



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 29, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

*All: We gather to worship God
and to look back on where we've been;*

One: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams,
remembered "Hosannas!"
and all these weeks of Lent

*All: We gather to worship God
and to look at where we are now,*

One: at Jesus re-defining triumph;
and the king on the cross instead of a throne

*All: We gather to worship God
and to wonder at this mystery,*

One: of salvation that comes so strangely
of life that comes through death;
of brokenness meeting grace.

Prayer of Invocation

**Procession Song: VT #313 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
VT #314 Holy Lord**

First Reading: John 19:16b–22

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in

Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Eva Martens as she recovers from recent surgery

–Continued prayers for peace in Middle East, Ukraine, and too many other locations around our world.

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

Hymn: VT #494 Gravity of Love

Second Reading: John 12:12-27

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal

life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

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 #605 My Life Flows On

Sermon: The Book of Love

Hymn: VT #828 There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind

Benediction: As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life, in the glittering sadness of palm branches and the hosannas, the cry, “God save us,” mixed with the coming shouts of “Crucify him.” In the tension of this dissonance, may you go with Christ’s peace, to practice holy waiting and longing.

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

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY MARCH 29 Palm Sunday

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Luke Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Dave

Coffee/Snack: Deacons

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad’s Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you’d like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601.

Luke’s Week: Wed. OMC office; Thurs. Maundy Thursday; Fri. OMC Service; Sun. Easter Service

Friday Coffee Time with the staff is cancelled for Good Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in singing Easter morning is invited to come to church at 9am for a short practice both March 29 and April 5.

The 2026 OMC Directory is ready. Printed copies are available on a table in the foyer.

Brad and Luke have been hosting a series of 3 Sunday School classes around the Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists. The last one will be **TODAY** March 29 during the SS hour. The aim of these classes is partly to help prepare those who desire baptism and/or membership for that step, but also just for interest's sake. Anyone who is considering baptism or membership is invited to talk to Brad or Luke and anyone interested in discussion around our Shared Convictions is welcome to attend these classes.

The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

Check the Bulletin Board for a letter from Community Peacemaker Teams. There is information re: a new documentary 'Light' about the ongoing conflict in Palestine.

MCC Connects: Starting April 8, MCC will be running our annual Conflict Transformation Webinar Series over Zoom on Wednesdays from 12-1 pm. As faithful followers of Christ, we are called to build right relationships here in our own contexts, as well as around the world. Join us as we learn from MCC's Peaceful Practices, a curriculum designed for congregations to build basic skills of healthy conflict transformation and dialogue. Registration is \$50 and subsidies are available. For more information and to register, visit: www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationWebinarSeries2026

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer

Glorious and mighty God.

We sing your praise along with those who greeted Jesus
as he entered the great city.

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord”

Yet we recognize the celebration was soon followed by pain, agony, and death.

Guide our steps as we move between the joy and the pain.

As we witness evil in the world, may we also look for your glory.

May we see your work in the world and see ourselves in that work.

Amen

Where's Len this week?

On Sunday, March 29 at 2:30 pm - 5 pm Len will be a panelist at the symposium on “Combatting Hate: An Interfaith Response” hosted by MultiFaith Saskatoon. The keynote speaker will be Saskatoon Police Service Chief Cam McBride. Others on the panel will include representatives for Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. The event will take place at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple, 107 La Ronge Rd, Saskatoon. (See the announcement below for further details.) (New)

" there was some exciting news from **Mennonite World Conference** this past week. The **Tanzanian Mennonites have invited the world to Arusha in June 2028** for the 18th MWC global assembly. Please ensure that your congregations are aware of this and start planning to attend! This is a very exciting and hopeful development for the global Anabaptist church. Here is the MWC news about it: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/tanzanian-mennonites-invite-arusha/>"

Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. **February 19-April 16 (5 sessions)** To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

Shekinah Summer Jobs: 1) Kitchen Coordinator 2) Camp Medical Professional. Both positions begin June 29th and end August 28th with one week off. Application forms are available at:

Medical Professional: <https://bit.ly/40vdh8u>

Camp Kitchen Coordinator: <https://bit.ly/4rpaMQ8>

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details.

April 24, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm | RJC Spend-A-Day Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! You'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend a day with us and see what we have to offer! Visit rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day to register.

