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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

September 20, 2020

OMC CALENDAR

- Sept 21 Kids Weekly Bible School zoom begins, 7:00 pm
Sept 22 The Artists Way zoom 2:00 pm
Sept 23 Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1 pm
Sept 24 Youth weekly Group / Bible School begins, 7:00 pm

Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services:

- Sept 27** Patty Friesen preaching
Oct 4 Dave Feick preaching
Oct 11 Thanksgiving Sunday: Patty Friesen preaching
Oct 18 Heather Ewen-Peters (MCC SK) preaching

Song leaders: Ben Buhler, Lynette Janzen

Worship Leader: Julie Bergen Sound: Doug McKinnell

Pianist: Lynette Janzen Children's Time: Nora Pederberg

Ushers: Anna Peters, Harold Loewen

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis.

When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat" Exodus 16:14, 15b

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation: Hear these words of praise and thanks for God's generosity as we enter together into worship. **I will read the light print and invite you to join me for the dark print.**

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God, my Ruler,
and I will bless your Name forever and ever!
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your Name forever and ever!
Great you are, Yhwh, and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unfathomable.

**Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your mighty deeds;
they'll speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty,
and I will meditate on your wondrous acts.**

They'll discourse of the power of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

They'll celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and I will joyfully sing of your justice.

Yhwh, you are gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

**Yhwh, you are good to all
and compassionate toward all your creatures.**

**All your creatures will praise you, Yhwh,
and your holy people will bless you.**

They will tell of the glory of your reign
and speak of your strength.

You make known to all humankind your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your reign.

Your reign is a reign for all the ages,
and your dominion endures from generation to generation.

**You lift up those who are falling
and raise up those who are oppressed.**

**The eyes of all look to you in hope,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Yhwh, you are just in all your ways
and loving toward all that you have created.

**You are near to all who call upon you,
all who call upon you in truth.**

**You fulfill the desires of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all who love you, Yhwh,
but you'll destroy all who are corrupt.
My mouth will speak your praise, Yhwh,
and may all creation bless your holy Name forever and ever!

Hymn: Blue/HWB #64 "Asithi: Amen"

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"
Children's Time: Nora Pederberg

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (Inclusive Bible)

Hymn: Blue/HWB #582 "Guide me Oh thou great Jehovah"

Offering Prayer: Thank you for your continued support of the church
and the work of the church. A basket is available here, and donations
can always be made online. Let us pray:

God of abundance, there are times that we succumb to the fear of
scarcity, tempted by greed and overcome by anxiety. Overflow our
hearts with the gift of your generosity, that we may experience true
calm, the contentment of enough, and the inspiration for great
generosity.

Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #552 "By Gracious Powers"

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20:1-15 (Inclusive Bible)

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: "God's Gift of Contentment" Nora Pederberg

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #433 "Go my children"

*For those people worshiping with us here at church, please remain in your seats
until the ushers indicate that it is your turn to exit. We ask that you move directly
to the parking lot to ensure physical distancing. Thanks for your help in keeping us
all safe.

Hymn

Benediction: (Adapted from Christine Longhurst re:worship, based on Psalm 145:13-14)

As you leave this place, remember: God always keeps Their
promises. God is unfailingly gracious toward us.

When we stumble, God is there to catch us; when we are weighed
down by grief or trouble, God is there to strengthen and encourage
us. So go from here in the knowledge that the love and mercy of God
goes with you. Amen.

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com or dropped off in the basket in the foyer.

THIS WEEK:

Mon. Sept 21 **Kids Bible “Sunday School” begins but will always be held via Zoom on Monday’s at 7:00 pm.** If you don’t have the link, please contact Nora.

Tues, Sept 22 **The Artists Way zoom 2:00 pm**

Wed, Sept 23 **Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1:00 pm.** For those who want in-person Bible study - please come to the buffet room for safe distancing with masks and Zoom with the rest of the members.

Thurs, Sept 24 **Youth Bible School on Zoom, 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY: Sept 27: Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children’s Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler

Ushers: Anna Peters, John Gascho

Patty’s Week: Tues: sermon; Wed: office, Bible; Thurs-Fri: hiking PANP; Sat: MCC Zoom.

Nora’s Week: working Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun

Remember in Prayer:

-Happy 80th Birthday to Cornie Guenther who is happy to still be combining at 80!

-wildfires in Oregon/CA -ongoing safe harvest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MCC Sk Annual General Zoom Meeting on Saturday, Sep 26, 2020 from 1:30-4:00pm.** Our delegates are Patty, Ben, Dave, Jim & Margaret. Anyone else wishing to attend should email SaskOffice@mccsk.ca directly and they will send you the zoom information.

