



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

The Road to Emmaus: Expanding Our Circle

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,
open our hearts to praise you,

**P: that we might live the full truth of who we are, that we might live
as neighbours and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;**

L: open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,
that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,

**P: that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.**

***All: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother
and friend.***

**Gathering Hymns: VT #57
VT #332**

**Holy Spirit, Come with Power
In Christ Alone**

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

When you pray, you call on Abba God, who judges everyone impartially on the basis of their actions. Since this is so, conduct yourselves reverently during your sojourn in a foreign land. Realize that you were delivered from the futile way of life your ancestors handed on to you, not by any diminishable sum of gold or silver but by Christ's blood, which is beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb foreknown before the world's foundation and revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through Christ that you are believers in God, the

God who raised Christ from the dead into glory. Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God.

By obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves for a genuine love of your sisters and brothers. Therefore love one another constantly, from the heart. Your rebirth has come not from a perishable seed but from an imperishable one—the living and enduring word of God.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #509 See the Children Here before Us
Children's Time: Lynette

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Mediation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – - Prayers for Luke, Becca and Sarah Woods as they travel to Manitoba for MC Canada's Living Hope- Centering Connection Retreat this weekend

-Karl Marten's dad who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will have surgery on Tuesday April 25th

Condolences - at the death of Martha Banman, grandmother to Clint Neufeld, aunt to Jean & Gary, Kathy & Dick, Anne & Bill

Thanksgiving - for Kaytee's dad's successful surgery

Please raise your hand for the microphone as we would like to hear prayer concerns/joys directly from you.

Hymn: VT #465 Prepare a Room for Me

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:28-35

By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going further. But they said eagerly, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening—the day is practically over." So the savior went in and stayed with them.

After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight.

They said to one another, "Weren't our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, "Christ has risen! It's true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!" Then the

travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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 #502 Abide with Me

Sermon: The Road to Emmaus: Expanding Our Circle

Hymn: VT #807 Hope of Abraham and Sarah

Benediction: Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP April 23 Third Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Lynette

Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anne/Bill

Kids S.S. - Julie Bergen, Youth S.S.- Christy Martens-Funk

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

Patty's Week: Mon. CC Zoom; Tues. sermon prep; Weds. office, faspa conversation with Lois Miller; Fri. Office

Luke's Week:

Every Friday 10:00 Drop-In coffee with staff available

Birthday: 26 – Eugene Penner; 26 – Ian Osmond; 27 - Jeremiah Bird; 28 – Lucy Friesen; 28 – Edna Zacharias (84)

Snack/Coffee Schedule: April 23 Louise

TODAY: Congregational Meeting Sunday April 23: After the service on Sunday, April 23 (around 11:00 am) we will hold a congregational meeting to appoint a reviewer for the 2022 financial statements of our church. Dalmeny Accounting had been appointed at our AGM, but they can no longer perform that service for us. Executive is recommending the firm Laskowski & Wright from Warman. Please contact Christy for more details.

CALENDAR

- Apr 23 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Mennonites and Race*
- Apr 24 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg zoom
- Apr 26 1:00 pm Pickleball
5:30 pm **Faspa and Conversation** *Lois Miller* Donations may be made to Prairie Harm Reduction
- Apr 27 7:00 pm Anabaptism 500 Bible Study @ OMC led by Luke
7:30 pm Worship mtg @ Michelle's
- Apr 29 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Helen Kruger
- Apr 30 10:00 am Jake Buhler**
12:00 pm Pizza lunch
1:00 pm OMC Spring Recital
- May 1 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg
- May 3 1:00 pm Pickleball
- May 7 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Nine Mile-markers for Peace*
- May 14 10:00 am Rick Guenther** *from MCC Sask*
11:00 am SS Forum on MCC's current work
12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch Osler Restaurant
- May 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen**
What does non-resistance in Ukraine look like?
- May 28 10:00 am Luke Bushman** *Pentecost Communion*
- NEXT SUNDAY April 23** Fourth Sunday of Easter
Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Melanie
Children's Time: Luke Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Anne/Bill
Kids S.S. - Julie Bergen, Youth S.S. - Matthew Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers in Osler Needed: OMC Youth has two events coming up that require volunteers in our congregation. On April 29th, from 6:30-8:30 we are hoping to do a progressive supper. Our youth group will go around being hosted for different parts of the meal and getting to know people in our congregation. If you are willing to help drive, or want to get to know youth by hosting and preparing a course of the meal for about 10 people, please contact Luke.

On May 27th, we are doing a "Menno Run" with some other churches in MC Sask. This is a town wide game, and we are looking for people to

volunteer their homes as "safe houses" as part of the game, as well as additional leaders who want to participate as "hunters for the game". Contact Luke for more information.

***Pastoral Connection:** Want to connect with your pastors in person? Please call or invite them out for coffee/lunch! Want to connect with your pastors on Facebook? Please friend request Patster Patty Friesen and Luke Bushman but don't expect any exciting posts as they have boring lives.

Spring Baptism or Church Membership: please let Patty or Luke know if you are interested in talking about your relationship with God and Jesus and if you are interested in baptism or joining the church at Pentecost May 28.

