



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 21, 2021

Memorial Sunday

Psalms of Orientation, Disorientation and Reorientation

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98 to Orient us to God's Goodness in Creation*

L: Our Creator reigns, robed in splendor. You are robed and armed with strength.

P: The world stands firm and cannot be moved; your throne stands firm from ages past; from eternity you exist.

L: The seas are shouting, the seas raise their voices, the seas shout with pounding waves.

P: Stronger than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightiest of all is Our Creator!

L: Your reign was made known from of old; the holy ones praise you in your Temple, for days without end.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn: VT #179 "At the Dawn of Your Creation"

179 At the Dawn of Your Creation

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

G Am7 G Am7

1 At the dawn of your cre - a - tion, God, you
2 By your word, you formed cre - a - tion: dry land,
3 When you made us as your chil - dren, send - ing
4 At this joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion, may we

C D C G Am7 G

spoke: "Let there be light!" You di - vid - ed earth from
wa - ter, o - cean breeze. Soon there burst forth veg - e -
us through - out your lands, you com - mand - ed, "Have do -
hear your word a - new: may we care for your cre -

Am7 C D C G

heav - en, you cre - at - ed day and night.
ta - tion: plants with fruit, ma - jes - tic trees,
min - ion, care for earth; it's in your hands."
a - tion, know - ing it's a trust from you.

D G Em

You made sun - beams dance with shad - ows, you cre -
rain and snow and chang - ing sea - sons, crea - tures
Yet we hurt this world you've giv - en; we harm
Just as dai - ly there's a dawn - ing, bring - ing

D B7 C D G

at - ed en - er - gy! Peace - ful eve - nings, bright to -
fill - ing land and sea. God, your ver - y good cre -
earth and sky and sea. We for - get it's your cre -
light to all we see, so we dai - ly hear your

Am7 C D C G

mor - rows, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
a - tion, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
a - tion, you, who once said, "Let there be!"
call - ing, you, who once said, "Let there be!"

Children's Gathering Song: VT #282 "Come and See"

"Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth," said he.
"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Children's Time with Adeline Cox**Offering Prayer/Offertory taken from VT #1025**

O God, to those who have hunger, give bread,
And to those who have bread, give hunger for justice. Amen

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- the devastating effects of Climate Change as seen everywhere but especially in B.C. right now
- those who have lost loved ones this year
- the ordination of Emily Summach at the Langham MC
- staff transitions at MCSask office
- all those who served at Friendship Inn
- continuing COVID concerns – vaccines for children
- thanks for the hands (& cash) that help make 95 MCC blankets

Hymn: VT #652 "Before the Waters Nourished Earth"

Before the Waters Nourished Earth 652

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7 Iambic

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each tra - gic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Reflection on Psalms of Orientation

Psalms of Disorientation and Lament

Psalm 42:1-3 As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Reflection on Psalms of Disorientation and Lament

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!

Hymn: VT #552 "As a Deer in Want of Water"

As a Deer in Want of Water 552

GENEVA 42 (FREU DICH SEHR) 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

F Dm Bb F C F

1 As a deer in want of wa - ter, so I long for you, O Lord.
 2 Bit - ter tears of la - men - ta - tion are my food by night and day.
 3 Why, my soul, are you so shak - en? Why does fear with - in you burn?

Dm Bb F C F

All my heart and be - ing fal - ter, thirst - ing for your liv - ing Word.
 In my deep hu - mil - i - a - tion, "Where is now your God?" they say.
 Hope will once a - gain a - wak - en: peace of mind will soon re - turn.

C F Bb C

When shall I be - hold your face? When shall I re - ceive your grace?
 When my sor - rows weigh on me, then I bring to mem - o - ry
 Then, O God, for all my days I will lift my voice in praise;

F Gm Dm F Bb F Bb C F

When shall I, your prais - es voic - ing, come be - fore you with re - joic - ing?
 how with thrones I would as - sem - ble, shout - ing prais - es in your tem - ple.
 you have shown your help and fa - vor, for you are my God and Sav - ior.

Reorientation

Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; who inclined to me and heard my cry. You have pulled me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will look in wonder and put their trust in you.

Reflection on Psalms of Reorientation

Memorial Candle-lighting: please come forward to light a candle or ask for mic or request on Facebook for us to light a candle.

Memorial Prayer: VT #655

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When Grief Is Raw

KAB 7.3

To be read by one voice:

When grief is raw
and music goes unheard
and thought is numb,
we have no polished phrases to recite.
In Christ we come
to hear the old familiar words:

**Sung congregational response*

God, give us time
for gratitude and tears,
and make us free
to grieve, remember, honor, and delight.
Let love be strong
to bear regrets and banish fears:

**Sung congregational response*

The height and breadth
of all that love prepares
soar out of time,
beyond our speculation and our sight.
The cross remains
to ground the promise that it bears:

**Sung congregational response*

All shall be judged,
the greatest and the least,
and all be loved,
till every hurt is healed, all wrong set right.
In bread and wine
we taste the great homecoming feast,
and in the midst of death we are in life.

**Sung congregational response*

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"I am the re-sur-rec-tion. I am life."

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

671 The Hand of God Shall Hold You

MAY GOD'S LIGHT SHINE EVER UPON YOU Irregular

Refrain

D7 G G/B C G6/B Am Am/C

The hand of God shall hold you, the peace of God en-

D D7/C Bm B7/D# Em Em7/D

fold you, the love that dreamed and formed you still sur-

A7 C/D D7 G G/B C G6/B

rounds you here to-day; the light of God be-side you, a-

Am Am/C D D7/C Bm B7/D#

bove, be-neath, in-side you, the light that shines to

Em Em7/D Am7 C/D D7 C/G G

guide you home to the lov-ing hand of God.