*”Following my children's time that featured Himalayan Orchids and bees, Matt Braun alerted me to the fact that this plant is considered to be an invasive species that can spread in moist areas along waterways. It is especially invasive in Ontario and British Columbia. Several provinces including Saskatchewan are designating it an invasive plant and advise it should not be planted anywhere. I promised several people seeds from this plant but now I will destroy my seeds. You can google "Himalayan Balsam Saskatchewan" for a full explanation. Jake Buhler"

*Fresh Osler Community Garden potatoes in entrance @ \$1/lb.

***Sunday, Oct 4, 11:00 am:** Please join us for a **bag lunch in the church yard** following the service even if you don’t feel comfortable coming into the sanctuary for worship. If it is too cold, we will have the gym marked off for safe inside distancing. Please bring your own lawn chair, lunch and drinks.

***Those desiring baptism, friendship or membership in OMC** at this time, please contact Patty, Nora or one of the deacons - George, Julie, Frieda, Wilf.

*For an excellent sermon on Faith, Justice and Race watch Austin Channing Brown at <https://youtu.be/--Wx1rVor1A>.

***Note change of time: The Artist's Way is moved up to 2:00 pm** Tuesdays. If that impacts anyone please let Tree or Patty know.

***NEW MESSAGE FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE:**

Church re-opening is progressing well. We have lots of room available in the sanctuary if you are someone who wants to worship in person. Until we reach the allowable capacity of our sanctuary which currently is about 50 people, we are not requiring you to call before attending. The ushers have a check list of our congregation and will check off your name as you arrive. So if you feel you are ready to attend in person, the worship teams would love to see you. Of course, masks and physical distancing are still required.

***Deacons' Winter Study in January** with Canadian Mennonite University Zoom: We have narrowed our selection to **What Makes the Good Life** with Delmar Epp or **Humour** with Brian Froese or **Ecology and Justice**. Let George, Julie, Frieda, Wilf or Patty know which interests you.

***If anyone is having trouble getting onto a Zoom meeting please text Patty 306-260-6069 or Nora 306-260-6552 or Doug 306-227-0269.**

***Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIcINJdENXSlpBTVgxWTFvdz09>

***Zoom Communion**, sponsored by the Deacons, **on the First Sunday of every month at 5:00 pm: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.** Zoom link is the same for each service.

***Upcoming Deacon Events:** Sun. Oct. 18, Heather Ewen-Peters from MCC SK will be preaching about trauma healing. She will do a mid-week Zoom or video for us as well.

***October Book Club: Tues. Oct. 6, 6:30-7:15** - Menno Moto by Cameron Dueck in public and church library. A Manitoban Mennonite motorbikes through Mexico, Central and South America searching for Mennonite identity among interesting and difficult Mennonite colonies. Zoom link to follow.

***RJC Opening Program - Sunday, Sept 27 @ 2:00 pm.** Help RJC start off the school year by joining us virtually for our opening program. The event will feature music, reflections from RJC parents & students, and an invitation for your ongoing support for the school year. Information on how to watch the event can be found at rjc.sk.ca.

***RJC Employment Opportunities:** RJC High School is currently hiring for a number of full and part-time positions: Teaching Staff, Kitchen & Dining Hall Staff, and Custodial & Maintenance Staff. Please contact Ryan Wood, Principal (ryan@rjc.sk.ca) for more information about these positions or call (306) 232-4222.

***Prayer of thanks:** RJC High School is grateful for the continued prayerful support of its church constituents. We are happy to report a 25% increase in enrolment for the 2020-21 school year, with students from across Saskatchewan, Alberta, other parts of Canada, and the world.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

Exodus 16:2-15

2 They began to complain against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. 3 The people of Israel said to them, "If only we had died by Yhwh's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat next to pots of meat and ate our bread till we were filled! But now you have brought the whole community out into this wilderness to die of hunger!" 4 Then Yhwh said to Moses, "Look, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day's

portion every day, so that I can test them to see if they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they brought in, it will be twice as much as the daily gathering.” 6 So Moses and Aaron said to the Israelites, “ In the evening you will know that it was Yhwh who brought you up out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will witness the glory of God, the One to whom you directed your complaints—for who are we, that you should complain to us?” 8 Moses continued, “ It is Yhwh who will give you meat in the evening for your meal, and all the bread you want in the morning, because Yhwh has heard your complaints. For it is not to us that you are complaining—who are we?—but to Yhwh .” 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, “ Tell the whole Israelite community, ‘Present yourselves before Yhwh , who has heard your complaints.’” 10 As Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of Yhwh appearing in the form of a cloud. 11 Then Yhwh spoke to Moses and said, 12 “ I have heard the complaining of the people of Israel. Say this to them: ‘ In the evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I, Yhwh , am your God.’”

