

# Osler Mennonite Church

## Sunday Worship Service

October 4, 2020

**Worship Leader:** Alex Tiessen

**Song Leaders:** Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler

**Pianist:** Naomi Schellenberg

**Children's Time:** Marlene Campbell

**Sound:** Matthew Stefaniuk

**Ushers:** Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

**Call to Worship:** At the Door (or at a Cross)

*Adapted from "Common Prayer"*

Leader: Christ, in our coming and in our leaving.

The Door and the Keeper; for us and our dear ones,

This day and every day, Blessing for always. Amen.

**All: We call upon the Sacred Three**

**To save, shield, and surround**

**This place, this church, this home,**

**This day, this night, and all time. Amen**

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn:** Blue/HWB #26 "Holy Spirit, come with power"

## 26 Holy Spirit, come with power

BEACH SPRING 87. 87D

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with pow - er, breathe in - to our  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with fi - re, burn us with your  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage, burn and breathe each

ach - ing night. We ex - pect you this glad ho - ur, wait - ing  
 pres - ence new. Let us as one might - y cho - ir sing our  
 word a - new deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we

for your strength and light. We are fear - ful, we are  
 hymn of praise to you. Burn a - way our wast - ed  
 strive your work to do. Teach us love and trust - ing

ail - ing, we are weak and self - ish too. Break up -  
 sad - ness and en - flame us with your love. Burst up -  
 kind - ness, lend our hands to those who hurt. Breathe up -

on your con - gre - ga - tion, give us vig - or, life a - new.  
 on your con - gre - ga - tion, give us glad - ness from a - bove.  
 on your con - gre - ga - tion and in - spire us with your word.

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"  
Children's Time: Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer / Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #367 "For the healing of the nations"**

PRAYING: For the world

**367 For the healing of the nations**  
REGENT SQUARE 87. 87. 87

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2 Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom. From des - pair your  
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind. For our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
all may come and go in peace. Show us how, through  
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness, fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - tin - y may find.

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**Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46** (Inclusive Bible)

“Listen to another parable. There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, installed a winepress and erected a tower. Then the owner leased it out to tenant farmers and went on a journey. 34 “ When vintage time arrived, the owner sent aides to the tenants to divide the shares of the grapes. 35 The tenants responded by seizing the aides. They beat one, killed another and stoned a third. 36 A second time the owner sent even more aides than before, but they treated them the same way. 37 Finally, the owner sent the family heir to them, thinking, ‘ They will respect my heir.’ 38 “ When the vine growers saw the heir, they said to one another, ‘ Here’s the one who stands in the way of our having everything. With a single act of murder we could seize the inheritance.’ 39 With that, they grabbed and killed the heir outside the vineyard.

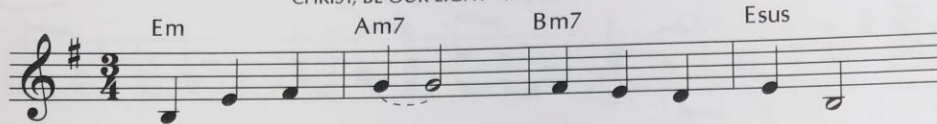
40 What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to those tenants?” 41 They replied, “ The owner will bring that wicked crowd to a horrible death and lease the vineyard out to others, who will see to it that there are grapes for the proprietor at vintage time.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Did you ever read in the scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; it was our God’s doing and we find it marvelous to behold’? 43 “That’s why I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will bear its fruit. 44 “Those who fall on this stone will be dashed to pieces, and those on whom it falls will be smashed.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard these parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. 46 Although they sought to arrest him, they feared the crowds, who regarded Jesus as a prophet.

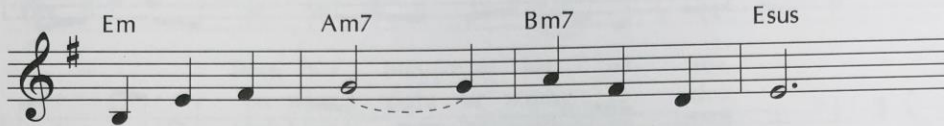
**Hymn: Green/SJ #54**      **“Longing for light”**

# Longing for light

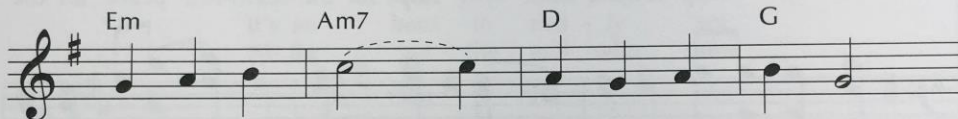
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain



