



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent *“The Temptation of Jesus”*

Prelude

Welcome/ /Announcements

Gathering Hymns: VT #563 “Come, Thou Fount”
VT #182 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Call to Worship *from Carol Penner*

Great God of heaven and earth;

we come to sing of your mighty power this morning,
your wisdom, your goodness, your strength flaming out.

We come to give thanks for great gifts.

This morning, we ask that you resurrect us,

opening us petal by petal, with your shiny love,
warming us into life

even in the places where we feel cold and dead.

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Inclusive Version*

Then YHWH took the earth creature and settled it in the garden of Eden so that it might cultivate and care for the land. YHWH commanded the earth creature, “You may eat as much as you like from any of the trees of the garden—except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. You must not eat from that tree, for on the day you eat from that tree, that is the day you will die—yes, die.”

But the snake was even more naked: the most cunning of all the animals that YHWH had made. The snake asked the woman, “Did God really tell you not to eat from the trees in the garden?”

The woman answered the snake, “We may eat fruit from all the other trees in the garden. But of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘Don’t eat it and don’t touch it, or you will die.’”

The snake said to the woman, “Die? You won’t die! God knows well that on the day that you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil!”

The woman knew that the tree was enticing to the eye, and now saw that the fruit was good to eat—that it was desirable for the knowledge it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to the man beside her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #282 “Come and See”

Children’s Time: Wilf

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.

They offered their company, their table, their bread.

We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love,
our devotion, these gifts.

***All: May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us,
now and always. Amen.***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers – one-year anniversary of Ukraine war

Thanksgiving – for winter break for students, teachers & families

-great time had by the youth on their ski trip

-for the group that installed the new lighting in the MPR

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

Hymn: VT #551 “Beautiful Things”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 *Inclusive Version*

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. Then the tempter approached and said, “If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread.”

Jesus replied, “Scripture has it, ‘We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple and said, “If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it, ‘God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.’”

Jesus answered, “Scripture also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’”

The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, promising, “All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me.”

At this, Jesus said to the Devil, “Away with you, Satan! Scripture says, ‘You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.’”

At that the Devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus

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 #309 “Fill Us with Your Feast”

Sermon: “Giving Up Control”

Hymn: VT #453 “As I Went Down to the River to Pray”

Benediction: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

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

TODAY’S WORSHIP February 26

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Naomi

Children’s Time: Wilf Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Anne/Bill

Kid’s S.S. – Rachel Buhler, Youth S.S. – Matthew Braun

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

Patty's Week: Tues. Anabaptism 500 Zoom OMC, chaplains' group;
Weds. office; Thurs. grief group OMC; Fri. Office.

Luke's Week: Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office;
Sat Youth

Birthday: 27 – Bruce Sawatzky

Snack/Coffee Schedule:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday February 28, 11:00-12:00 *Patty's office* or at your homes - John Roth (who is leading up the Anabaptism at 500 project) will meet up with us on Zoom. As we come closer to the 500th anniversary of the starting point of our corner of the Christian tradition, we have a good opportunity to reflect and to connect. John will introduce us to ways we can enter into this good work.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86229503654?pwd=VIIESUg0UjNrd2EvZU FNdEdKRHIDZz09>

Monday, March 13: Executive meeting 6:00 pm, Council mtg 7:30 pm
*Committees-please have your organizational meeting to determine your chairperson before the March 13th Council meeting.

Season of Lent

Grieving Well - Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00 noon CST (February 23 – March 30) Grieving Well with Wilma Derksen *on Zoom only*. Meet in Patty's office. Recorded sessions available upon request.

Lenten Stations of the Cross in Sunday school wing rooms. Lenten Sunday Theme: Created by God, Shaped by Jesus. Devotional materials on the back table.

***Women Talking** movie based on Miriam Toews book, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Roxy Theatre for all interested. Meet in lobby 12:40. Meet Botte Chi (Persian tea shop owned by Kendra Reddekopp) 117-123 Avenue B South (just south of 21 St) after movie to discuss. Free parking Sundays.

