



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Earth Sunday*

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 23 *from VT#725*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

**People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
And leads me beside still waters.**

Leader: You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathway for your name's sake.

**People: Through I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;**

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Leader: You anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #7 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
VT #120 For the Beauty of the Earth**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-23 *Updated NRSV*

We know love by this, that Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our

hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments. And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another, just as God has commanded us.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510
Story for All Ages: Wilf

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Alex's grandma in Manitoba is in hospital

- those waiting for or recovering from surgery
- work of Mennonite Creation Network and other Christian environmental agencies

Thanksgiving – for moisture

Hymn: VT #653 Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God

Gospel Reading: Acts 4:1-12.

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed, and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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 #180 This Is God's Wondrous World

Sermon: We are All the Climate Generation

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

Benediction: And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another, just as God has commanded us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, each other and the earth. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP April 21 Earth Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk
Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Wilf Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold
Sunday School Leader: Loretta, Helpers: Bree, Olivia
Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Stephanie Siemens

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

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Weds. am office, Fri. am office, otherwise working from home

Luke's Week: Wed: Sermon/Study; Thurs: Youth Organizing; Fri: OMC Office, NPMC Youth; Sat: OMC Youth

Birthdays: 26 – Eugene Penner; 26 – Ian Osmond; 27 - Jeremiah Bird

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 21 – Karl and Olivia
April 28 - ???

NEXT SUNDAY April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Luke Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill
Sunday School Leader: Naomi, Helpers: Zoe, Lanae
Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Kevin Boldt

CALENDAR

- Sun. Apr. 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Earth Day***
12:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office
- Sun. Apr. 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**
- Sun. May 5 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**
11:00 am Deacon mtg
- Tues. May 7 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg
- Sun. May 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

Earth Sunday, April 21, 11:00 Youth SS with OMC Green Energy Enthusiasts. If you walk/cycle to work, hang out laundry, shop local or thrift, garden, recycle, own solar panels or an EV - please come to Youth SS, 11:00 on Earth Sunday, April 21 to share with us about what you are doing for the earth.

From the Deacons: Feeling God's poke this Easter season? Please join a **baptism or church membership conversation** with Luke or Patty or one of the deacons.

Centering Prayer Sundays 9:15 Room 3 for a 20-minute way of calming down from hectic weeks

For those who missed the **MCC Women Will Renew** film last Sunday
<https://youtu.be/b5yy9TIEVFA>

Livestream for NPMC MAiD Session:
<https://youtube.com/live/BA8pQITICDg?feature=share>

Golf Team OMC - want to golf Sat. May 25 RJC Tournament? No bad words allowed. Contact Pastor Patty.

John Gascho has a display of various cards on the back table that are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. The proceeds will be donated to assist a local student attending RJC this coming fall. For more information talk to John.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJC is hiring for the position of Music Director! The Music Director (1.0 FTE), along with the Principal and President, is responsible for the overall implementation of the curricular and extracurricular music and performing arts program at RJC High School. The Music Director will work closely with other staff members in the pursuit of the school's

mission and development through music and the performing arts. To read the full job description or to apply, visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Ryan Wood at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25! RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories, and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca, or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC at CAMS National Music Festival in Winnipeg | Gala Concert - Sunday, April 21 at 3:00pm, Jubilee Place (MBCI). Watch livestream of concert at <https://www.youtube.com/@mennonitebrethrencollegiat1882>

RJC Spend-a-day | May 22 (9:00am-3:30pm) Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

“The Mennonite Nursing Home is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing outdoor furniture for our resident courtyards. Everyone is welcome!”

If your church is interested, you can also donate a cake for our cakewalk. Cakes can be dropped off at the Nursing Home on the day of the Tea before 2:00 pm.

MCC Connects: Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, a Treaty Simulation will be facilitated by traditional knowledge keeper and storyteller Lyndon Linklater on Tuesday, April 30 from 7-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome to this simulation of the treaty-making process. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

MC Updates:

Starting April 22, MCC will be running a ten-week peer-support group called You are Not Alone for women who have experienced abuse in intimate relationships. This will be offered as a hybrid program, meeting in person or over Zoom for empowering discussions, resources, and healing. For more information, please contact Heather at heatherpeters@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555.

Thursday, April 25, 6-8 pm – Join us at Rosthern Mennonite Church (3016 5th Street in Rosthern) **for a dessert buffet.** Choose from many delicious desserts, including gluten-free options. Hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Admission by donation. Proceeds will provide support for refugee families. (new)

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Micah Mission is an ecumenical restorative justice organization in Saskatoon. We work to transform the lives of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. This Easter season remember those affected by our justice system as Jesus did upon the cross during the crucifixion by participating in our Remember Me Campaign on Sunday April 28. This campaign is an opportunity for individuals or families to simply contribute \$5 towards our ministry so that we can continue providing our programs and services. Learn more: the.micahmission.org

Sunday, May 5th is Red Dress Day across Canada, a day to name violence against Indigenous Women and Girls - and commit to the ending cycles of gender-based violence in our communities. CommonWord has curated worship and learning resources (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3877>) for the church that can be used May 5th or any time of the year.

Prepare to commit to MCC's Climate Action for Peace Pledge.

Which of the actions around Advocacy, Personal Consumption and Finances are you ready to take? <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/climate-change/climate-action-peace/take-climate-action-peace-pledge> (new)

All are invited to Spring at CMU on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream. (new)

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life, Enrolment, and Human Resources. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

April 21-28 is Earth Week 2024 – Let's get on the map! MC Canada partner in climate action – For the Love of Creation – has invited us to join a nation-wide movement through local actions across the country to pray, learn, and act! Learn more:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44769> (new)

2024 marks a significant milestone in CommonWord's history – it was 50 years ago, in 1974, that the Conference of Mennonites in Canada hired its first Resource Centre staff person. Dan Dyck has written a short historical paper to recognize 50+ years of service. Read the paper – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3828>.

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