



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 28, 2024

***Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tree of Life***

Prelude

Music by Nora Bergen Braun and Bree Schellenberg – pieces they will play at the Music Festival that starts Monday

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 96:11-13 (*International Children's Bible*)

L: Let the skies rejoice and the earth be glad.

Let the sea and everything in it shout.

C: Let the fields and everything in them show their joy.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

All: *The trees will sing before their Creator*

who is coming to judge the world;

who will judge the world with fairness and the nations with truth.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty

VT #162 The Love of God

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 (*First Nations Version*)

My much-loved friends, love each other, for love comes from the Great Spirit; from whom all who love have been born. Those who do not love do not know the Great Spirit is love. Creator showed love for us by sending Jesus who fully represents love into this world, so that we could live through him. This is love, not that we loved Creator, but that Creator loved us and proved love by sending Jesus to take on himself the burden of our broken ways. My much-loved friends, if Creator loved us like that, then we should also love each other.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510
Story for All Ages: Luke

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Harry back home after a hospital stay

-for Lori (Julie's sister) after news of her advanced cancer

Thanksgiving – Lanae and Volleyball team winning Gold at provincials

Hymn: VT #389 Together

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 (*First Nations Version*)

I am the True Vine. Creator is the Vine Keeper who cuts off the branches in me that have no fruit and who carefully trims back the branches with fruit, so they will grow more fruit. My teachings have purified you, but you must stay joined to me in the same way a branch is joined to the vine. A branch cannot grow fruit unless it is joined to the vine. It is the same with you and me. I am the vine and you are the branches. The ones who stay joined to me will grow much fruit, for without me nothing grows. The ones who do not stay joined to me are broken off and dry up, and then they are gathered up and used to make a fire. If you are joined to me and my words remain in you, you can ask me for anything and it will be done. When you grow a harvest of fruit, this will show that you are walking my road. You will then bring great honour to Creator.

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 #332 In Christ Alone

Sermon: The Tree of Life

Hymn: VT #522 O Blessed Spring

Benediction: Gardener God, you have planted and protected us by your faithful hand. Send us the sap of your grace from Christ, the true Vine, and make us blossom and bear the fruit of love as a sign of your life in us. Let the sweet fragrance of the shoots you have planted give you praise forever. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP April 28 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Luke Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Sunday School Leader: Naomi, Helpers: Zoe, Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Kevin Boldt

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

Walking Club: 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

Patty's Week: Weds. office, Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Weds. NPMC Youth; Thurs. work from home; Fri. OMC office/OMC Youth; Sat. planning; Sun. OMC preaching

Birthdays: April 28 – Edna Zacharias (85), May 2 – Brady Buhler,

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 28 – Patty & Kathy

May 5 – *You could put your name here* ☺

NEXT SUNDAY May 5 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Becca Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Sunday School Leader: Karl Helpers: Emmett, Eli

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Shelley Penner

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Sun. May 5 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:00 am Deacon mtg

Tues. May 7 6:00 pm Executive mtg/7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. May 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

11:00 SS Forum - Film: Conform: Mennonites and the Mexican Migration

Sun. May 19 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking *Pentecost Communion*

Sun. May 26 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking

Today is Edna's 85th birthday! Please stay for birthday cake and coffee after the service.

For those who missed the **MCC Women Will Renew** film last Sunday
<https://youtu.be/b5yy9TIEVFA>

Livestream for NPMC MAiD Session:

<https://youtube.com/live/hAtpouFEzxM?feature=share>

The Youth Sunday School class would like to thank the adults who came to share what they are doing for the environment last Sunday. The intergenerational group came up with composting church coffee grounds. Green bins lined with newspaper are in kitchen for coffeemakers. Please take them home for composting or leave a note for custodial staff in their mailbox.

Also, when dropping off cans at Sarcan please donate to code "omcgreen" for the Youth Green Fund.

John Gascho has a display of various cards on the back table that are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. The proceeds will be to assist a local student attending RJC this coming fall. Other assistance and monthly direct deposits welcome to local student's account at RJC. This assistance is not tax receiptable. For more information talk to John.

The Rejoice Devotional is due for Renewal. If you are currently subscribed, it will continue unless you notify the office that you **don't** wish to receive it any more. Any member of the congregation may subscribe – just let the office know before June 1.

From the Friendship Inn: The Friendship Inn would like to thank all those who donated both financially and with food items in December and November of 2023. In 2023 the Inn served more than 430,000 meals, an increase of 18% from 2022. The support of churches like ours continues to enable the daily Free Meal program to serve our neighbours in need with both friendship and food. Thank you for your continued show of love and compassion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OMC Summer Singalongs @ 7:00; fourth Wednesdays in a backyard near you beginning Weds. May 22th, 7:00 p.m. at church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for around a fake fire if fire bans. Weds. June 26,

7:00 p.m. Bethany Manor Courtyard Gazebo. If you can host a backyard singalong this summer talk to Ben and Patty for Weds. July 24, Weds. Aug. 28, Weds. Sept 25.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club; second Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. starting Weds. June 12, 7:00 p.m. with Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make You Whole by Susan Cain, author of Quiet. Also Ducks: 2 Years in the Oilsands in July. Books available on lobby table. If you can host this discussion in your backyard, please talk to Pastor Patty.

