

**MCC Connects:** We want to lift our voices together in prayer for everyone in the world and in our own communities, especially those most vulnerable and most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Help encourage others by sharing your prayers and the location you are praying from. [#mccdaytopray](#)

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*  
*Philippians 4*

**\*Friendship Inn:** If anyone wants to drop off donations, they can do that at the side door. If purchased items are accompanied by original receipt, they will issue tax receipt for donation. The list on their website includes 16 oz containers with lids, paper bags, bread, mayonnaise, cheese slices, whole fruit, bottled water, disinfectant spray, wipes and toilet paper.

### OMC CALENDAR

- Apr 1 Wednesday Adult Bible Study available via Zoom. Please contact Patty if you would like to join.  
Apr 15 Executive meeting 5:30 pm via Zoom  
Council Meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox  
Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen  
Sound: Stephanie Siemens

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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 29, 2020

**Lent 5: Show us, God, your power over death itself.**

Welcome / Announcements

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: In ancient times, Yahweh asked the prophet,  
“Do you believe these dead bones can live again?”

**People: The prophet answered, “O God, you know!”**

Leader: In the time of Jesus, he asked Martha,  
“Do you believe I am the resurrection and the life?”

**People: Martha answered, “Yes, Lord, I believe.”**

Leader: Today God asks, “Do you trust that mourning can turn into  
Joy? That your weary bones will live again?”

**People: We answer, “O God, show us!”**

**Invocation: (A prayer by Carol Penner, in the Worship Resource)**

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #1 “What is this place”**  
**Blue/HWB #46 “I sing the mighty power of God”**

**Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me**

Children's Time: Lynette Janzen: “The Boy and the Ocean” by Max Lucado, paintings by T. Lively Fluharty

Offertory Prayer / Offertory music

Scripture reading: Psalm 130

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #577 “O love that will not let me go”**

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

**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!**

**Hymn: Green/SJ #35 “O breath of Life”**

Sermon: “Lazarus Unbound” Patty Friesen  
Ritual of Response / Extinguish Candle

**Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #323 “Beyond a dying sun” vs 1-2**

**Spoken Benediction:** Come out! Jesus cries, calling us from our tombs into a world full of grace and possibility. Go out! Jesus commands, calling us into the world to live as God’s resurrected people. Go in peace.

**Sung Benediction: Verse 3 of “Beyond a dying sun”**

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**To all our visitors: WELCOME.** We are delighted that you are worshipping 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.

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

**Offering** can be e-transferred to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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**THIS WEEK:**

- **Wed, April 1: Adult Bible Study available via Zoom.** Contact Patty via text, call or email if you would like to join.
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**Nora, Patty, and Loretta’s Hours:** OMC staff has been encouraged to work remotely as much as possible and practice social distancing. Please continue to call and e-mail to connect with us at this time.

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**NEXT SUNDAY: April 5 : Palm Sunday**

“The Path of Humility” by Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg

Children’s Time: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Apr 10 Possible live-streaming Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.**

**Apr 12 Easter Sunday.** “Don’t Explain It” by Patty Friesen.  
Membership transfer: Alex Tiessen.

**Apr 19** Julie Bergen preaching

**Apr 26** Nora Pederberg preaching

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**Remember in Prayer:**

-unemployed folks

-OMC small business owners

-parents and children at home.

-all those travelling home

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Worship Services will continue to be live-stream only indefinitely, the congregation will be notified when in-person services resume!

\***Congratulations to Julie Bergen** who begins her new job as official Spiritual Care Educator at St Paul’s on April 1 and that’s no joke!

\***Thank you to the worship committee** for their extra work and creativity during this time and Loretta for extra communications. Thank you to everyone who is able to continue offerings for our ongoing church and community work. Offerings can be mailed to OMC, Box 129, Osler, S0K 3A0, e-transferred to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com) or it’s easy to set up direct deposit.

\***Fill the Freezer campaign:** it is cathartic to make soup these days at home to fill the deacons’ freezer for those in isolation.

**\*Isolation Resources at church for pick-up or delivery:** please call or text Patty 306-260-6069 or Nora 306-260-6552 for conversation, CDs of Mennonite singing, art supplies for children, inspirational videos, books, magazines, prayer shawls, prayer books and other prayer resources, frozen soup and community garden potatoes.

**Post Pandemic Party:** Save all the poetry, art, dance, songs you have created from this time for a Post Pandemic Party.

**\*Lent Bible Study led by George on lectionary passages for upcoming Sunday services: Via Zoom.**

**Wednesday, April 1:** Isaiah 50:4-92; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; and for Easter Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

\*MDS announced that they are suspending all spring and summer projects so our OMC Art Zach memorial trip is postponed.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, YHWH!

<sup>2</sup> God, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

To my voice, my cries for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you kept track of our sins, YHWH,  
Who could stand before you?

<sup>4</sup> But with you is forgiveness,  
And for this we revere you.

<sup>5</sup> So I wait for you, YHWH –  
My soul waits,

And in your word I place my trust.

<sup>6</sup> My soul longs for you, YHWH,  
More than sentinels long for the dawn,  
More than sentinels long for the dawn.

<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in YHWH,  
For with YHWH is abundant love  
And the fullness of deliverance;

<sup>8</sup> God will deliver Israel  
From all its failings.

### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley – a valley full of bones.

<sup>2</sup> God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?”  
I answered, “Only you know that Sovereign YHWH.”

<sup>4</sup> And God said, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: ‘Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH!’ <sup>5</sup> Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breath life into you. <sup>6</sup> I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. <sup>8</sup> As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then God said to me, “Prophesy to the wind; prophesy mere mortal, and say to it: ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath and breath on these slain, that they may live.’”

<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet – a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said to me, Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.’ <sup>12</sup> Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. <sup>14</sup> Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.’”