



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 26, 2021

“Powerful Healings”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: *VT# 866*

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *VT #606* **“Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah”**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 606

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 extended

G D G C G D7

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing wa - ters
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub -

G D G Am7/C

land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 flow. Let the fier - y, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 side. Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

G/D D G D7 G

pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of hea - ven, feed me till I
 jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er

D7 G Am7/C G/D D7 G

want no more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 strength and shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 give to thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: "Alleluia, 1745; trans. Peter Williams (Wales) and William

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 Marlene

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:

- Lina & family's arrival in Saskatoon on October 25th
- disappointing harvest
- children directly affected by COVID
- condolences to the family of Hella Banman who died Sept 19th
- condolences to Naomi S & family at the death of her grandfather Cornelius Dyck who died Sept 16th

Hymn: VT #642 “Healing River of the Spirit”

642 Healing River of the Spirit

JOEL 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (G)
Bb

(C)
Eb

(D)
F

(Em)
Gm

(C)
Eb

(B)
D

(Em)
Gm

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spir - it, bathe the wounds that liv-ing brings.
2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spir - it, stream that flows to bring re - lease,
3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan-nels of your pow'r.

(C)
Eb

(Bm7)
Dm7

(G maj7)
Bbmaj7

(F#m7) (E)
Am7 G

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be-neath your sa-cred springs.
as we gain our selves, our sens - es, may our lives re-lect your peace.
All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag-ing at this hour.

(C)
Eb

(Em)
Gm

(C)
Eb

(B)
D

Wea-ry from the rest-less search-ing that has lured us from your side,
Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en-act your grace.
Sav-ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,

(Em)
Gm

(D)
F

(G)
Bb

(C)
Eb

(D)
F

(G)
Bb

we dis - cov - er in your pres-ence peace the world can-not pro - vide.
As we meet both friend and stran-ger, may we see our Sav-ior's face.
till we find our way to - geth - er, flow-ing home-ward to our Source.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a (Inclusive Version)

Say to all those faint of heart: "Take courage! Do not be afraid! Look Yahweh is coming, vindication is coming, the recompense of God is coming to save you!" Then the ears of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be unsealed. Then those who cannot walk will leap like deer and the tongues of those who cannot speak will sing for joy. Waters will break forth in the wilderness, and there will be streams in the desert. The scorched earth will become a lake; the parched land, springs of water.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37 (First Nations Version)

From the village of Chief Garden (Gennesaret), Creator Sets Free (Jesus) journeyed into the territory of Rock Land (Tyre) and Hunting Grounds (Sidon). He wanted to keep away from the crowds, so he found a house to stay out of sight, but was unable to stay hidden. A woman came to him who had a daughter with an unclean spirit in her. As soon as she heard about Creator Sets Free (Jesus), she came to him and fell down at his feet. She was an Outsider from the territory along the coastline of the Great Middle Sea (Mediterranean). She begged Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to force the evil spirit out of her daughter. "The children should be fed first," he said. "It's not right to take the children's portion and throw it to the dogs." "But Wisdomkeeper," she answered back, "even the dogs under the table can eat the children's crumbs." "Because your words are well chosen," he replied, "you may return home. You will find that the evil spirit has left your daughter." The woman went home and found her daughter resting on her sleeping mat - the evil spirit had left her.

From the territory of Rock Land (Tyre) Creator Sets Free (Jesus) went through Hunting Grounds (Sidon) to the Lake of Circle of Nations (Sea of Galilee) in the territory of the Ten Villages (Decapolis). The people who lived there brought a man who could not hear or speak right. They begged Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to lay his hands on him. So he took the man away from the crowd. When he was alone with him, he put his fingers into the man's ears and then spit and touched the man's tongue. He then looked up into the world above, let out a deep breath and said in his native language, "ephphatha!" which means, "be opened." Right then the man's ears were opened and his tongue was released. He could now hear and speak clearly! Creator Sets Free (Jesus) then instructed the people to tell no one. But the more he told them not to, the more they told the story to others. The people were amazed beyond belief and full of wonder. "He does all things well! they told everyone. "He even heals the ones who cannot hear or speak!"

