



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 29, 2023

Season of Epiphany **“The Beatitudes”**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Christ Candle: We light the Christ candle to welcome God’s presence.

Gathering Hymns: VT #10 **“Here in This Place”**
VT #797 **“We Are People of God’s Peace”**

Call to Worship *Psalm 15, A psalm of David*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
- 2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;
- 3 whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbour, and casts no slur on others;
- 4 who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;
- 5 who lend money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8 *Inclusive Bible Translation*

Hear now what YHWH says: “Come, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice!

Listen to YHWH’s indictment, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth; for YHWH has a dispute with the people, and is putting Israel on trial.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Give me an answer! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent Moses to lead you, and Aaron, and Miriam.

My people, call to mind the plans devised by the ruler Balak of Moab, and how Balaam ben-Beor answered him! Remember the journey from Shittim to Gilgal, and recall how YHWH brought you justice!”

“What shall I bring when I come before YHWH, and bow down before God on high?” you ask.

“Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? Will YHWH be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

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

Children’s Time: Vanessa

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers -

Thanksgiving -

Joys –

Prayer:

L: Lord, we come before you, not alone, but in the company of one another.

P: We share our happiness with each other, and it becomes greater.

L: We share out troubles with each other, and they become smaller.

P: We share one another’s griefs and burdens, and their weight becomes possible to bear.

L: May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

P: For in giving and receiving, we learn to love and be loved; we encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of existence—and discover you. Amen.

Hymn: VT #290 “Blessed Are You”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 *Inclusive Bible Translation*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.

Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.

Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown Mercy.

Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

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 #440 “Ask the Complicated Questions”

Sermon: “We are People of God’s Peace”

Hymn: VT #420 “God of the Bible”

Benediction: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant but spreads itself out in all kinds of fruits of love. We carry the light of Christ with us into the world. *(Extinguish Christ candle)*

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

Feb 5 – During the morning service, Luke Bushman will be received as a member upon reaffirmation of his faith.

MC Sask Camp input - There are **online meeting (Zoom)** opportunities on the following dates:

- **Thursday, February 2** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Friday, February 3** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- *Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/32Y92WS>*

Check last week's bulletin for the whole announcement.

TODAY'S WORSHIP **January 29** *Season of Epiphany*

Speaker: Alex Tiessen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Kid's S.S – Sarah Buhler, Youth S.S – Stephanie Siemens

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

Patty's Week:

Luke's Week: Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office; Sat Youth

Birthdays: none this week

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Jan 29: ?? *Please consider signing up*

YOUTH CALENDAR

Fri-Jan. 27-Sun. Jan. 29 - Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

CALENDAR

Jan 29 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking

Feb 4 9:30 am Annual Congregational mtg – zoom option

Feb 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Feb 12 10:00 am Katherine Penner speaking

Feb 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

NEXT SUNDAY February 5

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Loretta, Dayna Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Luke Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

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