13 So it came about that in the evening quail flew in and all around the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp; 14 when the layer of dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were flakes of something: delicate, powdery, fine as frost. 15 When they saw this, the people of Israel said to each other, “ What is it?”—not knowing what it was. But Moses told them, “This is the bread Yhwh has given you to eat.”

Matthew 20:1-15

“The kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. 2 After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard. 3 About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, 4 and said to them, ‘You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.’ 5 At that they left. Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. 6 Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ 7 “ ‘No one has hired us,’ they replied. The owner said, ‘You go to my vineyard, too.’ 8 When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, ‘ Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.’ 9 When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day’s pay, 10 and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage. 11 Thereupon they complained to the owner, 12 ‘This last group did only an hour’s work, but you’ve put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.’ 13 “ ‘My friends,’ said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, ‘I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn’t you? 14 Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. 15 I’m free to do as I please with my money, aren’t I? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

Asithi: Amen (Sing amen)

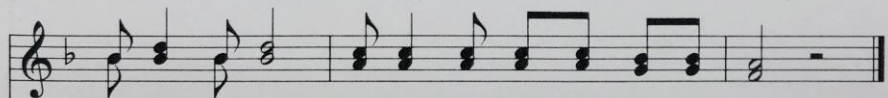
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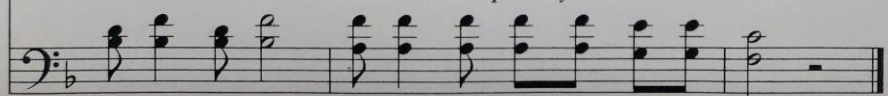
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Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men:



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A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men: A - men, a - men,



a - men, Ba - ba, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
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Text: South African hymn
Music: S. C. Molefe

FAITH JOURNEY: Suffering/Joy

582 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

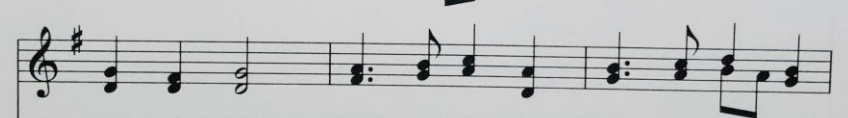
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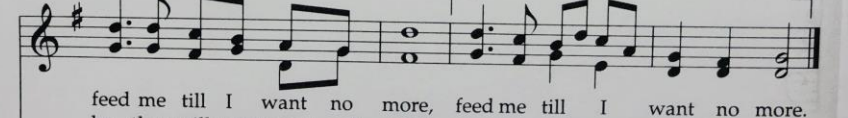
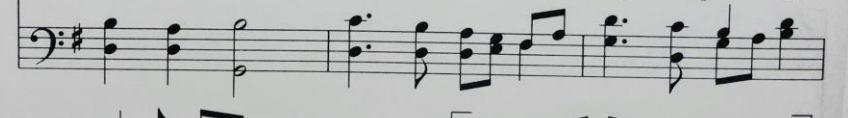
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim though this
2 O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



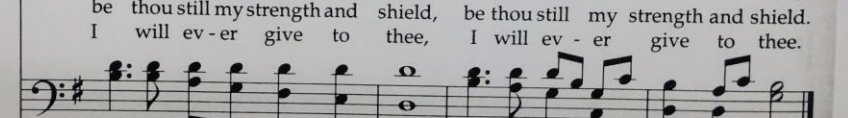
bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
wa - ters flow. Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side. Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong De - liv'r - er, strong De - liv'r - er,
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.



Text: William Williams, *Arglwydd arwain trwy'r anialwch, Aleluia*, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and William Williams, *Hymns on Various Subjects*, 1771

By gracious powers 552

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1 By gra-cious pow'rs so won-der-ful-ly shel-tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor-ment-ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming
 4 Yet when a-gain in this same world you give us

and con-fi-dent-ly wait-ing come what may,
 still e-vil days bring bur-dens hard to bear.
 with bit-ter sor-row, hard to un-der-stand,
 the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn-ing,
 O give our fright-ened souls the sure sal-va-tion,
 we take it thank-ful-ly and with-out trem-bling,
 we shall re-mem-ber all the days we lived through,

and nev-er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre-pare.
 out of so good and so be-lov'd a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a-lone.

Text: based on Ephesians 5:20, Dietrich Bonhöffer, 1945, *The Cost of Discipleship*, 2nd ed., 1959; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1972, *Cantate Domino*, 1974

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Music: Charles H. H. Parry, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1904

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Go, my children

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1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er, I have made you mine for-ev-er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry, here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here his ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-for-ter, and Broth-er.

Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.
 Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda

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Music: Welsh folk melody