# Osler Mennonite Church A Welcoming Community for Peace

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 26, 2023

# Fifth Sunday of Lent "Called to Life"

**Prelude** 

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Gathering Hymns: VT #420 "God of the Bible"

VT #64 "As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On"

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.

Blessed be your name.

**Prayer of Confession** 

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions. We confess to the Lord . . . (silent prayer)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord.

All: Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

We place our hope in you. Amen.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #282 "Come and See"

Children's Time: Edna

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

# Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers- for Harry Martens in the Hospital

-Robin Doucette's family at the death of their mother Lorraine.

Memorial Come and Go @ Coummiplex, Warman

Joys -appreciation for the recent display of Northern Lights

-signs of spring

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:** John 11:28-37 *Inclusive Bible Translation* When she had said this, Martha went back and called her sister Mary. "The Teacher is here, asking for you," she whispered.

As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went to him. Jesus hadn't gotten to the village yet. He was at the place where Martha had met him. Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

"Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked.

"Come and see," they said. And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?"

### **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!

**Lenten Prayer for Creation** 

Hymn: VT #456 "Oceans"

Sermon: "The Many Faces of Grief"

Hymn: VT #671 "The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

**Benediction:** Put your hope in God who is unfailing love. God will bring us up from our graves. God will redeem us from all our sins

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP** March 26 The Many Faces of Grief

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Edna Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Kid's S.S. – Matthew Braun, Youth S.S. – Karl Martens

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

Patty's Week: Today: worship mtg, Robin Doucette's mother's memorial; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, pickle ball; Thurs. Grief Class Zoom: Fri. Office

**Luke's Week:** Wed. Easter Sermon Prep from Home; Thurs. OMC & NPMC; Fri. Office Hours/Nutana Youth; Sat. Off; Sun @ Nutana **Every Friday** 10:00 Drop-In coffee with staff available – we're *coffeeing* anyhow!

Birthdays: 26- Merla Dyck (88), 27 – Keeley Buhler, 28 – Clint

Neufeld, 31 – Ava Boldt

Snack/Coffee Schedule: March 26 Louise

#### **CALENDAR**

Mar 26 10:00 am Patty Friesen *The Many Faces of Grief* 11:00 am Worship mtg in Patty's office

Mar 29 10:00 am Grieving Well Zoom

Apr 2 9:00 am Choir practice

**Apr 2 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Palm Sunday* 

Apr 6 5:30 pm Maunday Thursday Communion & Faspa 7:00 pm Grief Group (last session)

Apr 7 7:00 pm Good Friday Service Sanctuary

Apr 9 9:00 am Choir practice & set-up for group M-Z

Apr 9 10:00 am Luke Bushman Easter Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY April 2 Palm Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Song Leader: Kevin & Choir Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Note Time Change - Grieving Well - Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Grieving Well with Wilma Derksen *on Zoom only*. Meet in Patty's office. Recorded sessions available upon request.

**The Warman Community Band** invited you to their Spring Concert on April 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Warman Communiplex. *Some of our OMC members play in this band.* 

**Forever in Motion** will continue at the Osler Community Hall to the end of April - Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M.

SARCAN Drop and Go Donations You can now donate your SARCAN recycling to benefit the OMC Green Fund initiated by the Youth and Community Connections. Simply visit your local SARCAN depot and log in with our group phrase: omcgreen For more information, please visit: https://www.sarcan.ca/pages/drop\_and\_donate.html

\*MCC Connect: For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-17. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact us at 306-665-2555 or visit <a href="https://www.mccskreliefsale.com">www.mccskreliefsale.com</a> for more details.

# MC SK Updates:

Highlights, videos, report book and more from the MC Sask Annual **Delegate Sessions** are available at https://mcsask.ca/event/11233

**Camp Elim Perogy Supper Fundraiser,** April 1, 5-7 pm at Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Adults \$20, Children 7 & under \$10. Proceeds toward Tabernacle Flooring Project

April 2 - Forest church outdoor worship at Shekinah 3:00. Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.

Spring is almost here! Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit shekinah.ca/jobs for more information.

**CMU Open House**: At our place or from your place. In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a campus tour, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit cmu.ca/experience to register

Canadian School of Peacebuilding – Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit csop.cmu.ca

MDS Canada needs volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, from March to October for Hurricane Fiona repair work. Last year MDS volunteers did clean-up work and tarped roofs; now it needs people to help fix hurricane-related water and wind damage. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org or 1-866-261-1274.

**Indigenous Relations** Pray for MC Sask and MCC Sask who are partnering with the New Leaf Network to present 'Bridging Us' on April 1 in Saskatoon. Pray that attendees will be inspired by how local residents are working to achieve greater connection in their communities and churches on their reconciliation journey. https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/bridgingus

Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 12 – May 23. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

#### YOUTH CALENDAR

**April 1st 7:00 pm** @ OMC, Homemade Escape Room **April 15th 7:00 pm** @ OMC, Talent Show

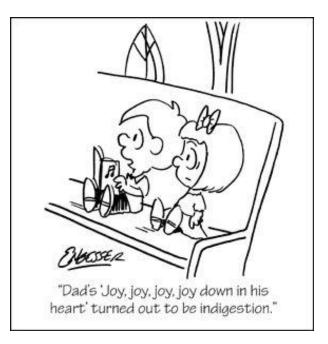
# **Upcoming Easter services:**

April 2, Palm Sunday – come at 9 am for an Impromptu Choir Practice April 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Faspa & Communion in the Gathering Room. You are invited to stay later for table games 7:00 p.m. Grief Group meet to view last session

April 7, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday, 2 Readers needed for Good Friday service – please talk to Patty.

April 9, 11:00 Sun. Easter brunch *Please bring eggy goodness* 9 am Group M-Z please come at to set-up Impromptu Choir Practice

**Also coming in April** - Anabaptism 500 Community Bible Study led by Pastor Luke. Check out www.Anabaptismat500.com.



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