



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 28, 2022

“When the cloud cleared, all they saw was Jesus”

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: *from VT #859*

L: God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.

C: Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt valleys of loss or exhaustion.

L: And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

C: When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground. When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

All: Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: VT# 680 **“Calm Me, Lord”**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them. Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from YHWH on Mount Sinai. When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of YHWH, he would remove the veil until he came out again, and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, they

would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gon-na let it shine! x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I’m gon-na let it shine x3

Jesus gave it to me...x3

Shine, shine, shine... x3

Children’s Time: Kathy Braun

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-prayers for Ukraine

-thanksgiving for youth ski trip to Table Mountain

-Patty’s mom’s move to Bethany Manor next week

-congratulations to Leonard Doell for being the winner of a Lifetime Achievement Award as a Global Citizen

Hymn: VT #553 “How Many Times We Start Again”

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-35

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: “Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it? Say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’” They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “why are you doing that?’ They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.

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 #301 “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

Sermon: “Transfiguring Moments”

Communion Prayer: VT #947

Leader: Come, with your faith and your doubts, with your hopes and your questions, with your joy and your sadness. You belong here. Come, if you love God and have failed your neighbour, if you are a disciple of Jesus and have betrayed him. You belong here. Come, for this is the table of Jesus, who welcomes strangers and shares his life with old and new friends.

All: *We belong here.*

Leader: Let us take the bread together.

Leader: This meal is filled with life:

All: *the warmth of the sun, the kindness of the rain, the mysteries of the soil, and the grace of human labour.*

Leader: As we eat and drink, we give thanks:

All: *for the goodness of food, the delight of friendship, and the love of Christ in this meal.*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, feast with your people.

All: *Amen.*

Leader: Let us take the cup together.

Leader: With thanksgiving we have received these gifts for the blessing of our souls and for strengthening of our life together and our life of service. Amen.

Hymn: VT #643 “Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Benediction: Where the Spirit is, there is freedom. And all of us with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of God as reflected in a mirror, are being transfigured ourselves into the image of God from one degree to another. So, let us be the image of Christ to others this week. Go in peace. (2 Cor. 3:17)



TODAY’S WORSHIP *Communion Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie
Children’s Time: Kathy Sound: Matt Usher: Anna
Children’s Sunday School: Diane M & Karl

Patty’s Week: Sunday- Mon. Worship; Tues. sermon; Weds. office, Education; Thurs. Bethany Manor; Fri. Office

Nora’s Week: on holidays Feb 19 – Feb 28

Announcements

***February 27 - Kids and Youth Sunday School** resumes in person

***Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent Begins!** There are individually packaged ashes on lobby table to use with Ash Wednesday, March 2 video on Facebook by 8 a.m. We are also invited to Nutana Park Mennonite Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, 7 p.m. in person or email for link npmc@npmc.net.

***Sunday, Mar 6 at 11:00 am Lent Adult Education** in Room 3 (*Meditation Room*) using "Seeking God's Ways" the weekly Lenten Prayer Guide which is available on lobby table.

*Other notable dates: Maundy Thursday April 14; Good Friday April 15 and Easter Sunday April 17.

***Tues. March 1, 11:00 a.m.** 1st and 2nd Seed Granite Curling League play off: Bruce and Jim vs. Lloyd, Loretta, Garry.

Intergenerational Drop-In Pickleball Tuesday nights at 7:00 and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. No athletic talent required. Come for fun. Fans welcome. ***RJC Employment Opportunity - Teacher/Music Director (1.0 FTE):** RJC High School is inviting applicants for the full-time position of Teacher and Music Director for the fall of the 2022/2023 school year. For more information and the full job description visit rjc.sk.ca or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come and join our team!

***RJC Spend-A-Day - March 17:** Are you a prospective student in grades 7-11? Come experience a day at RJC to see what it's all about? Shadow a current student, attend classes, chapel, lunch, and other fun activities planned by our student leaders. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

MCC Connects: MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. **"Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,"** says **Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine.** Donate today at mcccanada.ca/ukraine

From the Re-opening Committee. We will be continuing with masks in the church for the month of March. *The exceptions will be that the speaker and the worship leader can remove their masks while speaking.* Food services will also remain closed. We will be reviewing this decision late in March. Thanks again for your patience as we near the end of this phase of the pandemic.

“Volunteer Needed in refugee welcome program” *From Mark Bigland-Pritchard MCC Sask.* I will be arranging visits to some of the people who have arrived in the last year through our private refugee sponsorship program. Out of concern to comply with MCC’s safeguarding principles, I am looking for a volunteer to accompany me on those visits (many of which are to vulnerable people). It could be a good experience for some of the young people in your congregation, or for someone who is considering getting involved in the future in a refugee sponsorship group. If interested, please contact markbiglandpritchard@mccsask.ca

MC Sask Updates:

*MC Sask 2022 Annual Delegate Sessions - Saturday, March 12, 2022 Youth Farm Bible Camp, Rosthern. *Hybrid event with masking required for in person attendance.* Registration is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602> Report book available now at <https://mcsask.ca/cell/richtext/default/id/10857>

*It's not too late! Deadline is extended! **Calling all singers!** Join voices across the country in singing “Greater Things Than These,” a song commissioned for Gathering 2022 in Edmonton and written by Phil Campbell Enns. Deadline March 1. For the music and instructions on how to upload your recording visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022>

***Shekinah Retreat Centre Updates:**

March 6 @ 3:00 pm Winter outdoor worship with Forest Church at Shekinah with speaker Mark Bigland-Pritchard.

With spring approaching, come enjoy the beauty of worship in nature at Shekinah!

We are looking for a number of workers for spring / summer 2022. We need summer camp staff - Camp Leader, Kitchen Coordinator, and

Counsellors. In addition, we need hospitality, school program, and maintenance workers. These jobs are either 8 or 16 weeks in length. For more information, go to: <https://shekinah.ca/news/2022/shekinah-is-looking-for-spring-summer-workers>

ALSO looking for...

***Full-time, permanent Administrative / Hospitality Coordinator.**

This person will keep our busy office going and will work closely with guests to make sure their needs are met. For more information: : <https://shekinah.ca/news/2022/shekinah-is-looking-for-an-administrative-hospitality-coordinator>

***MC Canada Gathering 2022**, Edmonton, AB Friday, July 29 - Monday, August. Join us on Treaty 6 territory as we re-examine what it means to tell the Good News and bear witness to the Gospel of peace. Watch the invitation video from MC Alberta at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xJ-KlJs1kQ>

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Transfiguration Sunday*

Feb 28 7:30 pm Worship Committee mtg

Mar 2 Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – *video on Facebook*

Mar 2 1:00 pm Education mtg

Mar 4 6:30 pm OMC Youth Event at church in person

Mar 6 10:00 am Jan Bigland Pritchard – *Lent begins*

Mar 6 11:00 am Deacon mtg

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP March 6

Speaker: Jan Bigland-Prichard

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta

Accompanist: Mark

Children's Sunday School: Diane M & Karl

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