



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Palm Processional Hymn *please rise to sing* **Jesus Is Coming**

Call to Worship: (while standing)

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

Many: Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

Many: Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: VT #314 Holy Lord

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1, 19-24 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Thank you Holy One, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting! Open the gates of justice for us, let us process in. This is the gate of God and only the humble can enter. Thank you, God, for hearing us, for saving us. It was the stone which the builders rejected that has become the Cornerstone. This is the Almighty's doing and it is wonderful to see. This is the day the Lord has made - let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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

Story for All Ages: Patty

Prayer of Confession

One: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we lose sight of the humble donkey
and put our trust in horses of war,

Many: remind us of this Palm Sunday.

One: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now,"

**Many: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the
"not yet."**

Offering Prayer/Choir – Be Still and Know

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Gaza ceasefire

-meaningful Holy Week

Thanks –for funeral repair

Hymn: VT ##317 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake. "And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; I am betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

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 #318 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Sermon: Let This Cup Pass

Hymn: VT #828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

Benediction: As we go out from here with joy and celebration remembering our King, humble and riding on a donkey, we journey with Christ this week on the path of servanthood, sacrifice, and pain. What will we find on the other side as we follow him?

Removal of Christ Candle

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

Next Loose Change Sunday - April 14 for MCC Gaza project. Please start your stockpile!

TODAY'S WORSHIP *March 24 Palm Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Patty Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Sunday School Leader: Karl – Helpers: Zoe, Emmett

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Loretta Sawatzky

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

Easter Week Wednesday and Thursday

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Holy Week: Maundy Thurs service, Good Friday service (not in office all week), holidays April 1-8 in Moose Jaw

Luke's Week: Wed. prep @ home; Thur. Maundy Thursday; Fri. Service; Sun. Easter Sunday; holidays April 1-4

Birthdays: 26 – Liam Boldt; 26- Merla Dyck (89); 27 – Keeley Buhler; 28 – Clint Neufeld

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Mar 24 – Kathy & Patty

Our parking pad is a great success and is being used well! But if you can navigate the gravel, please leave the concrete for others.

OMC Executive

OMC Impromptu Easter Choir--All are welcome to sing in our Easter Sunday choir! Rehearsal will be at 9:00am March 31st. *Worship Committee*

Forever in Motion - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday 10:00 am at the Community Hall

NEXT SUNDAY March 31 *Easter Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Jake Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lane/Carl

Sunday School Leader: No Children's Sunday School

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Matthew Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Mid-Winter Winds & Pipes Concert at Grace Westminster – Sunday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm with *The Warman Concert Showband*. *For more details see the Poster on the bulletin board.*

On March 23 & 24, folks from MC Sask Ministries Commission along with the Living Skies Region of the United Church are holding a Gaza Peace Pilgrimage in Saskatoon (part of the <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>). Mark your calendars and watch for more information over the next week!

Join in a global movement of prayerful pilgrimage in solidarity with the people of Gaza and all those caught in violence since October 7. Over two days, March 23-24, we will walk in the length of Gaza in and around Saskatoon, beginning and ending at First Mennonite Church, as part of the global Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage. Visit Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/gazapeacepilgrimage> or email Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca for more details.

Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Shekinah Retreat Centre and Carmen Corner Meats are *"Puttin on the Ribz '24*. For more information and to purchase tickets see shekinahretreatcentre.org or call (306) 945-4929.

Shekinah summer camp is looking for kitchen volunteers for the week of July 7th - 12th. Specifically we're looking for 4 volunteers Monday - Wednesday, 3 cooks for Thursday, 2 for Friday. Please let Kaytee know if you're interested and want more information. 306-221-1729

MC Updates:

Yes, we can inspire change by being moderate and wise consumers. In this short (6 1/2 minutes) video, Annie Leonard explains how we can affect change beyond ourselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIQdYXCKUv0>

Prayers -

We pray for members of the human family who are in the midst of war or violence in their nations. At this time, our hearts cry out especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar, Ethiopia, Ukraine and Palestine. Lord, deliver them and silence the guns and bombs in those countries. (New)

Urgent Appeal -

Mennonite Church Canada is urgently appealing for relief funds for Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) in Ethiopia. MKC leaders and adherents have lost their lives in the crossfire of a violent tribal conflict that began in the western region of Ethiopia in 2018. Civil war, drought and continuing violence have led to severe hardship for MKC congregations and leaders in the area. Please consider donating to help them: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/MKC-relief>

Mennonite Church Canada

MC Canada is hiring a half-time Administrative Assistant to assist our Associate Executive Minister and Executive Coordinator. Flexible employment with benefits. Interviews begin March 25. More information (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved/employment>)

International Witness

Forming Leaders Together – a new collaboration between Mennonite Church Canada International Witness and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) providing leadership training in Canada and

beyond. Learn more and consider giving to the campaign (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44736>).

Indigenous Relations

In September 2023, the regional church leaders within Mennonite Church Canada, joined the voices of our siblings in Christ calling for justice for Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran and for an end to the violence against Indigenous women, children, and Two-Spirit people. The Harris and Myran families continue to call all levels of government to search the landfill (<https://searchthelandfill.com/>). On March 29th (1pm PST), a virtual 'prayer as action' hour will be held with updates on how to support Camp Morgan and hold MMIWG families in the Light. Register to attend (<https://tinyurl.com/yux9e98k>).

CALENDAR

- Sun. Mar 24 10:00** **Patty Friesen preaching** *Palm Sunday*
Thur. Mar 27 6:30-7:30 pm Maunday Thursday *Faspa & Communion*
Fri. Mar 29 7:00 pm Good Friday service
Sun. Mar. 31 10:00 am **Patty Friesen speaking** *Easter Sunday*
11:00 am Easter Brunch – Group C-M helping
Sun. Apr. 7 10:00 am **George Janzen speaking**
11:00 am Deacon mtg Patty's office
Sun. Apr. 14 10:00 am **Luke Bushman speaking**
11:00 am Forum MCC – Women Will Renew
12:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office

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