Every Second Sunday of the month: 11:30ish-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch - back room at Osler restaurant reserved for anyone who wants to eat together. Sponsored but not paid for by deacons: ☺

March 15 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Committee 5th Annual Educational Gathering to be held at the Ramada Inn, Saskatoon. Lunch and refreshments provided. To register or for more info, contact: prrcommittee@gamil.com

Poster on the bulletin board

***MCC Connect:** Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link:

<https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

MC Sask Updates:

March 5: Consider joining with others around the campfire as we explore the 2023 theme for Forest Church - Face to Face: Encountering God in the Wilderness. Ric Driediger will provide input this month, sharing from a wealth of experience on this topic. 3pm at Shekinah. All are welcome.

MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. A working copy of the report book is now available! This is a hybrid online and in person event, and registration is required to attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

March 11 6:30 pm You are invited to a viewing of Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes documentary at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Indigenous peoples' ancestors left their marks on the land for millennia. Artifacts everywhere, many lost forever to agricultural and other development. Still some places remain untouched; beautiful natural settings with artifacts, all with stories to tell. Come watch the documentary about Ancient Echoes' work to protect this ancient Indigenous sacred site. Think about how you can contribute to protection of the marks of Indigenous history. There will be time to share your response following the documentary.

RJC Choirs & Cakes 7:00pm March 12, 2023. Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place

in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222.

The 2022 edition of the Mennonite World Conference Transmission video series reveals how young Mennonites in Latin America are dealing with and responding to climate change. Watch the 11 minute video at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3304> Donate to the project at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/transmission-films>

Annual reports for MC Sask and MC Canada are available on the MC Sask Website at https://mcsask.ca/resources/congregational_resources

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking to fill a number of positions, including a permanent Maintenance Manager (up to full time hours) to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a summer camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to shekinah.ca/jobs for more information.

Save the Date. Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting of the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah. This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

Experience CMU – Our next campus visit day takes place on March 10 from 1:00–3:00 PM CST. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

John and Margaret Friesen Lectures – “The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment” with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information.

Climate Action: The 2022 edition of the Mennonite World Conference Transmission video series reveals how young Mennonites in Latin America are dealing with and responding to climate change. Watch the

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YOUTH CALENDAR

March 3rd & 5th Green Fundraiser: making dessert on the 3rd and on the 5th - set up, serve and do dishes along with the Deacons and Community Connections

March 11th 6:30 pm Mega Menno Move Night

March 18th 7:00 pm @ OMC, Talent Show

Youth Announcements:

***Sunday, March 5th,** we will be kicking off our Green Fund with a chili fundraiser. This will take place after Sunday School, cost will be by donation. More details to come in the near future! Group C-L is asked to come at 9 am to help set-up and help clean up later.

***Saturday, March 11, 6:30pm – Mega Menno Movie Night.** Youth will join with other members of the MC Sask family to watch ‘Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes’ at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Come enjoy some popcorn, and learn more about how we can help protect Indigenous artifacts and stories. Youth will have a separate discussion and debrief following the film. Free event for all youth gr. 6-12; contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca, or visit www.mcsask.ca to learn more.

NEXT SUNDAY March 5

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Luke Bushman
Song Leaders: Dayna, Michelle Accompanist: Lynette
Children’s Time: Lynette Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill
Kid’s S.S. – Lynette Janzen, Youth S.S. – Stephanie Siemens



"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

CALENDAR

- Feb 26 10:00 am Luke Bushman** *First Sunday of Lent*
11:10 am Kroeger Clock History *Tony Funk – sanctuary*
- Feb 28 11:00 am Anabaptism at 500 project zoom *in Patty's office*
- Mar 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Nicodemus*
Noon Fundraising lunch group *C-L help set-up @ 9 & cleanup*
- Mar 12 10:00 am Reynold Friesen** *CMU Director of Church Relations*
11:00 am Mosaic Sunday School
12:00 Lunch Bunch @ Osler Cafe
- Mar 13 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg
- Mar 19 10:00 am Luke Bushman** *Samaritan Woman*
- Mar 26 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Jesus Weeps*

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis