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.

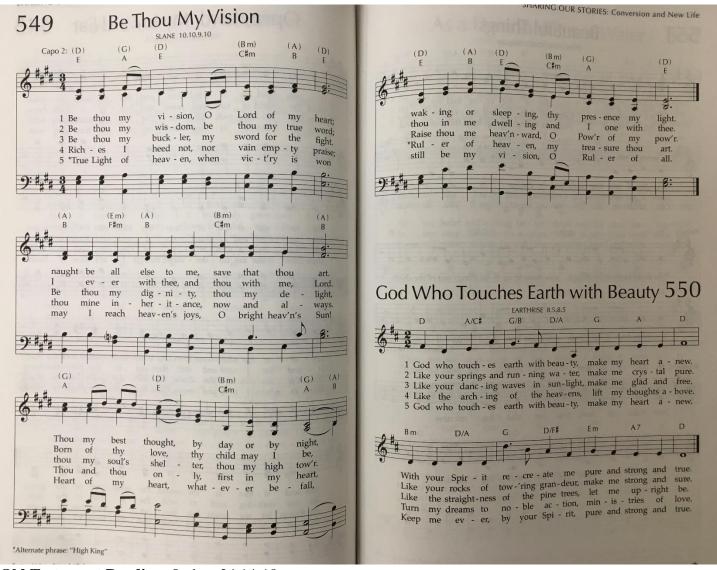
People: The least and the lost, the helpless and the hopeless - All are welcome with God.

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"



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.

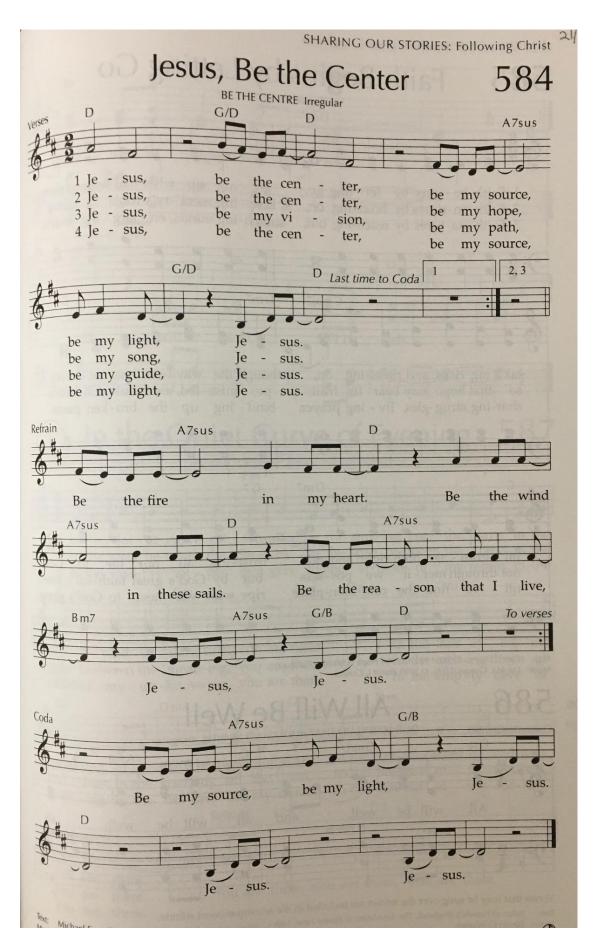
Offering Prayer/Offertory

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

"Jesus, Be the Center" **Hymn: VT 584**



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.

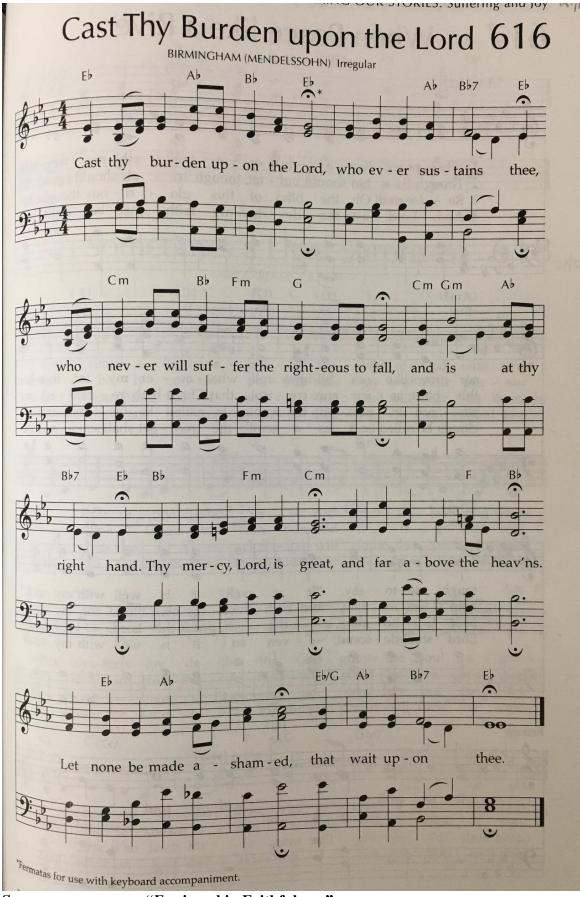
Response to the Scripture

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

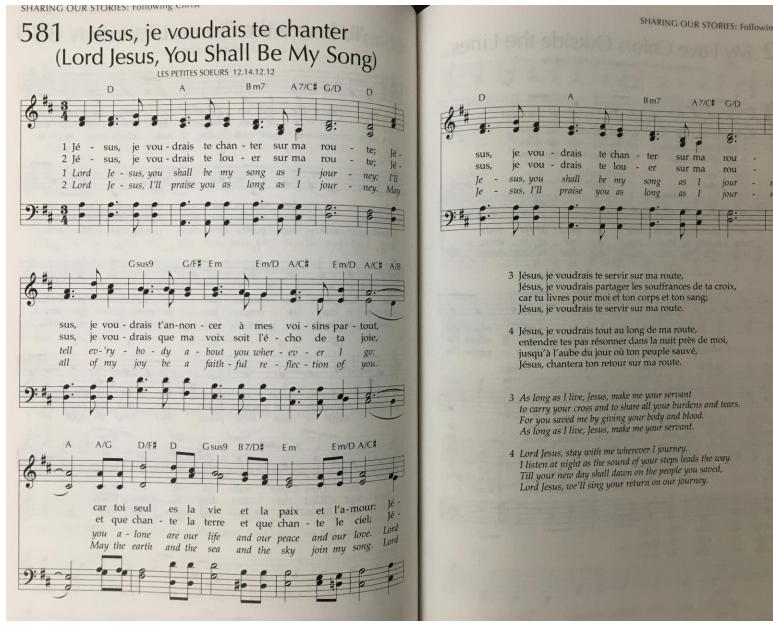
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT #616 "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord"



Sermon: "Equipped in Faithfulness"

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



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 mccanada.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.

FYI – For those who have subscribed to Rejoice! it's in your mailbox

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