



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 24, 2022

“Perfection, Decay and Hope”

Welcome/Announcements

Focus: We know what is perfect. But then as things wear out, we look at what is broken and try to imagine what hope is.

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the beginning, everything was perfect.

People: And we rejoiced that everything was good

Leader: And then things began to fall apart

People: We began to lose heart as things wore out.

Leader: But God encouraged us to look beyond despair.

People: And we looked for hope

Hymn: VT #364 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Responsive Reading (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The Heavens are telling the glory of God...

People: And the Firmament proclaims his handiwork

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech...

People: And night to night declares knowledge

Leader: The Law of the Lord is perfect...

People: Reviving the soul

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right...

People: Rejoicing the heart

Leader: The Word of the Lord...

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession:

On this first Sunday after Easter, it is also Spring, the time when crocuses and lilies come out of the ground and brighten meadows and front yards. It is Spring when house wrens and bluebirds gather sticks and grass to make their nests. It is Spring when lilacs bloom and the Manitoba Maples get green leaves. We confess we sometimes continue on our jolly old ways and forget to see the joy of your creation right in front of us. We will do better and pay attention to birds, leaves, grass and flowers. Amen.

First set of readings: Genesis 1 (*selected*)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...God said, “let there be light”, and there was light. And God saw that it was good...then God said, “let the earth put forward vegetation, plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind that can bear fruit”. And God saw that it was good...and God said, “let birds fly above the earth...let the earth bring forth living creatures,” ...and God saw that it was good...then God said, “Let us make humankind” ...so God made humankind and blessed them... God saw everything he had made and indeed it was very good.

Job 14:18-22 But as a mountain erodes and crumbles and as a rock is moved from its place, as water wears away stones and torrents wash away the soil, so you destroy a person’s hope. You overpower them once for all, and they are gone; you change their countenance and send them away. If their children are honored, they do not know it; if their offspring are brought low, they do not see it. They feel but the pain of their own bodies and mourn only for themselves.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children’s Time: Vanessa

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

-restful Easter break

-continued prayers for Ukraine

-prayers for peace in Ethiopia

Second set of readings: John 20:11-16

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (*which means "Teacher"*).

Singing of Isaiah 40:1-5 VT #212 "Comfort, Comfort O My People"

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!

Sermon: Perfection, Decay and Hope

Hymn: VT#644 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Benediction:

"God, whose breath gave life and being, bless you this day with joy and goodness. God, whose Son brought salvation and life eternal, bless you this day with grace and newness of soul. God, whose Spirit empowers with vision and understanding, bless you this day with courage and wisdom. God bless you, now and forever. Amen. *Words for Worship #231*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

April 24

Speaker: Jake Buhler

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Mark

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Kerri/James Usher: Anne & Bill

Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

Patty's Week: Mon. Worship; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, exec, council; Thurs. Community Connect; Fri. Office.
Tues., May 3 to Fri. May 6 - Spring birding in Prince Albert National Park. Please call Pastor Nora with emergencies.

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

Birthdays this week: Eugene Penner, Ian Osmond, Jeremiah Bird, Lucy Friesen, Edna Zacharias

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP May 1

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk
Song Leaders: Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Stephanie Usher: Anne & Bill
Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

TODAY – Coffee Time begins! – volunteers are needed. Please sign up!

Are you interested in leading Worship, reading scripture or ushering?
Contact a member of the Worship Committee.

Friendship Inn has a 'Bunny wish list' – check their Newsletter on the bulletin board. *Our next volunteer day is May 21.*

Announcements

***May 1 - 3 pm Forest church at Shekinah.** Spring has sprung so why not soak in the glory of the changing season in outdoor worship at Shekinah? Terri-Lynn and Thomas Friesen will provide leadership this month. All are welcome

***May 8 Shekinah service of Thanksgiving.** Shekinah is very grateful for gifts received on the dissolution of both Superb Mennonite Church and Zoar Waldheim Mennonite Church. To mark these gifts there will be a service of Thanksgiving on May 8 at 2:30 at Shekinah. All are invited to attend.

May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah! Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "*The Divine Spark*". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125 Registration is now open!! Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899> Open to all ladies 16 years and up!!

Touchdown! at RJC: a celebration of the legacy of athletics - May 28: This year RJC's annual golf classic and homecoming fundraising banquet will be celebrated as one event! Golf begins at 1:00 pm (shotgun start) at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern, with a banquet and program on the RJC campus to follow at 6:30pm. Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to register your team for golf or call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your banquet tickets.

RJC Musical: Anastasia - June 23-25: Tickets will go on sale in May. An alumnus & friends' barbeque is planned for Saturday, June 25 prior to the musical for any who would like to attend. Email office@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 to register for the meal.

***Free Tuition for a year at CMU!** Apply to CMU for a chance to have your undergraduate tuition covered! To be eligible Canadian students must return a completed CMU application for the 2022/23 academic year starting in September. Visit cmu.ca/admissions for further eligibility requirements.

Consider CMU: "Where your learning and career connect." Virtual open house on Wednesday, April 27, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a virtual tour of CMU's campus, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit cmu.ca/virtual-open-house

MCC Connects

MCC is hosting a **webinar** to unpack a new, free resource called **A Guide For Responding to Congregational Sexual Harassment and Abuse**. The webinar on Wednesday April 27th at 1pm CDT is intended for church members and leaders to learn benefits of this framework. You can register for the webinar here: <https://mcccanada.ca/webinar-responding-congregational-sexual-harassment>.

This is a hybrid event – you may attend in person at the MCC Centre in S'toon or via Zoom. Cost is \$75 – (Scholarships are available).

Expert community facilitators each week that include Cynthia Wallace (St Thomas More professor), Scott Siemens (mediator & conflict resolution advisor), Matt Legge (author), Amanda Dodge (community-based organizational leader, trained lawyer, MCCer) and others!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our annual MCC Relief Sale on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Areas of volunteering include set up,

take down, preparing food, packaging food, handing out food and beverages, etc., and will be assigned in two to three-hour time blocks. Please contact Lois Mierau at lgmierau@gmail.com or 306-250-8403 for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online!

Can't make it to Indonesia 2022? With online registration you will get access to a virtual hub, the "home-base" of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group. There will be exhibits of MWC related organization, concerts, children and youth activities. Cost is \$150 USD. Details at <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/websitePage:371aa2ec-8bd6-47fb-bfad-deb6c4c16fa6>

Quote:

"You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."
Dr. Seuss Author/Poet

OMC CALENDAR

- Apr 24 10:00 am Jake Buhler**
Apr 25 7:30 pm Worship
Apr 27 6:00 pm Exec mtg
7:00 pm Council mtg
Apr 28 7:00 pm Community Connection
Apr 29 7:00 – 9:00 pm Youth Mega Menno at OMC
May 1 10:00 am Patty Friesen
11:00 am Deacon mtg
May 8 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

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