Text: Marty Haugen (USA)
Music: Marty Haugen
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Benediction: Giver of song, we give thanks for songs that surround us in the dark of night and for songs that waken us when morning breaks. Giver of songs, bring your world to comfort and peace.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leaders: Michelle, Dayna Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Adeline Sound: James/Keri Usher: Bill
Children's Sunday School Teachers: Diane M., Rachel & Sarah

Patty's Week: Mon. Worship Zoom; Tues. Advent prep, MC SK Zoom; Weds. office, Eco-Anxiety Zoom; Fri. at Herschel Retreat Centre.

Nora's Week: Working Sun, Wed, Thurs, Fri

***From the re-opening committee.** Over the past months we have been approached about allowing the speaker to remove their mask while delivering the message. There are many reasons for this request including not seeing the facial expressions that are important to delivering the message, muffled sound and, because of the resonance in our sanctuary, not having the ability to do some lip reading to help them better understand what the person is saying. We asked our contact in Regina about this issue and the regulations say that the speaker can remove their mask as long as there is 2 metres between them and the congregation. With all this in mind, starting this Sunday, the speaker delivering the message can remove their mask **ONLY** during the delivery of the message. At all other times and for all other people taking part in the service, the mask must be worn. We will also block seating in the front pews to ensure that there is enough distance between the speaker and the congregation. Thanks for your patience as we continue this pandemic process.

***All announcements/info for the November 28th bulletin must be in the office by NOON on Wednesday, November 24th.**

***Voices Together** – Learning about Our New Hymnal Adult Education Series with Nutana Park Mennonite Church via Zoom on Tues. at 7:00 p.m. Email npmc@npmc.net for the zoom link.

November 23: Wrap-up session. Facilitator – Rachel Regier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***From Community Connections Committee:**

*95 blankets were made for MCC this past week

***Needed:** ski pants boys' size medium, one man's small, one woman's large, one boy's large. Please text/call Tree at 1-639-998-2547.

*OMC served at Friendship Inn yesterday.

"Does the climate emergency cause you great anxiety? Do you feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the crisis? Join the Community Connections Committee on **November 24th** starting at 6:30 pm for a 1.5-hour session with Rachel Malena-Chan from Eco-Anxious Stories. Rachel is a story-strategist who helps people channel their eco-anxiety into meaningful responses to the climate crisis. She and her sister Beth Carlson-Malena, (pastor at Open Way Community Church in Winnipeg), will share some strategies to help us cultivate hope in the midst of climate uncertainty. Watch next week for the zoom link in your bulletin and on Facebook. Be sure to invite your friends and join in the conversation."

Here is the zoom link to go with any social media posts and/or the bulletin:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87923001924?pwd=ZS8vTXI0VzN3bWhMVDF2VTV2dWxIU09>

*The **RJC Spend-A-Day** that was originally scheduled for **November 24** has been cancelled.

MCC Connects: Theatre of the Beat invites you to *Forgiven/Forgotten*. This audio-visual presentation follows the varying responses of a community that learns an ex-offender will be serving his parole in their midst. This emotionally driven piece addresses issues of crime, reintegration, and our responses to those affected by these themes most. Digital screenings are available from November 26th to 28th. Community/church screening kits will be available starting in December! Reach out to heatherpeters@mccsk.ca if you are interested. For more info head to www.theatreofthebeat.ca/forgivenforgotten

MC Sask

***Prayer Request, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:** Ryan Siemens (Executive Minister) has recently announced he will be resigning his position at the end of January 2022 to take on the role of Executive Director with MCC Alberta. Pray for Ryan and his family (Sandra, Isaiah, Elliott, Bennett), as well as MC Sask staff and leadership as they navigate and prepare for this transition.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an **Interim Youth Worker** to fulfill a one-year parental leave beginning January 17, 2022. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will focus on coordinating Mega Menno events, including travel to the 2022 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Contact Ryan Siemens, minister@mcsask.ca, for more information.

***Mega Menno 'Winter-Menno Games,' Friday Dec. 3, 7:00 pm, MCC Centre.** Get a taste of the upcoming Winter Olympics in China Menno style with Witness Workers George and Tobia Veith! Do you have what it takes to be a Menno-Olympian?? Come and find out! Contact youthminister@mcsask.ca to RSVP or for more details.

***Do you need a quick gift idea?** Get your Level Ground sample pack containing 4 - 75g packages of ground coffee; 1 each of Peru, Tanzania, Colombia and Decaf for only \$15 are available at the MC Sask office gift wrapped for immediate pick up! Order yours today at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> or call the office at 306-249-4844 ext .

TODAY

Adult Education after worship.

Mosaic class in the **buffet room** (off the kitchen) and on Zoom.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220>

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7



OMC CALENDAR

Nov 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen Memorial Sunday

Nov 22 7:30 pm Worship mtg Zoom

Nov 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen First Advent Sunday

Dec 2 7:00 pm Community Connections Mtg

Dec 5 10:00 am Kirsten HammEpp speaking

12 noon Deacons mtg

Dec 10 6:30 p.m. Youth Event

Dec 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen Second Advent Sunday

Dec 17 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

Dec 19 10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program

Dec 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 26 No Service

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: November 28 *First Advent*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Kevin Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Marlene Campbell Sound: Stephanie Usher: Bill

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Diane M., Rachel & Sarah

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