



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 21, 2022

Called

Gathering Hymn: VT #1 “Summoned by the God Who Made Us”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We are a covenant people, called to God by God,
generation through generation.

**C: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life.**

L: We are a covenant people, called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.

C: Renamed. Reborn. Renewed.

All: We gather ourselves in the community of believers.

We gather ourselves unto you.

Prayer of Invocation: from VT #993

O God, listening to us here, you accept also the prayers of our church family in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, and Europe. We are all one in prayer. So may we, as one, rightly carry out your commission to witness and to love in the church and throughout the world. Accept our prayers graciously, even when they are somewhat strange. They are offered in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn: VT #101 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns”

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Cry, and YHWH will answer; call, and God will say, ‘I am here’ - provided you remove from your midst all oppression, finger pointing, and malicious talk! If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your

shadows will become like noon. YHWH will always guide you, giving relief in desert places. God will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry. You will rebuild the ancient ruins, and build upon age-old foundations. You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, and Restorer of Ruined Neighborhoods. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath and doing business on the holy day, if you call the Sabbath delightful and the day sacred to YHWH honorable, if you honor it by not pursuing your own ways seeking your own pleasure, or speaking your own words, then will you find your happiness in YHWH, and I will lead you triumphant over the heights of the land. I will feed you on the heritage of Leah and Rachel and Jacob, your ancestors!" The mouth of YHWH has spoken.

Children's Gathering Song – This Little Light of Mine

Children's Story: Jake Buhler

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing of joys and concerns/Prayer of the church

- Sarah, sister to Susan & Dick is in the final stages of ALS
- teachers returning to school
- safe harvesting

Hymn: VT #584 “Jesus, Be the Center”

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

One Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman there who for eighteen years had a sickness caused by a spirit. She was bent double, quite incapable of standing up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are free of your infirmity.” He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God. The head of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, “There are six days for working. Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath.” Jesus said in reply, “You hypocrites! Which of you doesn't let your ox or your donkey out of the stall on the Sabbath to water it? This daughter of Sarah and Abraham has been in the bondage of Satan for eighteen years. Shouldn't she have been released from her shackles on the Sabbath?” At these words, Jesus' opponents were humiliated; meanwhile, everyone else rejoiced at the marvels Jesus was accomplishing.

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 #390 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Sermon: Pastor Patty’s Ponderings

Hymn: VT #409 “For We Are Strangers No More”

Benediction: No one can truly know Christ unless they follow after him in daily life, and no one can follow Christ in daily life unless they truly know him. Amen. Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

**After Church today please take your hymnals to the boxes in the lobby for next week’s outdoor service.

TODAY’S WORSHIP August 21

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Children’s Time: Jake Sound: James/Keri Ushers: Bill/Dick

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

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

Patty’s Week: Mon. Worship; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, exec, council; Fri. office

Birthdays this week: 21-Bill Peters, 21-Merel Kriegsman, 27-Eli Schellenberg

Yard Maintenance for week of Aug 13-20: Eugene Penner & family

NEXT SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP on the Buhler Yard August 28

Communion: Josh Wallace Worship Leader: Len Rempel

Song Leader: Curtis Wiens Accompanist: Jill Wiens

Children’s Time: Patty Friesen Sound: Doug Ushers: Bill/Dick

OMC Calendar

- Aug 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen**
Aug 22 7:30 pm Worship Mtg
Aug 24 6:00 Exec Mtg
7:00 pm Council Mtg
Aug 25 6:00 pm Baby Shower for Alexander @ Louise Buhlers'
Aug 28 10:00 am Joint Service on the Buhler Farm
Aug 30 7:00 pm Community Connections mtg
Aug 31 7:00 pm Youth & Parents mt with Zach Dueck
Sept 4 10:00 am Amplifiers & Jake Buhler

Announcements

***Baby shower** for Kaytee, Chris & Alexander on Thurs. Aug. 25, 6:00 p.m. Louise and Jake's backyard – 836 Main St. Saskatoon.

***Coffee Time** in the Gathering Place will begin September 4. Please consider signing up to prepare the coffee and snack &/or clean up.