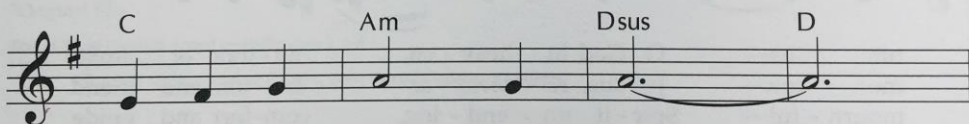
1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness.  
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled.  
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry.  
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less.  
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,



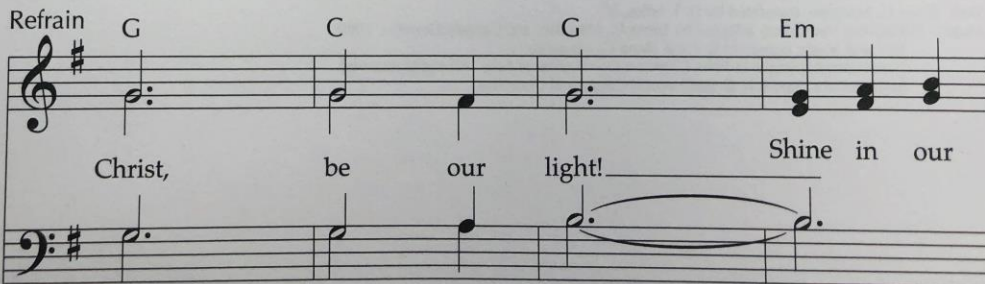
1 Long-ing for truth, — we turn to you.  
 2 Long-ing for hope, — man - y de - spair.  
 3 Long-ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
 4 Long-ing for warmth, — man - y are cold.  
 5 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



1 Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 2 Your word a - lone, — has pow'r to save us.  
 3 Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 4 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 5 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



1 light for the world to see.  
 2 Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 3 shared un - til all are fed.  
 4 walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 5 mak - ing your king - dom come.



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PRAYING

hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church

gath - ered to - day.

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Inclusive Bible)**

If they think they have the right to put their trust in external evidence, I have even more right! 5 I was circumcised on the eighth day, being of the stock of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew origins; in legal observance I was a Pharisee, 6 and so zealous that I persecuted the church. I was above reproach when it came to justice based on the Law. 7 But those things I used to consider gain, I now count as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss in light of the surpassing knowledge of my Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake I have forfeited everything. I count everything else as garbage, so that

Christ may be my wealth— 9 indeed, that I may be found in Christ, not having any justice of my own based on observance of the Law. The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ. It has its origin in God and is based on faith.

10 All I want is to know Christ, and the power of the resurrection, and how to share in Christ's sufferings by being formed into the pattern of Jesus' death— 11 perhaps even to arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

12 It's not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I'm running the race in order to grab hold of the prize if possible, since Christ Jesus has grabbed hold of me. 13 Sisters and brothers, I don't think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind, but I push on to what is ahead. 14 My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**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!**

Sermon: "Moving Forward" Dave Feick

**Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #323 "Beyond a dying sun"**

PROCLAIMING: Kingdom

# 323 Beyond a dying sun

ENGL 14 10. 14 10 with refrain

1 Be - yond a dy - ing sun I saw a vi - sion on the sea  
2 For God at last shall wipe a - way the tears from ev - 'ry eye.  
3 Though ha - tred ra - ges on the wind and wars de - file the land,

of gold - en sails full bil - lowed on the wind. (on the wind.)  
The sting of death shall pierce the heart no more. (heart no more.)  
I see those gold - en sails still com - ing strong, (com - ing strong.)

And e - cho - ing a - bove the waves a voice called af - ter me,  
When griev - ing turns to laugh - ter all the pain from us shall fly,  
for through the eyes of faith still shines the vi - sion of the Lamb,

"God's dwell - ing place is with you till the end." (till the end.)  
and form - er ways lie bleached up - on the shore. (on the shore.)  
and o'er a wea - ry earth there rings this song. (rings this song.)

Refrain  
I see a new world com - ing when ev - 'ry - one is free! And

all shall be God's peo - ple in jus - tice, love and peace.



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Spoken Benediction:

Leader: Now may the Lord Jesus bless your soul and strengthen your faith.

Let this hour of worship grow within you and bear fruit which will remain for life eternal.

**All: We will together praise and glorify our God forever.**

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