Response to the Scripture:

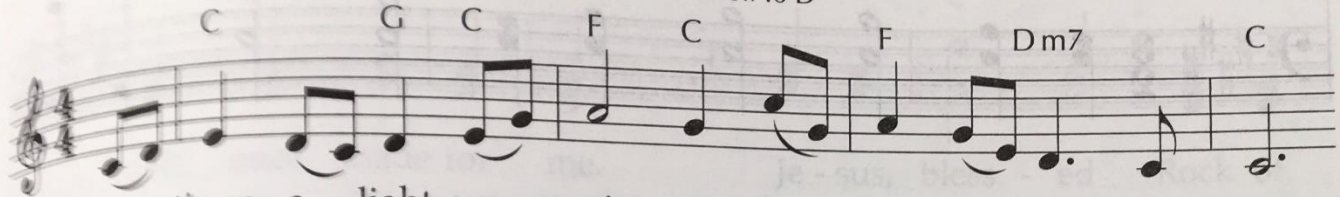
Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

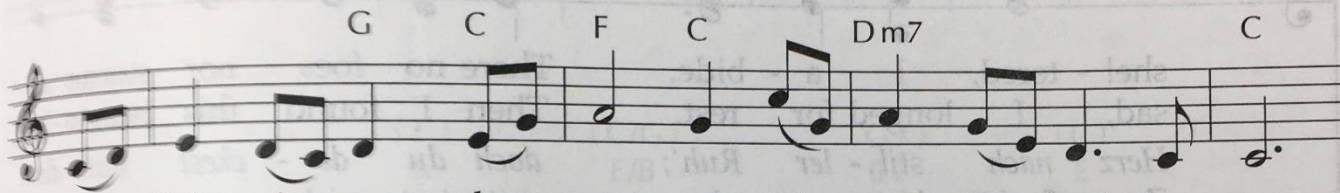
Hymn: VT #618 "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

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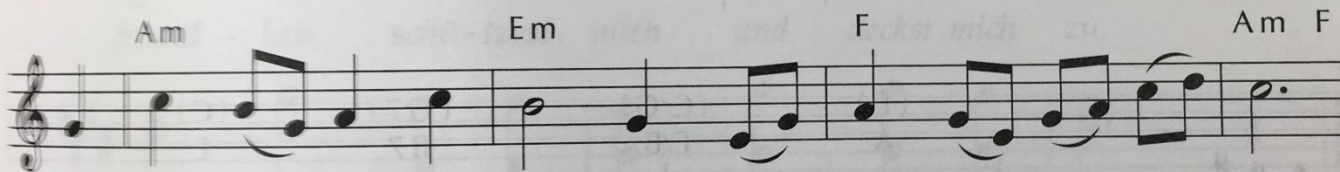
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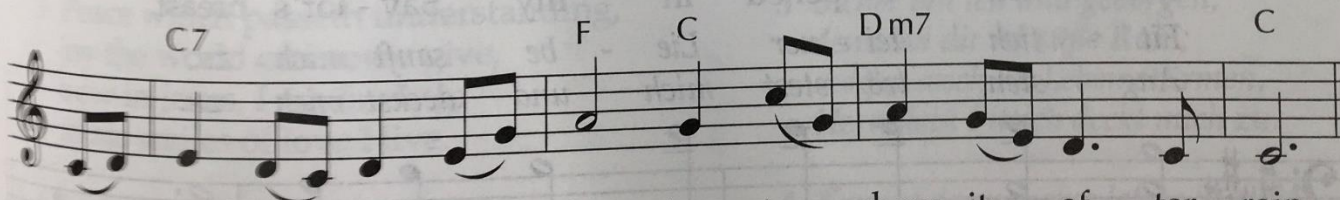
1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings:
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion with joy we shall pur - sue
3 It can bring with it noth - ing but God will bear us through.
4 Though vine and fig tree neith - er their year - ly fruit should bear,



the light of one who ris - es with gen - tle, heal - ing wings.
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new.
Who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe the peo - ple, too.
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



When com - forts are de - clin - ing, God grants the soul a - gain
Set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
Be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed:
yet God, the same a - bid - ing, through praise shall tune my voice,



a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.
the One who feeds the ra - vens will give the chil - dren bread.
for while in love con - fid - ing I can - not but re - joice.

Text: William Cowper (England), *Olney Hymns, Book III*, 1779, alt.
Music: Irish traditional, 19th c.; arr. Alfred V. Fedak (USA), © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak



Sermon: "Listening, Seeing, Healing, Haunted Histories"

Hymn: VT #636 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

SHARING OUR STORIES: Suffering and Joy

636 Spirit, Open My Heart
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME 7.8.6.8 with refrain

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D) (G) (A)
Refrain Bb/C F Bb/F F Bb C

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
joy of friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

liv - ing. As you love, may I love, in re -
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

ceiv - ing and in giv - ing; Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my
3 May I weep with those who weep, share the

To refrain

Benediction:

God dearly loves us, and through Christ left us an example, that we might follow in his footsteps. Christ is the light that has come into the world; may God grant that this light shine around you, and that you walk in it. Amen. (from VT#1056)

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Ched Myers & Elaine Enns Worship Leader: Alex
Song Leaders: Michelle, Doug, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Keri/James Usher: Lloyd

****Today:** Please join us at in the sanctuary at 11:15 to hear more from Elaine and Ched.

Introduction

Elaine Enns has worked in the field of restorative justice since 1989, first focusing on victim-offender dialogue work in the Criminal Justice System, and more recently looking at how restorative justice applies to historical violations, including issues of intergenerational trauma and healing. She holds a Doctor of Ministry, and leads workshops throughout North America on restorative solidarity. She most recently coauthored (with her partner activist theologian Ched Myers) *Healing Haunted Histories: Decolonizing Settler Landlines, Bloodlines, Songlines* (Wipf & Stock, 2020); in 2009 the two-volume *Ambassadors of Reconciliation: A New Testament Theology and Diverse*

Christian Practices of Restorative Justice and Peacemaking. (Orbis Books, 2009); and has published over a dozen articles. An ecumenical Mennonite, Elaine was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and lives in southern California where she co-directs Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries (www.bcm-net.org) on traditional Chumash land. *Ched Myers* is an activist theologian and New Testament expositor working with peace and justice issues. He is a popular educator, animating scripture and literacy in historic and current social change movements. Myers has published over a hundred articles and eight books, including *Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus* (Orbis, 1988). He and his partner Elaine Enns are ecumenical Mennonites who codirect Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries (www.bcm-net.org), based in the Ventura River Watershed of southern California in traditional Chumash territory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you so much for helping make this year's Shekinah Move-A-Thon an amazing success! We had over 80 people involved in the day, and together we have raised over \$7,000 to date for the work of Shekinah!

Executive Council would like to have a short congregational information/discussion meeting regarding:

- COVID 19 plans
- Government support funds
- Committee highlights
- Verbal Financial update
- Perhaps other items

Meeting is planned for **Sunday October 3rd** via Zoom, beginning @ 1:30 P.M. and done in 60 to 75 minutes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955>. Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

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*Do you have any wheat sheaves, dried corn, gourds, squashes or pumpkins that the worship committee could borrow for a Thanksgiving display table on October 10th? If so, please contact Melanie Boldt at melanie@pineviewfarms.com or call 306.239.4763 ext 2 to make arrangements. Thanks!

MCC Blankets on Display will be selling via Silent Auction to raise money to purchase supplies for the fall MCC blanket Making. Starting bid is \$25. with bids open until the end of October. (*Donations also accepted*) Facebook people may call the church office with their bids.

MC Sask

September 30, 2021 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The MC Sask office will be closed in recognition of this day (*as will be the Warman Thrift Shop*).

***Voices Together Adult Education Sunday**, October 3, 11:00 a.m. Zoom link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85145495028>. Meeting ID: 851 4549 5028

RJC Tournament of Memories (Volleyball & Soccer), October 1 & 2 - Alumni & friends of RJC are invited to our annual volleyball & soccer tournament. Soccer will take place only on Saturday, and players are asked to bring a white and dark t-shirt and \$5.00 for registration. Volleyball players are asked to register with Denelda Fast at deneldafast@hotmail.com by September 27th. Guests are asked to bring their own bag lunch and wear a mask while they are on the RJC campus. We hope to see you there!

***MCC Connects:**

In 1920 Mennonites in Canada and the U.S. formed Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to aid famine-ravaged Mennonite communities in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine). Join a virtual centennial conference that presents papers that examine the past, present, and future of MCC. The papers reflect on the Mennonites' response to the biblical call to love one's neighbour through practical acts of service. The conference runs September 30 to October 2, 2021. Learn more: https://mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca/events/mcc_at_100/

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: October 3

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Michelle, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Kathy Sound: James/Keri Usher: Harold

OMC CALENDAR

- Sept 26 10:00 am Ched Myers & Elaine Enns** (*also on Facebook*)
11:00 am SS Forum: Ched & Elaine *Healing Haunted Histories*
- Sept 29 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg
- Oct 1 6:30 pm Youth Event
- Oct 3 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
12:00 pm Deacon Mtg
- Oct 3 1:30 pm Congregational Mtg via Zoom
- Oct 6 1:00 pm Education Committee mtg
- Oct 10 10:00 am Communion with Patty Friesen** (*also on Facebook*)

This week's Yard Maintenance – K & M Boldt & family

Patty's Week: Tues sermon, Weds office, Community Connections, Fri Office

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

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