

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
October 25, 2020

Worship Leader: Julie Bergen for Nora Pederberg
Children's Time: Jake Buhler
Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Bill Peters, Harold Loewen

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Leader: YHWH, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

People: Before the mountains were born, you brought forth the earth and the world; you are God without beginning or end.

Leader: You turn humankind back into dust and say: "Go back, creatures of the earth!"

People: For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep us away like a dream, fleeting as the grass that springs up in the morning –

People: in the morning it sprouts, but by evening it has withered and died.

Leader: YHWH, relent! How long before you have mercy on your faithful ones?

People: When morning comes, fill us with your love, and we will celebrate all our days.

Leader: Give us joy for as many days as you afflicted us, for as many years as we knew misfortune! Let your work be seen by your faithful, your glory be witnessed by their children.

People: Let YHWH's favor be upon us! Grant success to the work of our hands, success to the work of our hands.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #70 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise 70

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Great God of all glo - ry, great God of all light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might,
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Scripture Reading: Read on video by Lois Siemens. Deuteronomy 34 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the headland of Pisgah which faces Jericho and Yahweh showed him all the land - Gilead as far as Dan, all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negev and the stretch of the valley of Jericho, the city of Palms, and as far as Zoar. Then Yahweh said to Moses, "This is the land I swore to Sarah and Abraham, to Rebecca and Isaac, to Leah, Rachel and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you will not cross over."

So there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God died as Yahweh decreed, and he was buried in the valley opposite Beth Peor in the land of Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact burial place. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyesight was strong and he was still quite vigorous. For thirty days the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab, until they had completed the period of grief and mourning.

Now Joshua ben-Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the Israelites gave him their obedience, carrying out the order God had given to Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to face.

There is no equal to all the signs and wonders Yahweh our God caused Moses to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all of Pharaoh's officials and the whole land. How mighty the hand and how terrifying the displays of power that Moses wielded in the sight of all Israel!

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Offering Prayer / Offertory

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com or dropped in the baskets on your way out of the sanctuary.

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"

553 I am weak and I need thy strength

*LEAD ME, GUIDE ME Irregular with refrain

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and
2 Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
3 I am lost if you take your hand from

pow'r to help me o - ver my weak - est
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
me. I am blind with - out thy light to

hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
press. I am put - ting all my trust in
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant

see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: 36 “Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?” 37 Jesus answered: “ ‘You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 “That is the greatest and first commandment. 39 The second is like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.”

41 While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: 42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?” They said, “David’s.” 43 Then Jesus asked, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign’? For he says, 44 ‘The Most High said to my Sovereign, ‘Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.’ ’ 45 “If David calls the Messiah ‘Sovereign,’ how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?” 46 No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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!**

Special Music

Hymn: Blue/HWB #372 "O healing river"

PRAYING: For the world

O healing river **372**

Irregular

1 O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2 This land is parch - ing, this land is
3 Let the seed of free - dom a - wake and

wa - ters, send down your wa - ters
burn - ing, no seed is grow - ing
flour - ish, let the deep roots nour - ish,

up - on this land. O heal - ing
in the bar - ren ground. O heal - ing
let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing

riv - er, send down your wa - ters, and wash the
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing

blood from off the sand.
riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
riv - er, from out of the skies.

Text: anonymous
Music: Traditional hymn melody

Sermon: "The Land We Belong To" Julie Bergen

Hymn of Response: Green/SJ #95 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

FAITH JOURNEY

95 I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON 10 7, 10 8 with refrain

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear Sun of Right-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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Music: Kathleen Thomerson
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Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**For those people worshipping with us here at church, please remain in your seats until the ushers indicate that it is your turn to exit. You may go directly outside, or stay in peace at a safe distance and visit in the sanctuary or lobby.*

Benediction: *(adapted from Rev. Won Hur)*

Let us go forth called to God who continues to guide us: attending to our stories, healing us as all on this sacred land, showing us how to live in right relations. God promises to bless and encourage us on the path of respect. So go with the peace and promise of God, the energy of the Spirit of Love, and the passion of Jesus. Amen.