



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 24, 2021

Prayer of the Unpretentious

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: *from VT#854*

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen.

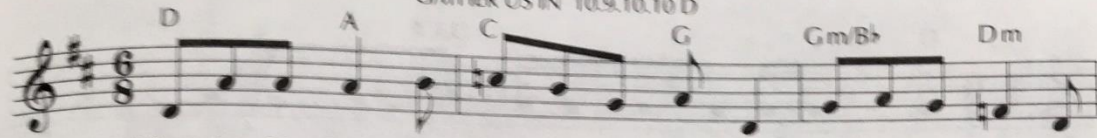
Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: VT #10 **“Here in This Place”**

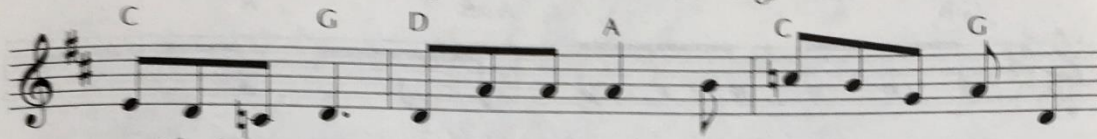
Here in This Place

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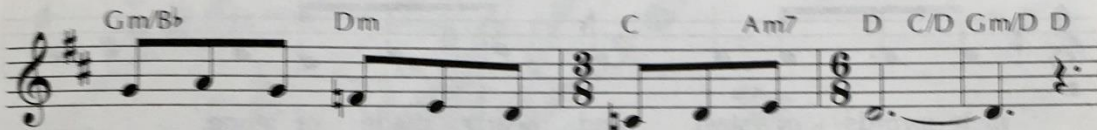
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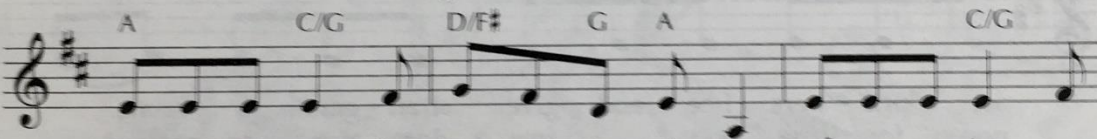
1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the
 4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,



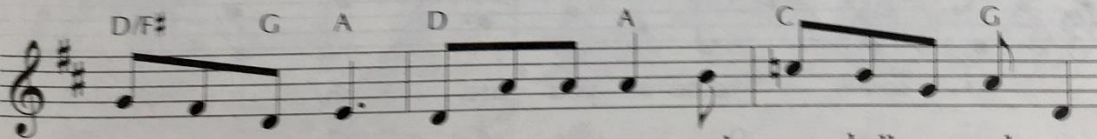
van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:
 light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



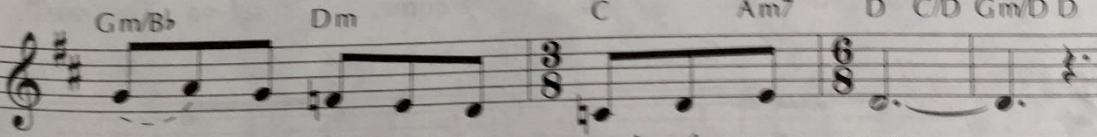
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.
 now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing
 make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14 *Inclusive Bible translation*

Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others – greedy, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’ “The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who humble themselves will be exalted, while those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

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

Today earth is singing with stars up above,
Our arms wide in welcome for God’s gift of love;
We greet you, dear children, we’re glad you are here;
Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

Children's Time with Adeline Cox

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:

- Osler Community Garden's transition
- Esther Abrams’ death age 96 (Dennis Boldt’s sister in BC)
- Dennis and Margaret’s 63rd anniversary on Oct. 25
- installation of Pastor Len Rempel at Warman Mennonite Church (John Redekkop is representing OMC there)
- Lina’s family departure from Beirut today!