Osler Community Garage Sale - In support of MCC's work in Palestine, Community Connections is hosting a garage sale table at the Osler Community Wide garage sale day on May 11th from 9 - 2:30 pm. We welcome donations of household items along with baking, plants, books etc. Please be in touch with Kaytee or sign up on the sheet in the foyer to let us know what you'd like to donate. We ask that all donations be brought to the church Sunday May 5th or during the week leading up to the event. Items will be stored in the gym. We are also looking for volunteers during the day to fill 2-hour time slots! Please contact Kaytee at 306-221-1729 or kaytee.edwards@yahoo.com

MCC Connects: MCC encourages you to attend a celebration of the history of Mennonites in Western Canada, hosted by Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan on Thursday, May 9 at Osler Community Hall. The evening will include dinner, a live and silent auction, and keynote speaker Conrad Stoesz. Tickets cost \$25. For tickets and info contact Dick Braun at dkbraun@yahoo.com or 306-230-1071 or visit <https://mhss.sk.ca/events/>

May 5: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. This month we reflect on the promise, hope, and divine beauty of spring's arrival after a season of wintering. Erika Thogersen will provide the input. First-timers and regulars, all are welcome! (new)

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25! RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories, and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca, or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Spend-a-day | May 22 (9:00am-3:30pm) Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 25, 2024 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:30am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register your team today! Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

Golf Team OMC - want to golf Sat. May 25 RJC Tournament? No bad words allowed. Contact Pastor Patty.

“The Mennonite Nursing Home is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing outdoor furniture for our resident courtyards. Everyone is welcome!”

If your church is interested, you can also donate a cake for our cakewalk. Cakes can be dropped off at the Nursing Home on the day of the Tea before 2:00 pm.

MC Updates:

Thai pastors Khamphan and Thippawan will return home April 29 after travelling in Canada with colleague, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong. Praise God for the rich time of sharing with Canadian pastors and congregations arranged by regional churches. Pray that relationships built will draw people together as they follow Jesus in Canada and in Thailand. (*new*)

Camp Shekinah is inviting applications for female counsellors for the upcoming summer camp season. If you know someone who loves working with children and loves being outside in God's creation, please have them check out our website or go to

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/ReturningNewCounsellorApplication>. (new)

Don't forget to register your children for a great week of summer camp at Shekinah. Check out our website

<https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> or go to

<https://shekinah.campbrainregistration.com/> (new)

Micah Mission is an ecumenical restorative justice organization in Saskatoon. We work to transform the lives of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. This Easter season remember those affected by our justice system as Jesus did upon the cross during the crucifixion by participating in our Remember Me Campaign on Sunday April 28. This campaign is an opportunity for individuals or families to simply contribute \$5 towards our ministry so that we can continue providing our programs and services. Learn more: micahmission.org

Sunday, May 5th is Red Dress Day across Canada, a day to name violence against Indigenous Women and Girls - and commit to the ending cycles of gender-based violence in our communities.

CommonWord has curated worship and learning resources

(<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3877>) for the church that can be used May 5th or any time of the year.

Prepare to commit to MCC's Climate Action for Peace Pledge.

Which of the actions around Advocacy, Personal Consumption and Finances are you ready to take? [https://mcc.org/what-we-](https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/climate-change/climate-action-peace/take-climate-action-peace-pledge)

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Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life, Enrolment, and Human Resources. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

Voice together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians. May 10/11, 2024. Hosted by Mennonite Church Manitoba, sponsored by Canadian Mennonite University. Cost: \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Accommodations

available at CMU. Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship (**new**)

Join MC Canada Climate Action for our Energy Efficient Buildings Part 2 with guest Nelson Lee. May 1, 7pm CDT. We will dig deeper into project possibilities and a wider conversation about building and property stewardship with an environmental lens. Guest and author Nelson Lee will help us connect the dots between creation care, building stewardship and the church's ministry in the world. Email Sandy Plett (splett@mennonitechurch.ca) to register and join this conversation! (*new*)

Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Present an Evening of Celebrating our History

May 9, 2024 @ Community Hall in Osler

5:30 pm Reception 6:00 pm Supper Cost \$25.00

Keynote Speaker: Conrad Stoesz , Archivist at the Mennonite Heritage Archives in Winnipeg – **Presents: 150 years in Western Canada – so what?**

There will be a *Live and Silent Auction*. Funds raised from the auction as well as donations will go towards a legacy fund to support the MHSS in their import work in preserving our history.

Featured Auction Items

- Russian Mennonite Made Clock
- Gordie Howe, Detroit Red Wings signed jersey

Absentee bids will be accepted.

For tickets and more information contact Dick Braun 306-230-1071

Or by email at dkbraun4@yahoo.com

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