



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 22, 2021

“Equipped in Faithfulness”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship *from ministrymatters.com*

Leader: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God.

People: The refreshing springs of God’s love cleanse and restore us.

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

People: The least and the lost, the helpless and the hopeless - All are welcome with God.

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

People: Praise to God who heals us and sends us forth to serve.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: VT #549 “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Capo 2: (D) (G) (D) (Bm) (A) (D)
E A E C#m B E

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
5 *True Light of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

(A) (Em) (A) (Bm) (A)
B F#m B C#m B

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light.
thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

(G) (D) (Bm) (G) (A)
A E C#m A B

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

*Alternate phrase: "High King"

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D)
E B E C#m A E

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.
Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
*Rul - er of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty 550

EARTHRISE 8.5.8.5

D A/C# G/B D/A G A D

1 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.
2 Like your springs and run - ning wa - ter, make me crys - tal pure.
3 Like your danc - ing waves in sun - light, make me glad and free.
4 Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, lift my thoughts a - bove.
5 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.

Bm D/A G D/F# Em A7 D

With your Spir - it re - cre - ate me pure and strong and true.
Like your rocks of tow - ring gran - deur, make me strong and sure.
Like the straight - ness of the pine trees, let me up - right be.
Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.
Keep me ev - er, by your Spi - rit, pure and strong and true.

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:14-18

Joshua then said, "I now call upon you to revere and serve Yhwh completely and sincerely. Cast off the gods that your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt, and worship Yhwh alone. If you do not want to worship Yhwh, then make the decision today whom you will worship, even if it is the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you live. As for me and my household, we will worship Yhwh." Then the people responded, "far be it from us to abandon Yhwh to worship other gods. It was Yhwh our God who brought us and our ancestors up and out of the land of slavery. Yhwh performed those great signs before our eyes. Yhwh protected us on the entire journey and among all the peoples whose lands we passed through.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 "Today Earth is Singing"

Children's Time with Edna Zacharias

Today earth is singing with stars up above,
Our arms wide in welcome for God's gift of love;
We greet you, dear children, we're glad you are here;
Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

Offering Prayer/Offertory**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:**

- times with family and camping trips, safe harvest, drought stress
- preparations for school and OMC fall schedule
- Helen Patkau (Margaret Boldt's sister) recovery from stroke
- upcoming delivery for Dayna's twin nieces

- COVID outbreak in Muskeg Lake
- Bill Kruger's ashes will be interred in the cemetery on Thursday
- safety in Afghanistan
- earthquake in Haiti

Hymn: VT 584 "Jesus, Be the Center"

Jesus, Be the Center

584

Verses

D G/D D A7sus

BE THE CENTRE Irregular

1 Je - sus, be the cen - ter,
 2 Je - sus, be the cen - ter, be my source,
 3 Je - sus, be my vi - sion, be my hope,
 4 Je - sus, be the cen - ter, be my path,
 be my source,

G/D D Last time to Coda

1 2, 3

be my light, Je - sus.
 be my song, Je - sus.
 be my guide, Je - sus.
 be my light, Je - sus.

Refrain

A7sus D

Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind

A7sus D A7sus

in these sails. Be the rea - son that I live,

Bm7 A7sus G/B D To verses

Je - sus, Je - sus.

Coda

A7sus G/B

Be my source, be my light, Je - sus.

D

Je - sus. Je - sus.

Text: Michael

New Testament Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, draw your strength from Christ and from the strength of that mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand firm against the tactics of the devil. Our battle ultimately is not against human forces, but against the sovereignties and powers, the rulers of the world of darkness, and the evil spirits of the heavenly realms. You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day and, having done everything you can, to hold your ground. Stand fast then, with truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to spread the Good news of peace as your footgear. In all circumstances, hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Put on the helmet of salvation, and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions. Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people. Pray also for me, that God will open my mouth and put words on my lips, that I may boldly make known the mystery of the Good news—that mystery for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may have courage to proclaim it as I ought.

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 #616 "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord"

Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord 616

BIRMINGHAM (MENDELSSOHN) Irregular

Chords: Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb*, Ab, Bb7, Eb, Cm, Bb, Fm, G, Cm, Gm, Ab, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Fm, Cm, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Bb7, Eb.

Lyrics: Cast thy bur-den up - on the Lord, who ev - er sus - tains thee, who nev - er will suf - fer the right-eous to fall, and is at thy right hand. Thy mer - cy, Lord, is great, and far a - bove the heav'ns. Let none be made a - sham - ed, that wait up - on thee.

*Fermatas for use with keyboard accompaniment.

