



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 22, 2024

God's Work and Ours

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1,2, 14-17 (*NRSVUE*)

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever
you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**C: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us.

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

*All: Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands -
O prosper the work of our hands!*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #124 For the Fruit of All Creation

VT#529 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

First Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work done in creation.

Proverbs 31:10-20

A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Kathy

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Youth at Camp Elim with sponsors Luke & Steph

-remember the family of Annie Boldt who died Sept 13

-remember also friends & family of Merla Dyck – died Sept 14

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: VT #732 (v1-3,5) Open My Eyes

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:33-37

Then the disciples came to Capernaum, and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 #528 God, Bless the Work Your People Do

Sermon: God's Work and Ours

Hymn: VT #518 Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us

Benediction: *taken from VT#952*

God of work and rest, guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good. Through Jesus Christ, carpenter, teacher, healer, beloved child of God. Amen.

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Sept 22 *God's Work and Ours*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Anna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kathy Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Kevin Boldt

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

Walking Club: Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Mon. council mtg; Tues. ser. & book club; Thurs.

Worship mtg; Fri. office.

Luke's Week: Mon. Council Mtg.; Tues. Transition into Ministry Class;

Wednesday-Friday Backpacking Up North; Sa. Sermon Prep

Birthdays: 22 – Margaret Dyck (81); 23 – Rob Borne; 24 – Chris

Buhler; 25 – Christy Martens Funk; 26 – Tena Friesen (92)

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Sept 29 – Diane McKinnell

The Yard Maintenance Schedule: Sept 23 -28 – Garry & Jean Harms

CALENDAR

Fri – Sun – Sept 20 – 22 Youth to Camp Elim

Sun. Sept 22 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Life Worth Living: Work*
11:11 Community Connections mtg

Mon. Sept 23 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg

Tues. Sept 24 7:00 pm Book Club meets @ Diana McKinnell

Thur. Sept 26 7:00 pm Worship mtg @ OMC

Sun. Sept 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking *Healing in Mark*
Special music by Bethany Ukulele Band
11:15 am Jam sessions with Ukuleles by Lynn Driedger
12:00 noon Potluck (*please bring extra for the band*)
Group C-M clean-up

Sun. Oct 6 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club: Tuesday, September 24 @ 7:00 pm Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies on the table in the foyer.

Warman Mennonite Church invites you to join them on Sunday, Sept 29th for the celebration of 60 years of worshipping together! The celebration begins with a Worship Service at 2pm followed by Faspas and fellowship. If you're planning to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly by email at office@warmanmennonite.org or calling 306-933-4660.

Our Youth are at Camp Elim for a Retreat September 20th-22nd. **September 25th/27th** No Youth (to recover from the retreat and the busyness of September)

MCC Connects: Join MCC for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, the Kairos Blanket Exercise will be facilitated on Tuesday, September 24 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to this interactive activity that builds understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer | October 4 & 5 - Join us for a weekend of connecting with friends through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual (\$25/player). Soccer will only take place October 5 (\$10/player) at 9:00am, pre-registration is not required for soccer. Lunch available in the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). Contact Alex if you have any questions at development@rjc.sk.ca or to register. All are welcome to participate.

MC Sask News:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an Interim Youth Minister/Worker on a contract basis until mid-July, 2025. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will involve coordinate and working with youth pastors, leaders, and sponsors on province-wide and regional youth events such as MegaMenno and youth retreats, including travel to the 2025 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume to Len Rempel at minister@mcsask.ca. A full job description is available at www.mcsask.ca

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

Join with Mennonite World Conference in praying for violence to end in Burkina Faso. With 2 million people displaced and news of violent attacks every week, Siaka Traore, MWC regional representative, asks us to pray for God's healing. Read more: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers>

InCERT – delivered from MC Sask's Climate Emergency Response Team. Mennonites have joined Christians all over the world to mark the Season of Creation, six weeks of worship, prayer and action, dedicated to the healing of our common home. We are in the middle of this season now. For a guide to participating in this Season, as an individual, family or congregation, check out the free resource from CommonWord: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/27895> (new)

Anabaptism at 500 declares September 29, 2024 as Anabaptist Community Bible Day. Celebrate and explore the rich history and

teachings of Anabaptism. Engage with unique insights offered by the Anabaptist Community Bible. Join churches around the world to study the Anabaptist Community Bible. Anabaptism at 500 also offers a free Tool Kit to help churches, groups and individuals plan their celebrations for the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. Toolkit available to buy, borrow or access online – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/500toolkit>

Hold in prayer the gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action working group leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation. (new)

Xplore – “Lord teach us to pray”, “The Great Oratorios” and “Coming to terms with Christian Anti-Semitism” are some of the fall courses offered through CMU’s Xplore extended education program. Courses begin October 1; for course information and to register, visit cmu.ca/xplore Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community.

Join the CMU Team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Lab Steward position (one-year term with benefits). Other opportunities include sessional instructor positions in Psychology. Visit cmu.ca/employment for information on all employment opportunities.

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day, also known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It Commemorates the residential school experience, witnessing and honouring the healing journey of the Survivors and their families. **EVERY CHILD MATTERS.**

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 29 *Mark 3*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leader: Lynn Driedger Accompanist: Glowing Embers
Story: Patty Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Bill/Anna
Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Shelley Penner

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis