



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 22, 2023

MCC

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:5 (*Inclusive Bible*)

L: Our Creator reigns, and the nations tremble!

You who are enthroned on the cherubim, let the earth quake!

**C: God is exalted above all the nations; let them praise your Name,
Great and Awesome One.**

L: You are holy and mighty, a Leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice and righteousness in Israel!

You have done this!

**C: We exalt you, our Creator, and we worship at your footstool.
You are holy!**

Prayer of Invocation

**Gathering Hymns: VT #182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
VT #11 Mountain of God**

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Children's Time: Edna

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – MC SK Youth Team on retreat at Herschel

- continuing conflict in Israel
- Curtis Wien's ordination 4:00 today at Aberdeen

Hymn VT #456 Oceans

Gospel Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 #389 Together

Sermon: On Power and Belonging

Hymn: VT #458 The Water Is Ready

Benediction:

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP Oct 22

Speaker: Heather Peters

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Edna

Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Bill/Anna

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

Patty's Week: Tues. MC SK EM Search, OMC Exec, Weds. Office, CMU class, Faspa, Fri. office, visit

Luke's Week: Tuesday Exec Mtg; Wednesday Mentor Coffee, Planning Work; Thursday NPMC, KCC; Friday Office Hours, Mega Menno Event; Saturday Sermon Work; Sunday OMC Preaching, Fruit Group

Birthdays: 25 – Diane McKinnell; 27 – Bree Schellenberg

Friday: coffee is on every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule – Oct 22 Julie

Oct 29 Cornie & Sarah Guenther

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct 29

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Becca

Sound: Matthew Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

CALENDAR

Oct 22 10:00 am Heather Peters, MCC SK speaking

11:45 am Lunch with Heather, Osler restaurant

Oct 24 6:30 pm Exec mtg

Oct 25 6:30 pm Faspa & Conversation Josephine Kroeker

Oct 27 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. Mega Menno @ OMC

Oct 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Oct 30 – Nov 3 9:00 am start – MCC Blanket making

Nov 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Nov 12 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

The family of Cornie and Sarah Guenther invite you to stay for coffee and cake during coffee time on Sunday, October 29th to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. (*Actual date was June 14th.*)

New on the Bulletin Board –

Fall 2023 Update from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Report Books for their annual general meeting on October 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MC Sask Update:

We rejoice with Curtis Wiens and Aberdeen Mennonite Church as Curtis is ordained as a Minister of the Gospel on Sunday, October 22. We pray that they be richly blessed as they journey together as followers of Christ.

October 27 The Micah Mission is holding a Steak Dinner

Fundraiser at Mulberry's Restaurant (2326B Millar Ave, Saskatoon). Cocktails commence at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. The event features dinner, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, games, and more. To purchase tickets please email info@themicahmission.org.

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 2023 German-English Academy Awards | October 28, 2023, doors open at 5:00pm, dinner & program begin at 6:00pm. Celebrating the legacy of musical theatre and the arts at RJC. Featuring performances of musical theatre songs & scenes from RJC musicals past by RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations will go to support RJC's bursary program. Tickets \$25/table or \$200/table. Available October 2, 2023. Call (306) 232-4222 or visit rjc.sk.ca to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

RJC's Annual Corporation Meeting | October 28, 2023, 5:00pm. We invite the extended RJC community to join us for our Annual Corporation Meeting. This year's meeting will be held prior to our Fundraising Dinner in the RJC High School Chapel.

***Friday, Oct. 27 – Mega Menno Fall Party** at Osler Mennonite Church, 4pm-10pm (six hours of Mega Menno fun!). Doors will open at 4pm with free time in the gym and a movie. Games, costume contest, and other activities will start at 6pm, with pickup at 10pm. Feel free to come and go or stay for the full event. For more information contact Luke Bushman, OMC Pastor of Faith and Community, oslermcpastor2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! (new)

It is with sadness that we share the news that Laird Mennonite Church has withdrawn from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. While we grieve this decision, we seek God's abundant life for our sisters and brothers, encouraging them to find another group of congregations with whom to be in relationship. On behalf of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, we wish them well and invite you to join us in prayer that God will bless them as they continue to discern faithful discipleship.

*November 3, 7:00pm The Board of Shekinah invites you to the **'TREEmendous Times with Trifle'** fundraising event at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Rd) on Friday, November 3, at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Fellowship Centre and musical entertainment will be provided by The Golden Hour. Admission, by donation.

***While Shekinah is grateful that Amy Peters has agreed to accept a half time position as Executive Director for a period of time, we are still recruiting for a permanent full time Executive Director.** For more information please contact Phyllis Goertz, board chair, p.goertz@sasktel.net or 306 242 8367. **(new)**

***Canadian Mennonite presents,** "Life and Death Matters: Exploring Medical Assistance in Dying," an online discussion happening on Wednesday, October 25 at 8:00 p.m. ET. Join Aaron Epp and guests Lisa Heinrichs and Rhonda Wiebe as they discuss end-of-life care, current legislation and faith. Register today at: [www.canadianmennonite.org/events\(new\)](http://www.canadianmennonite.org/events(new))

J.J. Thiessen Lecture – You are invited to hear Dr. Willie James Jennings of Yale Divinity School present his talk entitled, Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land. October 27 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons or via livestream. Visit cmu.ca/jjt for details and livestream.

A Time of Reckoning: Telling the CMU Story – Join a two-day symposium on October 27 and 28. Featuring short reflections and dialogue with CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices, participants will investigate what CMU is today and where it's going in light of its mission. More details and free registration at cmu.ca/timeofreckoning.