Sermon: "Equipped in Faithfulness"

Hymn: VT #581 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

581 Jésus, je voudrais te chanter (Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song)

LES PETITES SOEURS 12.14.12.12

D A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D

1 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te; Jé -
 2 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te lou - er sur ma rou - te; Jé -
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney; I'll
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney. May

Gsus9 G/F# Em Em/D A/C# Em/D A/C# A/B

sus, je vou - drais t'an-non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 sus, je vou - drais que ma voix soit l'é - cho de ta joie,
 tell ev - ry - bo - dy a - bout you wher - ev - er I go;
 all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.

A A/G D/F# D Gsus9 B7/D# Em Em/D A/C#

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a-mour; Jé -
 et que chan - te la terre et que chan - te le ciel; Jé -
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord

D A Bm7 A7/C# G/D

sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;
 sus, je vou - drais te lou - er sur ma rou - te;
 Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

3 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route,
 Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,
 car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;
 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.

4 Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route,
 entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,
 jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,
 Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant
 to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
 For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 Lord Jesus, stay with me wherever I journey.
 I listen at night as the sound of your steps leads the way.
 Till your new day shall dawn on the people you saved,
 Lord Jesus, we'll sing your return on our journey.

Benediction: We are sent from worship to live as faithful disciples of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are sent from worship with God's blessing, encircled by God's shalom.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Nora Pederberg (she/her) Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Ben, Michelle Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Edna Z Sound: Matthew Usher: Anna

This week's Yard Maintenance – B & D Buhler and family

Patty's Week: Tues. worship, Weds. office, Community Connections, Thur. Interment, Fri. Office,

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: August 29

Speaker: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Kathy Braun Sound: Keri/James Usher: Anna

OMC CALENDAR

Aug 25 7:00 pm MEGA Menno event for youth on-line via Gather
Aug 25 7:00 pm Community Connection Mtg - Zoom
Aug 29 10:00 am Mark Bigland-Pritchard speaking (also on Facebook)
Aug 31 7:00 pm Education Committee Mtg - Zoom
Sept 1 7:00 pm Executive mtg in person @ OMC
Sept 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking (also on Facebook)
Sept 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking (not on Facebook)
Sept 13 7:00 pm Worship mtg
Sept 15 7:00 pm Council mtg in person @ OMC
Sept 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking (also on Facebook)
Sept 26 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking (also on Facebook)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OMC is hiring!! Caretaker needed to begin September 1. For more information contact Ben Buhler – 306-239-4706

Save the date! September 12 - Sunday School “Kickoff” will be on the Buhler yard. More details to follow.

***September 19:** Children’s Sunday school starts back in person. Adult & Youth Sunday school Forum in sanctuary with Harry and Leonard.

***September 26:** Christianity and Culture Hybrid: Room 3 and Zoom: A fresh look at worship with Voices Together.

***Friendship Inn Volunteers Needed** 11:00 a.m. September 18 and November 20 - we are starting up again with masks at our third Saturdays every other month rotation. **Please sign up on church bulletin board** or email Kaytee, Adeline, Diane or Alex and check out Friendship Inn website for volunteer protocols. Thank you for the years of service to Friendship Inn!

***MCC Connects:** Save the date! The MCC Saskatchewan Board invites you to the MCCS Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 25th, 1:30-4:00pm, via Zoom. Consider being a delegate from your church. We will spend time looking back over the activities and financial realities of the 2020-2021 year and also reflect on how the pandemic has shaped and is shaping the ongoing work of MCC. A registration link will be sent out in the next couple weeks, so stay tuned!

The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 1,900 people and injured many more. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will provide emergency support. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/haiti-earthquake.

MC Sask News:

****Sunday Aug 22: “Singing in the Arbour” is postponed until further notice, due to a COVID-19 outbreak.**

Youth Farm Corn Maze: is open! For the first two weekends, we will be having a Sunflower Festival. Come and take pictures in our sunflower field and purchase sunflowers for \$1 a piece (great price!). There is so much to do at our farm yard - climbing wall, petting zoo, jumping pillow, pedal carts, wagon ride, pumpkin barn, potato launcher, candy store and much more. PURCHASE tickets (\$10 for general admission or \$15 for wristbands that include lots of activities). Go to www.youthfarmcornmaze.com to purchase your tickets.

Tuesday Aug 24: Gathering at Stoney Knoll, NW of Laird. An invitation from the Stoney Knoll Band to the Mennonite & Lutheran communities to come and meet each other, and reaffirm relationships around the Reserve 107 story. Watch for details!

Mega Menno Online Games Night – Wednesday, August 25, 7:00pm. Join us for one last night of summer fun and games before the school year starts.

Shekinah Move-A-Thon, Sept. 18. Bike, hike, or paddle with your friends and family in support of the mission of Shekinah Retreat Centre. Exciting updates for this year’s event – new cycling route to Rosthern, and special activities on-site for families, including a Kid’s Cycling Route! Registration and full schedule coming soon, watch for more details at www.shekinah.ca.

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