



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 28, 2024

*Life Worth Living:*

*Where have we come from and what are we here for?*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 145:10-18 (*Common English Bible*)

L: All that you have made gives thanks to you, O Lord; all your faithful ones bless you!

They speak of the glory of your kingdom; they talk all about your power, to inform all human beings about God's power and the majestic glory of God's kingdom.

**C: Your reign lasts forever; your rule endures for all generations.**

**You are trustworthy in all you say, faithful in all, you do.**

L: You supports all who fall down, straightens up all who are bent low. All eyes look to you, hoping, and you give them their food right on time, opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**C: You are righteous in all your ways, faithful in all your deeds.**

**You are close to everyone who calls out to you,  
to all who call out to you sincerely.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #180 This Is God's Wondrous World**

**VT #111 10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord**

**First Reading:** John 6:1-15 (*The Message*)

After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee (some call it Tiberias). A huge crowd followed him, attracted by the miracles they had seen him do among the sick. When he got to the other side, he climbed a hill and sat down, surrounded by his disciples. It was nearly time for the Feast of Passover, kept annually by the Jews. When Jesus looked out and saw that a

large crowd had arrived, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread to feed these people?” He said this to stretch Philip’s faith. He already knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered, “Two hundred silver pieces wouldn’t be enough to buy bread for each person to get a piece.” One of the disciples—it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter—said, “There’s a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that’s a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted. When the people had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted.” They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves. The people realized that God was at work among them in what Jesus had just done. They said, “This is the Prophet for sure, God’s Prophet right here in Galilee!” Jesus saw that in their enthusiasm, they were about to grab him and make him king, so he slipped off and went back up the mountain to be by himself.

**Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**  
**Story for All Ages: Wilf**

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers** – Shar’s return home after 2 months of caregiving her Mom

- Becca’s Grandpa who is suffering from heart & kidney failure
- Wildfires everywhere (*see announcements for more details*)
- Pastoral search

**Thanksgiving** – for this week’s camp

- Dennis’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- family reunions
- MCC’s shipment of food to Gaza over the past few weeks
- Water Treatment plant at Star Blanket Cree Nation who have gone 17 years without clean water

**Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires**

**Hymn: VT #419      Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21 (*Inclusive Bible*)

That is why I kneel before God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. And I pray that God, out of the riches of divine glory, will strengthen you inwardly with power through the working of the Spirit. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love and with all God's holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. To God - whose power now at work in you do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine - to God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

**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 #703      Rain Down**

**Sermon:                      Life Worth Living:**  
**Where have we come from and what we are here for?**

**Hymn: VT #170      Wonderful Grace of Jesus**

**Benediction:** May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love and with all God's holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. To God - whose power now at work in you do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine - to God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

**TODAY      July 28      *Life Worth Living***  
Speaker: Patty Friesen      Worship Leader: George Janzen  
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Benjamin      Accompanist: Lynette  
Story: Wilf      Sound: Stephanie      Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun/Stephanie Siemens

**TODAY:** Stay for coffee to celebrate Dennis Boldt's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

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

**Coffee** at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

**Patty's Week:** Tues. sermon; Weds. office, Bethany; Fri. Office

**Luke' Week:** Mon. NPMC Planning Mtg; Tues. Sermon Prep from Home; Wed. OMC Office Hours/Youth Event; Thurs. Youth Calendar

**Birthdays:** 28 – Emmett Bergen-Braun; 30 – Harry Martens (82)

**Anniversaries** – August 1 – Bill & Anna Peters (60)

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** July 28 - Lynette  
Aug 4 - Wilf

**The Yard Maintenance Schedule:**

Week of July 29 – Aug 3 – Garry Boldt and Bruce Boldt

Week of Aug 5 – Aug 10 – Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky

**OMC Summer Backyard Book Club: Postponed until September**

Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies coming in a Book Club bag.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MCC Connects:** Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day! How do the crops we grow in Saskatchewan support emergency food assistance in regions of conflict, drought, and disaster? Join us on Sunday, August 11th at the annual Cherry Sunday Festival in Bruno to learn more and to tour one of the Grow Hope fields.

**Thanksgiving:** MCC's shipment of food from Jordan has entered Gaza over the past few weeks, but much more is needed. MCC has been working with partners on the ground in Gaza to provide essential emergency relief to children and families. More than 550 families have already received food kits that include rice, flour, oil and canned beans and vegetables.

**MC Updates:**

This morning we received a call to prayer from Jon Olfert, Director at Camp Valaqua in MC Alberta You may have seen the news that there is a fire burning about 20 km west of Water Valley. Jon reports that no communities, nor the camp, are threatened at this time. Fire fighters and

equipment including aircraft are attending to the fire scene, and the most recent word is that the fire has been re-categorized to “being held.” Although Valaqua is not in immediate danger, Jon has been updating parents and has an evacuation plan in place should the need arise. Please pray

For those actively fighting this fire, as well as many other fires across Western Canada. Pray for safety, clear minds, good decision-making, and physical strength.

For Jon, Manager Jeff, and the Camp Valaqua summer staff. Pray in thanksgiving for the emergency plans already in place should the need arise. Pray for calm hearts and minds as they navigate the challenges of this day.

Pray for the campers who are at camp right now, that they may continue to enjoy the ministry of the camp under the care of the capable camp staff. Pray for their parents and grandparents who may be worried should the situation change. May they be assured in the knowledge that professional and caring staff are monitoring the situation closely and are prepared should an evacuation be necessary.

### **Registration is now open for "Healing Haunted Histories:**

Decolonizing Discipleship" a short course with Elaine Enns & Ched Meyers. The course is presented jointly by CMU and MC Sask and will be held at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon November 11-15. "Through bible studies, social analysis, communal narratives and historic literacy, this interactive course will explore how Canadian landscapes are “haunted” by historic and continuing violence against Indigenous peoples.” Details and registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)

**The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre** is pleased to host Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico. This exhibit explores the history of an ethnoreligious community’s determination to preserve its faith and culture by leaving Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the 1920s to start new lives in Mexico and Paraguay. You can view Leaving Canada Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm, from now until August 24. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada.

**Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking** for a energetic and creative personality to lead the Shekinah Summer Camp and Shekinah School Programming. Details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/shekinahprogramdirector> If you are interested and feel your skill sets match the Job Description please feel free to apply now. Deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the Date to Celebrate** Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 - 6:00! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

**You are invited to attend our 1st annual** All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits). Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful conversations and interactions. Open to all ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

### CALENDAR

**Sun. July 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

**Sun. Aug 4 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

Tues. Aug 13 6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

**Sun. Aug 11 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

**Sun. Aug 18 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking**

### **NEXT SUNDAY Aug 4**

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kathryn

Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Patty Sound: James Ushers: Harold/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun/Kevin Boldt

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