



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 24, 2022

*Blessing and Release:
Farewell Service for Pastor Nora Pederberg*

Gathering Hymn: VT #91 “We Praise Thee, O God”

Welcome and Call to Worship: *Adapted from Psalm 85*

Leader: God, you smiled on your good earth! You brought good times back to us! You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people, you put their sins far out of sight....

People: Help us again, God of our help; don't hold a grudge against us forever.... Show us how much you love us, God! Give us the salvation we need!

Leader: I will listen to what God says; promising peace to God's faithful servants—

People: See how close God's salvation is to those who revere him.

Leader: Love and Truth meet in the street, Right Living and Whole Living embrace and kiss! Truth sprouts green from the ground; Right Living pours down from the skies!

People: Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty; our land responds with Bounty and Blessing. Right Living strides out before God, and clears a path for God's passage.

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 138

I thank you with all my heart; I sing your praise before the gods. I bow down in front of your holy temple and praise your Name because of your love and faithfulness, for you have put above everything else your Name and your word. When I called, you answered me—you made me bold and strong of heart. All the rulers of the earth will praise you, YHWH, when they hear the words of your mouth they will sing about

what you have done, YHWH, and about your great glory. Even though you are so high above, you care for the lowly and see arrogant people from far away. Even when I'm surrounded by troubles, you keep me safe; you oppose the anger of my enemies, and save me with your right hand. You will do everything you have promised me. YHWH, your love is eternal; don't abandon the work of your hands.

Children's Gathering Song: This Little Light of Mine

Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing and Praying for the Work of the Church

- this week's campers at YFBC & Shekinah
- halfway point of joint OMC/WMC of the Al-Nouris family sponsorship
- Terry and Zach preaching at Tiefengrund
- congratulations to Russ and Lucy Friesen on a new granddaughter, Frances Lucille born July 18 to Craig and Matt
- prayers for Jan and Lindsay's wedding

Prayer of the Church

Hymn: VT #440 "Ask the Complicated Questions"

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Abba God, hallowed be your Name! May your reign come. Give us today Tomorrow's bread. Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don't let us be subjected to the Test.'" Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, 'Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.' "Then your neighbor says, 'Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can't get up to look after your needs.' I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need. "That's why I tell you, keep asking and you'll receive; keep looking and you'll find;

keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?"

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 #816 "Guide My Feet"

Sermon: Blessing and Release

Litany of Blessing and Release

Church Chair: As sisters and brothers in this faith community, we give thanks for your three years of ministry among us, Nora. We say farewell to you and we ask God to bless the journey ahead – yours and ours.

Congregation: *All praise be to our God. In God there is one Body, one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us all.*

Pastor Nora: We have shared so much life together, worship and work, potlucks and pandemics, board games and prayers. I have cherished deepening my connection within this community, and partnering with this church in the incredible care you all carry for this world and the people in it. You are an astounding model of stewardship, integrity, and compassion. I am so blessed to be embraced by this mission of OMC in my time here, and I will carry these teachings with me always.

Church Chair: This is a time of many feelings: sadness, joy, loss and thankfulness. Goodbyes are hard but we have accomplished much during these years together and we give God thanks and praise for you and your fruitful ministry among us.

Pastor Nora: I take with me cherished memories of our time together. You have taken me into your community and nurtured my faith. You have shaped me as a Pastor and as a disciple in our time together, as I witnessed your love for God and joined in your passion for the Spirit's work in this world.

Church Chair: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life in St. John's, Newfoundland and ministry journey as you complete your Masters of Divinity on-line through Canadian Mennonite University.

Pastor Patty: Nora, you will always be our friend but now you are released as our pastor. May God bless and guide you on the next steps of your journey. May you form caring relationships in a new and beloved community, wherever that may be. May God bless your ongoing studies. May God bless and guide our congregation into a hopeful future as it seeks new leadership with our intergenerational relationships. Amen.

Presentation

Hymn: VT #778 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Benediction: God will fulfill purpose for us. God's steadfast love endures forever and goes with us forever. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP July 24

Speaker: Patty Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold & Lloyd

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

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

Patty's Weeks: Tues. sermon; Weds. office, search committee; Fri. YFBC, rehearsal; Sat. wedding

Nora's Week: Working Mon, Wed, Friday (Last Week at OMC)

Birthdays this week: 24-Dennis Boldt (88), 28-Emmett Bergen-Braun, 30-Harry Martens (80)

Church Yard Maintenance: Russ/Lucy Friesen & John/Ronda Gascho

Announcements

****Today after the service:** As a special farewell to Nora, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and muffins. *Sponsored by Church Council.*

***A meal train** has been set up to share some love and good food with Kaytee and Chris as they welcome Alexander into their family. If you'd like to contribute you can choose a date at the link below:

<https://mealtrain.com/g9o06o>

***Mennonite Church Canada shares worship services this summer**

Waterloo North Mennonite Church will be sharing a service with our nationwide community of faith for this **Sunday, July 24**. The service will be available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Shekinah Summer Camp is starting, and we need your help. For information about what's going on and how you can help, go to <https://shekinah.ca/news/2022/help-support-shekinah-summer-camp>

***Welcome to new OMC staff:**

-Custodian - Ashley Buhler

-Interim Youth Coordinator Zach Dueck. Zach is from Swift Current and has been working as youth and young adult minister at Mount Royal Mennonite Church for 6 years. He currently is interim MC SK youth minister also and finished a stint at Nutana Park Mennonite Church.

Pray for the planners and presenters for the MC Canada's Gathering 2022 (July 29 - Aug 1) and the Amplify! Youth Gathering (July 31 - Aug 4) as they gear up to host adults and youth from across our nationwide MC Canada family in Alberta.

Gathering 2022 Report Book is now available. Whether you're a delegate or not, the Gathering 2022 Report Book gives an expansive view of who we are as a nationwide community of faith. Don't miss out on reports from our nationwide ministries, organizational partners and what delegates will be discussing together about where we're headed. Available now through CommonWord: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/25677>.

Pastor of Faith and Community (Greater Saskatoon Area)

Osler and Nutana Park Mennonite Churches are seeking an enthusiastic, committed, creative individual to lead our children's, young families', youth and young adult programs. The Pastor of Faith and Community will inspire the congregations to build relationships within their churches, while focusing on the faith formation and pastoral care of children, young families, youth and young adults. Details and job description can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/resources/pastoral>

MC Sask Appoints Delegates for Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2022. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is sending 13 delegates to the Mennonite Church Canada Gathering in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 29 to August 1. Delegates were gathered from MC Sask's programs and ministries, seeking to carry the hopes, needs, and opportunities in which our congregations are invested into the national discernment and decision-making process. Delegates reflect the great diversity of MC Sask congregations—both rural and urban, older and younger, larger and smaller, generational Mennonites and newcomers to the faith tradition. See <https://mcsask.ca/news/11137> for details.

MCC Thrift is celebrating 50 years! To help celebrate this major milestone, we encourage you to visit or donate to your local MCC Thrift shop this month, you never know what's in store!

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP July 31

Speaker: Stories & Songs Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Lynette, Kathryn, Anna, Ben, Loretta
Accompanist: Naomi Children's Time: Lynette
Sound: James/Kerri Ushers: TBA

OMC CALENDAR

July 24 10:00 am Farewell Service for Pastor Nora
July 31 10:00 am Stories & Songs
Aug 7 10:00 am Patty Friesen
Aug 14 10:00 am Zach Stefaniuk
Aug 21 10:00 am Amplifiers & Jake Buhler
Aug 28 10:00 am Joint Service on the Buhler Farm

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