community to join us for our Annual Corporation Meeting in the RJC High School Chapel. The 2023-24 RJC Corporation Book can be found on our website here and audited financial statements are available upon request from executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca. (new)

RJC Spend-a-day | Students in Grades 8-11 who would like to experience a day in the life of an RJC student are invited to join us on October 30, 2024. Email Alex at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 for more information or to register.

RJC Employment Opportunity: Teacher | RJC High School is inviting applications for a temporary, full-time teaching position for an anticipated maternity leave. All applications will be considered, but teaching experience in senior mathematics would be an asset. To apply, or for more information, contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

MC Sask News:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the hiring of Evan Bueckert as Interim Youth Ministry Minister. Evan will together with the congregational leadership to promote and support ministry for youth in MC Sask congregations and communities and will cover the 2024-25 school year and travel to the MC Canada Gathering in July, 2025. For details go to <https://mcsask.ca/news/11843>

The Mennonite Historical Society is hosting a 6-week CMU Xplore course via Zoom: "The Great Soviet Experiment: A Postmortem." The one-hour class will be held in the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., beginning October 10 and ending November 14. Instructor is Leonard G. Friesen. We invite you to join the class; no pre-registration is needed.

45 years of S'mores: A Camp Shekinah Dessert Buffet and Fundraiser Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Hall. Call the office at 306 945-4929 to pre-register. (new)

InCERT – Climate change good news shared by ClimateHero

(<https://www.climatehero.org/en>): In China, new energy vehicles have outsold gas or diesel fueled vehicles. Read the story here: https://www.cnn.com/2024/08/09/more-than-half-of-new-cars-sold-in-china-are-now-electric-or-hybrid.html?_s=xxxxxxx

CMU Discover Day: Full- or half-day options available on October 25. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, ask questions and have lunch and treats on us! Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register. (new)

"Preaching Exilic Hope in the Climate Crisis" (Zoom webinar) with Dr. Jerusha Neal, Oct 25, 2024, 11am – 1pm CDT. The climate crisis raises questions of breadth and depth that touch our deepest theological convictions. This workshop will model what it means to preach honest, grounded hope in the face of ecological loss - underscoring the vital role that preaching has to play in this season of crisis. More information and sign up here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action/fall2024>

Join us at this year's MCC Saskatchewan Peace Conference, "Climate Action for Peace", on November 2, 2024 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, where we will explore the connections between peacebuilding and a changing climate. We'll hear from author Leah Reesor-Keller, former MCC staff James and Joan Alty, and local churches and MCC partners. Lunch will be a nature-inspired feast, curated by Métis Chef Jenni Lessard! To learn more and register, visit [Peace Conference SK 2024 | Climate Action For Peace | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](#). (new)

This fall, Mennonite World Conference shared a word of encouragement from the MWC Faith & Life Commission and the Creation Care Task Force. Check out these two articles that “remind us that we already share a basis for us to respond as a family of faith to the environmental crisis.”

* God so loved the cosmos... [<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/god-so-loved-cosmos>]

* Faithfulness in action [<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/faithfulness-action>]

Youth News

October 26th 5-7pm @ OMC Outdoor Fall activity -weather permitting

November 2nd MCC Peace Conference Sharing

Erika Thogersen from MCC who led some sessions about climate change with our group was very impressed with what our youth had to say and their investment in the climate. She would like our group to share about some of our ideas, things we have learned, and our Green Fund from 11:00-11:25 am on November 2nd. If there are a few youths who would be willing to come and share that would be great. We can work together as a group to plan a presentation that represents those who cannot attend (perhaps on October 27th during Sunday School). The conference runs from 9-4pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. They

are not expecting the youth to stay the whole day, but if anyone is planning to come share and wants to stay for lunch please let me know in the next week so they can order the right amount of food. Here is a link to the event, perhaps we as a group could attend the morning together and do our presentation and then depart after lunch.

<https://mcc.org/events/peace-conference-sk-2024-climate-action-peace>

November 30th Town of Osler Craft and Bake Sale 10:00am-2:30pm

There is a Christmas market that takes place for the Town of Osler's Christmas kick off. For fundraising for our trip, I was hoping to put a call out to our church to have a table at the Christmas Market. If you are a crafter or a baker, it would be great to start thinking about something you would like to contribute. We also might need a few people to run the table during this time.

December 1st Gingerbread House Auction After Church

We have already started making plans for the gingerbread houses that we will auction off at the December 1st Potluck. This will give a chance for the congregation to support the youth. We will construct our gingerbread houses at around this time as a youth event.

December 10th and 11th Serving at Bethany Manor

I am hoping to get some help from the wider MC Sask churches for these events. Bethany Manor has two Christmas banquets for residents and asked if some youth would be willing to help serve. They give an honorarium to groups that volunteer, and this money would go towards our Ontario 2025 trip.

Luke Bushman

NEXT SUNDAY Oct 27 *Demons in the Gospel of Mark*

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