



# 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**

**October 29, 2023**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Open our ears

**People: to hear your word**

Leader: Open our eyes

**People: to see your presence**

Leader: Open our arms

**People: to the embrace of community**

Leader: Open our minds

**People: to the beauty of truth.**

Leader: Open our hearts

**People: to the joy of new life.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymns: VT #606   Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
VT #47   God of Our Strength**

## **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:9-14**

YHWH then said to Moses, “I look at these people—how stubborn they are! Now leave me to myself so that my anger may pour out on them, and destroy them! But you I’ll make into a great nation.”

Then Moses soothed the face of YHWH, his God. “But why, my God, should you let your wrath pour out on these people whom you delivered from Egypt with great might, with a strong hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘Their God intended to destroy them all along, to kill them in the mountains, to erase them from the earth?’ Turn your back on your rage; reconsider the disaster you intended for your people. Do not forget Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and

Jacob, your chosen ones, to whom you promised, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; I will give to you all this land which I have promised—I will give it to your descendants, and they will enjoy its inheritance forever.’”

So YHWH relented, and the disaster that threatened the Israelites was forestalled.

**Children’s Gathering Song:** VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing  
**Story for All Ages:** Becca

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**  
**Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

Prayers –Kyla and Adam Wright as they begin married life  
-Stefaniuk family on the death of Terry’s Mom on Oct 20, interment was Oct 25<sup>th</sup>  
-Terri Lynn Friesen health issues

**Hymn VT #375            Joys Are Flowing like a River**

**Gospel Reading:** Romans 8:35-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity: Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? As scripture says, for your sake, we’re being killed all day long; we’re looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered. Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demon, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths - nor anything else in all creation – will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

**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:            Grace in Relationships**

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

## Benediction

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

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP      Oct 29**

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin      Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Becca      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

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

**Patty's Week:** Tues. curling; Weds. office; Fri. office

**Luke's Week:**

**Birthdays:** Oct 29 – Mikwanis Bird; 31 – Zenon Borne

Nov 2 – Marlene Campbell

**Friday:** coffee is on every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule** Oct 29 Cornie & Sarah Guenther  
Nov 5

### **NEXT SUNDAY: November 5      The Aresenal of Grace**

Speaker: Patty Friesen      Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leader: Loretta      Accompanist: Lynette

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

## CALENDAR

**Oct 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

Oct 30 – Nov 3 9:00 am start – MCC Blanket making

Nov 1    9:00 CMU zoom class

**Nov 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking    *Arsenal of Grace***

12:00 pm congregational discussion on budget

Nov 6    6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Nov 8    7:30 pm C.C. mtg zoom

**Nov 12 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking      *Peace Sunday***

11:00 am Dick & Kathy Bolivia learning tour

Noon Lunch Bunch at Osler Cafe

**Nov 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking    *Holding out for Grace***

11:00 am Forum on Dementia      *Julie Bergen*

**Nov 26 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking    *Memorial Sunday***

**The family of Cornie and Sarah Guenther invite** you to stay for coffee and cake during coffee time on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Terri Lynn Friesen was in hospital with a lung and blood infection. Thomas is doing is best managing with the children but help would be welcome with meals. If you are able to help, follow the mealtrain link: <https://mealtrain.com/reod7v>

**OMC/CMU Zoom Explore Class** every Wednesday @ **9:00 a.m.** until November 8 in the Coffee Room: Reconsidering Anabaptist Identity after 500 years with Karl Koop. Recorded classes available for interested individuals to watch at your leisure. Karl Koop rocks!

**Faith Exploration:** If you are feeling close to God after this summer and want to make a public commitment in baptism or transfer of membership – please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty or a deacon – Karl, Julie, Frieda, Wilf, George.

**Oct 30 – Nov 3 - MCC Blanket making in the multi-purpose room**

### **From Council**

**November 5:** please join church council at 12 noon for a congregational discussion on the 2023 budget shortfall and the 2024 preliminary budget planning. Lunch will be provided by donation.