Hymn: VT #124 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the Fruit of All Creation 124

FIRSTFRUITS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har-vest of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev'-ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that a - stound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Alternate tune: AR HYD Y NOS (#830)

Gospel Reading: Sirach 35:12-17 *Inclusive Bible translation*

For Yhwh is a judge who does not respect individuals, nor grant favors at the expense of the poor; God listens to the prayers of those who are exploited. God will never ignore the pleas of the orphan or of those who are widowed, as they pour out their heart. See how the tears run down the cheeks of the bereaved and their cries indict those who caused them! To be accepted, you must give of yourself as Yhwh requires - then your prayer will reach the clouds. The prayer of the unpretentious pierces the clouds. Until it is heard, there is no comfort for them; yet, they do not give up until YHWH answers them, giving the just what is theirs, and granting them justice.

Response to the Scripture:

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 #680 “Calm Me, Lord”

Calm Me, Lord

680

CALM ME, LORD 8.7.9.7

D A/C# Bm G

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. Chord symbols D, A/C#, Bm, and G are placed above the top staff.

D Em7 Asus A D A/C#

Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tu - mult with -

Detailed description: This system contains the next two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. Chord symbols D, Em7, Asus, A, D, and A/C# are placed above the top staff.

Bm7 G/B D/A

Repeat as desired

Bm Em7 Asus A

in me cease: en - fold me, Lord, in your peace.

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Last time

Bm Em7 Asus A D

Lord, en - fold me in your peace.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. Chord symbols Bm, Em7, Asus, A, and D are placed above the top staff. A box labeled 'Last time' encloses the first two measures of the system.

Lord, Listen to Your Children 682

CHILDREN PRAYING 9.8.9.9

D D7 C/G G

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

E7 A7

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place.

D D7 C/G G G#dim7

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us

D/A A7 G7 D

love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Sermon: Prayer of the Unpretentious

Hymn: VT #419 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction: From all that is broken, let there be beauty.

From what is torn, jagged, ripped, frayed,

let there be not just mendings but meetings unimagined.

May the God in whom nothing is wasted gather up every scrap, every shred and shard, and make of them new paths, doorways, worlds. Amen.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Nora Pederberg (she/her) Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Kevin, Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Adeline Sound: James/Keri Usher: Harold

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Loretta & Karl

Patty's Week: Sun -Thurs in Winnipeg @ CMU lecturers; Fri office

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

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: October 31

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leaders: Dayna, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Matthew Usher: Bill

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Loretta & Karl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Adult Education TODAY** after worship.

Mosaic class in sanctuary and on Zoom.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220>

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7

*We welcome Morgan Buhler as **our new janitor** and Susan Braun as **treasurer helper**.

Weds. Oct. 27, 7:00 **Deacons Check-In Zoom** with Julie for everyone who would like to connect.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955>

Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

*The Refugee Family is expected to arrive on the 25 – because of COVID protocols there will be no large welcome at the Airport Al-Nouris' (Lina - 34, Ayiat - 15, Hajar - 13, Hussein - 11, Abdal - 9, Mohammed - 6).

Thank you to the Refugee Committee (George, Brandee, Sandra, Kaytee plus Wildwood Mennonite's Theresa and Brenda) for their years of work and patient waiting and for all our donors and prayers.

*Clint Neufeld and Matthew Braun were the much-appreciated delivery crew for OMC's household donations to Lina's Saskatoon home. Clint also added his carpentry skills... many thanks guys!

***Worship Committee** needs four volunteers to be "online ushers" in a once per month volunteer rotation. As a proactive member of our online worship community, the online usher will welcome people via the online comments at the start of worship, moderate and answer comments, and welcome online responses as appropriate throughout the service. For more information or to volunteer, please speak to any member of Worship Committee: Lynette J, John R, Melanie B, Vanessa S, Michelle M or Patty F.

***OMC Community Connections** committee is looking for your help in maybe re-imagining Christmas hampers for families and individuals in need in our community. Do we continue with a food drive, or maybe bring a Christmas meal or gift certificates this year? Or something different? Please share your ideas with C.C. People: Kaytee, Diane M, Alex or Adeline.