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 a.m. End of Summer Joint Worship Service with Aberdeen, Langham, Osler and Warman Mennonite Churches at the Buhler yard. Communion will be served. Bring lawn chairs and picnicware and stay for roll kuchen and watermelon. Curtis Wiens will lead an impromptu men's choir with one rehearsal at 9:30. There will be a veggie share table – bring your extra to share. There will be designated offering envelopes. Undesignated offerings will go to MC SK. The rain option will be OMC. Help with frying rollkuchen and cutting/serving watermelon will be needed – please talk to Wilf or Patty.

Weds. Aug. 31, 7:00 p.m. Zach Dueck Meet and Greet for youth, parents and interested congregants. We will be planning the fall youth activities schedule and interested topics for Sunday School. We will play one crazy game and eat ice cream.

MCC Connects:

Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, Sep 28 at 6:30-9:00pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. More information to follow.

*Nutana Park Mennonite Church is excited to offer ***Kids' Club and Choir*** on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. beginning September 8, 2022 for children Grades 2 - Grade 6. The program will run (excluding school holidays) from September to April. Evenings will begin with Children's Choir practice followed by crafts, baking, woodworking, and learning about peace! If you have any questions, please contact - Marie and Brent Guenther (306) 514-7020
marie-guenther@hotmail.com brentguenther@hotmail.com
<https://forms.office.com/r/i4LTUUv4PL>

MC Sask Updates:

***Mennonite Church Canada shares worship services** this summer Bethel Mennonite Church (MCM) August 21, 2022 Come, encounter the God who promises to be with us wherever we go! As we enter into Rahab's story this Sunday, may we be drawn to the God who meets us in stranger as well as friend.

Sermon Title: "We Don't Talk About Rahab" Text: Joshua 2:1-21
Available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.

***The Amplify! youth gathering at Camp Valaqua** was a huge hit! We had an amazing turnout from Saskatchewan youth and sponsors!! With a total of 26 people we were well represented! I am very proud of the youth that attended. They all showed great maturity, kindness and were so willing to be involved in every aspect. Parents, thank you for trusting us with your youth. I hope they all left with memories that will last a lifetime. ~Mel Harms.

***It's not too late!** CMU is still accepting applications for fall 2022 classes. Whether full- or part-time, while on a gap year, check out our course offerings at cmu.ca/courses. Apply at cmu.ca/apply.

***Decolonizing Ourselves: Healing Haunted Histories** gathering on August 27, 1:00PM- 5:00PM All are invited to this time of land-learning, teachings, listening, and decolonizing on Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come for a day on the land, exploring paths to decolonizing through landlines, songlines, and bloodlines followed by community meal. Elders and knowledge keepers Harry and Germaine Lafond; and authors, teachers and theologians Elaine Enns, and Ched Myers will guide us. Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11145> for details.

***Coro Nova SATB choir** invites you to join us for our 4th season of music! This group was formed in 2018 by the Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys choirs and has strong roots to the musical traditions of RJC and our Mennonite Churches. ALL singers (18+) are welcome to join this our choir! Rehearsals start Wednesday September 7th at 7pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Cut off to join is the September 28th rehearsal. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact director Lynne Driedger-Enns at lynne.driedgerenns@gmail.com. We look forward to making music and community together once again and welcome you to join us!

***Shekinah Move-A-Thon**, Sept. 17. Featuring classics, you've come to love and expect (like a scenic paddle from the Petrofka Bridge to Shekinah, and farmer sausage lunch), and an exciting new partnership with Freedom Functional Fitness to offer a **new** 5k Obstacle Course Run, this year's fundraiser has something for all ages and abilities. Visit shekinah.ca to learn more!

***The Micah Mission needs volunteers!** If you have an interest in visiting people in prison or providing support to people returning to the community from prison, please contact Dave at 306-653-3099 or dave@themicahmission.org. We have 8 patients at RPC waiting for Person to Person visitors with new requests every week. We are also receiving new referrals for the Circles of Support and Accountability program. If you're looking for a volunteer experience this fall, please contact us! You can make a difference!

***MDS** is seeking early response volunteers to serve in Hindman, KY starting August 21. Learn more and sign up to volunteer by calling 800-241-8111 or emailing dfrey@mds.org!

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