April 26 5:30 p.m. Faspa and Conversation with Lois Miller. Donations may be made to Prairie Harm Reduction.

The next Faspa and conversation will be May 17. Women and Men Talking About *Ducks* by *Kate Beaton*. A graphic novel about the oil sands, displaced Maritimers and gendered violence. Available at public libraries.

A Memorial service to celebrate Helen Kruger's life will be held at Osler Mennonite Church on **Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.** The service will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/Oslermennonitechurch>. A private family committal will have taken place. Helen's life story (obituary) and tribute page are available through the Choice Memorial website.

***Saskatoon Chamber Singers** concert is on May 7 at 3:00pm at Knox United Church. See Michelle for tickets.

***Light Music for Spring:** North Sky Chorale, led by Richard Janzen and featuring Philip Klassen, has two upcoming concerts. Saturday May 13 at 2:00pm at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern and Sunday May 14 at 3:00pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets can be purchased by searching North Sky Chorale at www.eventbrite.ca (Michelle, Dayna and Scott Feick are singing in it)

All are welcome to the Anabaptism 500 Community Bible Study led by Pastor Luke on Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

RJC is hiring: Women's Dormitory Dean (1.0 FTE) - RJC is inviting applicants for a women's dormitory dean position, beginning Fall 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Our dormitory staff, along with the RJC Student Life Team, are responsible for overseeing the dormitory and supervising students who live on campus. A primary emphasis in the role is student care, including relationship building and individual support. Visit rjc.sk.ca for the full job description or contact Ryan Wood, Principal, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.

Forever in Motion will continue at the Osler Community Hall to the end of April - Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M.

***MCC Connect:** MCC would like to express gratitude for the many dedicated volunteers who contribute countless hours to the work of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. The impact of your work is immense! Every year, over 1000 volunteers throughout Saskatchewan give themselves to helping in our thrift shops, making comforters, packing kits, helping at the Relief Sale, and in many other ways. There's no other way to say it – this work could not be done without you! May God bless your generosity!

MC SK Updates:

***It's not too late to participate in Earth Day Week! Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22, 2023.** Try the Earth Day Scavenger Hunt, plan a car free day, replace old light bulbs with LED bulbs, or one of the many other ideas available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11340>

***The Watoto Children's Choir** will be at the Youth Farm Bible Camp on Sunday, April 30th for a 7:00pm Concert. Come be a part of this vibrant worship experience! The children are from Uganda and love to sing! At the heart of the Watoto Children's Choir is a message of God's unfailing love. On Monday morning, the choir will be serving at the Mennonite Nursing Home.

The Bethany Chorus present a Spring Concert "With a voice of Singing" with conductor Duff Warkentin, pianist Verna Olfert and featuring percussionist Darrell Bueckert. Performances are on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm and Monday, May 1 at 7pm in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre, 110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon. All are welcome!

***Bethany Manor** invites you to a **Education Day For Wills** on May 2nd, 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Centre at Bethany. Amity Trust, Abundance Canada and Bethany Manor will do presentations on how to plan a good will. No registration required.

***The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary** is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser this year. The event will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing a Hot Towel Warmer for Sunrise Place. Everyone is welcome!

***CMU Virtual Open House** takes place on Wednesday, April 26, 6:00–7:00 PM (CDT). Receive a virtual campus tour, ask questions of our admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students—register at cmu.ca/virtual-open-house. Personal campus tours are available upon request by visiting cmu.ca/experience.

***Spring at CMU** takes place on April 28 at 7:00 PM (CDT) in person at the Loewen Athletic Centre on the Shaftesbury campus. The concert is a time to **Gather** with others, **Celebrate** with students and **Give** to support the mission of CMU. The concert can also be watched online at cmu.ca/springatcmu

April 16-22 was Volunteer Week! Check the bulletin for a poster highlighting the work at the Warman MCC Thrift Shop. Record Sales!

Hello MCC comforter makers'

Welcome to the first edition of the comforter-making newsletter!!!! (Don't worry, I'll find a good name for it soon).

Thank you so much for the time, efforts and dedication that you put into creating warm, beautiful blankets for people all around the world. For those who aren't aware, it is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, and I would just like to let you know how much you are appreciated and valued

I had such a great time visiting with most of your groups and meeting all the people involved in this wonderful world of comforter making, and for those groups I didn't get to or hear from this year, I look forward to contacting you (or feel free to contact me) to come visit soon.

I hope to send out an email with stories and thankyou's to you every other month just to keep you updated. Please feel free to send me an email response if you have any questions or concerns along the way. Also, I would really appreciate it if you could pass my appreciation and these stories on to all the members of your group.

For this first edition, I wanted to include our most recent story from Ukraine. We are constantly sending containers there with comforters, relief kits, hygiene kits and other supplies, as well as, working with partners to supply food hampers and such. This is made possible because of you!! I just wanted to say again how grateful I am for you and your group, for all the hard work you put in and the generosity of not only time but also resources. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

***P.S.** I hate to do this in this email, but I wanted to make you all aware as soon as possible that we have had to raise our prices of fabric and fiberfill starting April 1, 2023. The prices are as follows: Fleece - \$6.50/m, large roll of fiberfill - \$170, Bag of 3 rolls of fiberfill - \$26.00.*

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