April 25 5:30 doors open | Puttin' on the Ribz at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Entertainment by One Fine Day (Women of the 60's with Pat Mitchell). All proceeds will go towards Summer Staff wages. Dinner: Ribz and wine Sponsored by Carmen Corner Meats and Rosthern Agencies.

Theatre of the Beat is coming back to Saskatchewan this May. If your congregation is interested in hosting a performance or workshop in your community, please contact the MC Sask office or Theatre of the Beat directly. Their current production is *Invisible Threads* which explores the realities of human trafficking, enforced labour, and unfair working conditions - issues that may feel far away, but exist here in Canada as well as globally. The story begins when a clothing store employee discovers a note sewn into a pair of imported jeans, sparking a chain of revelations about wage theft, unsafe workplaces, and the hidden systems that enable exploitation. (New)

Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the positions of Human Resources Generalist (full-time, one-year term contract), Custodian, Campus Receptionist, and more. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Don't you wish sometimes that you could avoid transportation that relies on extraction to make it work? Wayne MacDonald of Saskatoon Wildwood Mennonite has a viable option. <https://bit.ly/4daRKJN> (New)

Tales from the Mennonite Heritage Archives: "From Russia with Woe" | Maria's time at the GULAG museum helped her discover her own great grandfather's life and faith. Maria's research led to answers, more questions - and a discovery of new communities and relatives thousands of kilometers away. Listen to this two-part series at <https://www.mharchives.ca/tales-from-the-archives/>

Serve with MDS in Denare Beach, Sask. as we plan to build four new homes for survivors affected by the devastating 2025 Wolf wildfire. This project will run from May-September 2026. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Weekly Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Stoesz, at 1-866-261-1274 or mstoesz@mds.org. Find more info about this response at <https://mds.org/response/denare-beach-sk/>.

Join the Mennonite Disaster Service Saskatchewan Unit for an evening of dessert, stories, and music on Monday, April 20, 7pm, at West Portal Church (3134 33rd St. W. Saskatoon). Meet MDS staff Reynold Friesen (Executive Director) and Moses Falco (Operations Manager), and enjoy the music ministry of "BJ and Friends." All are welcome. Contact the MDS office (1-866-261-1274; mdscanada@mds.org) if you have any questions.

Great Plains College is pleased to announce the expansion of its healthcare training options in Warman with the launch of a **new full-time Continuing Care Assistant (CCA) program** beginning January 2027.

CCA students will gain hands-on training through a blend of classroom instruction, labs, and clinical placements in rural long-term care facilities throughout the region. Graduates will be prepared to provide compassionate care to the elderly, as well as clients of all ages, in a variety of care settings.

Students who apply to a full-time CCA program by **October 31** will automatically be considered for an **Entrance Scholarship of \$500-\$3,000**.

The part-time CCA program will also continue to be offered, providing flexible pathways to complete their certificate based on their schedule and goals. Part-time courses run August-June.

To learn more about the program options, admission requirements, or transportation options, please reach out to Ryan Spence, Student Adviser, at ryans@greatplainscollege.ca, phone 306-657-1851 or visit greatplainscollege.ca/cca.

Youth Calendar

March 27th Games with Mount Royal/Nutana

March 29th Youth Sunday School with Ben Buhler

April 3rd No Youth... But Lots of Church!

April 7th Volunteer Opportunity

April 11th Board Games/Movie Night (something chill and low-key)

April 17th Games and Green Project Planning

April 25th Mega Menno in Drake - Menno Run

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar 29 – 9:00 am Choir practice for Easter Sunday

Sun. Mar 29 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *Palm Sunday*

Thurs. Apr 2 – 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday service – soup & buns

Fri. Apr 3 – 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sun. Apr 5 – 9:00 am Choir practice for Easter Sunday

Sun. Apr 5 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter potluck brunch

Sun. Apr 12 – 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking

Mon. Apr 13 – 7:00 pm Council mtg

Sun. Apr 19 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Sun. Apr 26 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 5 *Easter Sunday*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Chris Buhler

Song Leader: Kathryn (Choir) Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Sound: James

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Susan/Shelley

Coffee/Snack: Brunch Potluck

Witty Words of Wisdom: The most precious thing we have is life.
Yet it has absolutely no trade-in value.

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