Are you willing to bake muffins for hungry students? The University of Saskatchewan Faith Leaders Council hosts the Good Breakfast Monday to Thursday mornings on campus. The Good Breakfast offers both a good meal and good fellowship for university students experience food insecurity and loneliness. This program depends in large part on donations, especially muffins. Frozen muffins can be dropped off at Lutheran Campus Centre (1302 College Dr) on Tuesday evenings. Contact Lutheran & Ecumenical Campus Chaplain George Hind at luth.chap@usask.ca with questions or for more details. **(new)**

***Read the latest calls from Bethlehem Bible College in the West Bank, and Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre in occupied East Jerusalem.** Their words—which some of you may have already seen—contrast with much of what we hear in the media. Let these calls help to guide us in our lament, our prayer, our actions <https://mailchi.mp/ce6cda112a5b/with-palestinians-in-lament-suffering-and-prayer?e=34fac21f3b> (new)

Climate Action

Mennonite World Conference's Creation Care Task Force is organizing with Anabaptist Climate Collaborative a series of webinars. Church members from around the world will share how they are affected by climate change and are responding with resilient action and gospel hope. First webinar on Oct. 17. For more info and to register go to:

You are invited to join with others from across MC Canada for a series of 3 conversations based on readings from In Deep Waters: Spiritual Care for Young People in a Climate Crisis by Talitha Amadeo Aho. These conversations, hosted by Sandy Plett (MC Canada Climate Action Coordinator), will offer a space for people who engage with youth and young adults to connect with others, reflect together, and share experiences and learning. More info here (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/16064>) (new)

International Witness

Since the October 7 Hamas attack near the Gaza Strip and Israel's crushing military reaction, violence and destruction have escalated in the land we often call "Holy." As we lament the carnage among Israelis and Palestinians, let us also pray for those working for a future that ends the deep and longstanding injustices that lie at the root of the crisis. Go to Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>) for a prayer of lament and intercession.

Mennonite leaders in Burkina Faso have decided that the annual Mennonite Partnership Council meetings should not take place in Burkina Faso this year, due to political instability and increasing terrorist attacks in that area. These meetings will take place in the DR Congo on October 25, along with other Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) meetings. Continue to pray for the restoration of peace and

stability in Burkina Faso and the neighbouring Sahel countries. For more information see: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/4909>

Indigenous Relations

Together with Mennonite Central Committee Canada, MC Canada offers financial support through the Jubilee Fund to Indigenous led movements for justice and healing. Let's hold in prayer a 2023 recipient, Quilts for Survivors, a nation-wide collective effort of volunteers. Quilters from across Canada craft full-sized blankets that are then sent to survivors of the Residential School System and survivors of other trauma. Learn more: <https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca/>

Community Peacemaker Teams and the Anabaptist Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invite us to join the International Day of Prayer on Nov. 4 for Oak Flat (Arizona), a sacred land for Indigenous nations, at risk of being mined.

Specifically, Wendsler Nosie, Apache Stronghold leader, invites prayers for forgiveness for how our economic systems have harmed the Earth, and to pray for healing and transformation within these systems and among all people, so that human and more-than-human kin will have a livable future. <https://dismantleddiscovery.org/novfour/>

MCC Connects: MCC's 5th Annual Peace Conference, Peace by Peace: International and Local Peacebuilding will be on November 4 at Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. We will explore the history and spirituality of peacebuilding, current responses to situations of conflict in Saskatchewan and around the world, as well as be equipped with practices of peace. Speakers include Esther Epp-Tiessen on Anabaptist-Mennonite peace theology, Linda Herr, James Wheeler, and Liz Driver on pacifist resistance in Ukraine and the Middle East Region, as well as several local community partners. To register, please visit <https://mcc.org/events/peace-peace-international-and-local-peacebuilding>.

Special workshops will be held on Friday, November 3 at the MCC Saskatchewan office with MCC Alberta to provide tools for church and ministry leaders to approach the challenges of polarization within faith communities. Friday's speakers are Adam Dyer, Executive Director of Jesus Collective, and Dr. Betty Pries, Conflict, Change, and Leadership Specialist. Register at <https://mcc.org/events/peace-peace-international-and-local-peacebuilding>. **GotOMC/CMU Zoom Explore Class** every

Wednesday @ **9:00 a.m.** until November 8 in the Coffee Room:
Reconsidering Anabaptist Identity after 500 years with Karl Koop.
Recorded classes available for interested individuals to watch at your
leisure. Karl Koop rocks!

Faith Exploration: If you are feeling close to God after this summer
and want to make a public commitment in baptism or transfer of
membership – please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty or a deacon –
Karl, Julie, Frieda, Wilf, George.

Forever in Motion - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday
starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall led by Lucy Friesen and
Susan Braun. Join OMCers' and other Osler locals for seniors' exercise
and conversation.

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Oct 30 – Nov 3 - MCC Blanket making in the multi-purpose room

***MAiD** What should Christians think about when they talk about
medical assistance in dying? How can the church best support people
who are suffering? Join Aaron Epp, associate editor at Canadian
Mennonite, as he hosts a discussion with guests Lisa Heinrichs and
Rhonda Wiebe. This virtual event takes place on Zoom on Wednesday,
October 25, at 7:00 p.m. CT / 8:00 p.m. ET. Advance registration is
required. Visit www.canadianmennonite.org/events to register. Read the
article that inspired this event: [https://canadianmennonite.org/.../gift-life-
question-death](https://canadianmennonite.org/.../gift-life-question-death)

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