***Voices Together** – Learning about Our New Hymnal Adult Education Series with Nutana Park Mennonite Church via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. October 19 – November 23. Email npmc@npmc.net for the zoom link.

October 26: What kinds of music are included? Do we need that diversity? What about our “heart songs”?

Facilitator – Duff Warkentin. **November 2:** Why are there hymns from different cultures and languages?

Should we sing the songs we don’t do very well? Facilitator – Geraldine Balzer.

November 9: Who are the contributors for our new hymnal? How much does that matter? Do we need both old songs and new songs? Facilitator – Lori Weiler-Thiessen.

November 16: Why did we need a new hymnal anyway? Has our world changed that much? Is our theology changing? Facilitator – Edna

Froese.

November 23: Wrap-up session. Facilitator – Rachel Regier

***MC Sask**

***International Witness Sunday on Oct. 24 - Note giving needs**

As you prepare to celebrate International Witness Sunday on October 24, please prayerfully consider giving generously. Giving for International Witness has been slower this year than expected and your help is greatly appreciated. Designate your gift to a specific program or to International Witness where most needed.

The focus of this year’s International Witness Sunday is on experiencing God’s call, drawing inspiration from the Mennonite Church Canada denominational “Vision: Healing and Hope” statement. For more info, visit, mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday.

***Interested in CMU?** Take in our **Campus Visit Day** on November 5 or our **Virtual Open House** on October 27. Visit cmu.ca/future/experience for more information and to sign up.

Save the date! The Micah Mission's AGM will be November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to info@themicahmission.org. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the meeting.

***Bethany Manor** is seeking a part-time Resident Aide to join our team. Regular duties include, but are not limited to, working with residents, assistance with daily living essential activities, medication admin/charting, record keeping, cleaning/laundry and serving meals. A criminal record check with the vulnerable sector check will be required prior to commencement of employment, as well as proof of double COVID-19 vaccination. Job specific training courses will occur within the first month of employment. Bethany Manor offers excellent group benefits and pension plans, as well as the opportunity to pick up additional shifts. Please email your resume and cover letter outlining your experience and qualifications to MarianneH@b55.ca. No phone calls or drop ins please.

*Bethany Manor has Seniors’ housing suites available. Check their website for more information <https://bethany55plusliving.ca>

RJC Choirs & Cakes Fundraiser - October 30, 7:00pm (SK CST): Join us for our annual fundraising concert & dessert auction in support of RJC. This event will be held in-person at the RJC Gymnasium with a livestream option available. The livestream link and online cake auction will be at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.

MCC Connects:

It’s that time of year again! MCC Saskatchewan’s 3rd Annual Peace Conference, “*Restoring Justice*”, is coming up on November 6th. Responding to the biblical call to “do justice and love mercy,” we will look beyond the constraints of the current justice system to explore more human-centered approaches. We will hear from experts and those on the frontlines about the principles and practices of doing justice and building resilience in our communities. Join us for an enriching time of learning how we can do justice better. Get more info and register here: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference>

From Rhonda Gascho – My dad, Ernie Hildebrand, is publishing his memoir, *Guiding Diverse Flocks: Tales of a Rural Mennonite Pastor*

If people are interested, here is the link from the publisher: <https://books.friesenpress.com/store/title/119734000203066202>

And here is the link for pre-orders through Common Word: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/24749>
If anyone wants to pre-order through me, they can e-mail j.rgascho@sasktel.net

OMC CALENDAR

Oct 24 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking *(also on Facebook)*

Oct 27 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg

7:00 pm Deacons Check-In Zoom with Julie Bergen

Oct 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *(also on Facebook)*

Nov 5 1:00 pm Education Committee mtg

Nov 7 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking *(also on Facebook)*

Nov 12 6:30 pm OMC Youth Night

Nov 14 10:00 am Curtis Wiens speaking *(also on Facebook)*

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