**Volunteering on a Board?** Leadership course on effective boards from AMBS Wednesday nights in November, starting Nov. 1. 7:00 ET/6:00 CT. If anyone else is interested - it is open to 5 on one registration. Just register and say OMC paid and they will send a link. <https://www.ambs.edu/practical-leadership-training/>

**Creating Healthier Church Culture Webinar** Weds. Nov. 29, 6:00-7:30 CT in OMC Coffee Room with faspa potluck.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Forever in Motion** - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall led by Lucy Friesen and Susan Braun. Join OMCers' and other Osler locals for seniors' exercise and conversation.

**\*Saskatoon Chamber Singers Remembrance Day** concert. Saturday November 11th, 3:00pm at Knox United Church. Tickets are \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance. Tickets can be purchased online or from Michelle McKinnell.

### **MC Sask Update:**

November 3, 7:00pm The Board of Shekinah invites you to the **'TREEmendous Times with Trifle'** fundraising event at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Rd) on Friday, November 3, at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Fellowship Centre and musical entertainment will be provided by Golden Hour. Admission, by donation.

**While Shekinah** is grateful that Amy Peters has agreed to accept a half time position as Executive Director for a period of time, we are still recruiting for a permanent full time Executive Director. For more information please contact Phyllis Goertz, board chair, p.goertz@sasktel.net or 306 242 8367. (new)

**Are you willing to bake muffins for hungry students?** The University of Saskatchewan Faith Leaders Council hosts the Good Breakfast Monday to Thursday mornings on campus. The Good Breakfast offers both a good meal and good fellowship for university students experience food insecurity and loneliness. This program depends in large part on donations, especially muffins. Frozen muffins can be dropped off at Lutheran Campus Centre (1302 College Dr) on Tuesday evenings. Contact Lutheran & Ecumenical Campus Chaplain George Hind at luth.chap@usask.ca with questions or for more details. (new)

**Read the latest calls from Bethlehem Bible College** in the West Bank, and Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre in occupied East Jerusalem. Their words—which some of you may have already seen—contrast with much of what we hear in the media. Let these calls help to guide us in our lament, our prayer, our actions  
<https://mailchi.mp/ce6cda112a5b/with-palestinians-in-lament-suffering-and-prayer?e=34fac21f3b> (new)

**MCC Connects:** It's not too late to participate in MCC Saskatchewan's annual Peace Conference, "*Peace by Peace: International and Local Peacebuilding*," on November 4 in Saskatoon at Wildwood Mennonite Church. We will explore Anabaptist-Mennonite peace theology, pacifist resistance in Ukraine and the Middle East region, as well as hear from several local community partners and be treated to an Eritrean meal for lunch. For info and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/peace-peace-international-and-local-peacebuilding>

\*Back in Sept/Oct, Dick and Kathy hosted a low-german Learning Tour in Bolivia. There were 11 participants including Eileen Kinch who is a digital Editor for *Anabaptist World*. She wrote a comprehensive article about her experience. If you are interested, please follow the link below: <https://anabaptistworld.org/keepers-of-the-old-ways/>

**\*CMU Discover Weekend.** Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to sample CMU? Come to our Discover Weekend on November 17-18. Tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, take part in a Winnipeg excursion, experience student life by staying in residence, eating in the cafeteria, and more. Visit [cmu.ca/experience](http://cmu.ca/experience). (**new**)

**\*Christmas at CMU** returns to start the Advent season. Enjoy various CMU music ensembles perform Christmas selections on November 25 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM on the CMU campus. Visit [cmu.ca/christmas](http://cmu.ca/christmas) (**new**)

**\*Save the date! Book Launch for So We and Our Children May Live**, Nov 10, 7:00 PM (CST). To buy or borrow the book, and for the livestream link, see <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3438>

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