



# 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

September 29, 2024

*Healing in the Gospel of Mark*

**Prelude:** Glowing Embers Ukulele Band, Bethany Manor

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** : Psalm 19:7-14 (NIV)

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**C: The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.**

**They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;**

**they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

**By them your servants are warned;**

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

L: But who can discern their own errors? Forgive our hidden faults.

Keep your servants also from willful sins; may they not rule over us.

*All: May the words of our mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.*

**Prayer of Invocation:** We give thanks for the gift of music that praises God and soothes the soul. May the songs of our mouths and the chords of our instruments and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord our Rock and Redeemer.

**Hymns of Praise: VT #84 To God Be the Glory**

**VT#743 Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

**First Reading:** Mark 3:1-6

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the

man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

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

**Prayers** – It is difficult to watch the continued death and destruction that began and continues in Gaza, has intensified in the West Bank and now includes the people of Lebanon. We continue to weep with those who suffer greatly every day during this time and will for years to come

**Thanksgiving** -for a good youth retreat at Camp Elim last weekend.

-Warman Mennonites’ 60 years of worshipping together

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

**Hymn: VT #705 For the Healing of the Nations**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him,

Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha kum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

### **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 #417      Seek Ye First**

**Sermon:      Healing in the Gospel of Mark**

**Hymn: VT #160      Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**Benediction:** May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in God’s sight this week. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Welcome to** Glowing Embers Ukulele Band from Bethany Manor on their first road trip! Welcome and thank you to director Lynn Driedger who also leads Saskatoon Men's Chorus and leads congregational singing at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and forum with potluck to follow.

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

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

**TODAY**      **Sept 29**      *Mark 3*

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Lynn Driedger      Accompanist: Glowing Embers

Story: Patty      Sound: Stephanie      Ushers: Bill/Anna

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Shelley Penner

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

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

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

**Luke's Week:**

**Birthdays:** 1 – Bruce Boldt; 2 – Robin Neudorf; 2 – Naomi

Schellenberg; 3 – Natalia Guenther

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** Sept 29 – Potluck

**New Address** for Katherine & Dakota Bretecher

1-108 Canora St W

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY: Warman Mennonite Church invites** you to join them on Sunday, Sept 29th for the celebration of 60 years of worshipping together! The celebration begins with a Worship Service at 2pm followed by Faspas and fellowship. If you're planning to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly by email at office@warmanmennonite.org or calling 306-933-4660.

## **CALENDAR**

**Sun. Sept 29 10:00 am Luke Bushman** speaking *Healing in Mark*

Special music by Bethany Glowing Embers

11:15 am Jam sessions with Ukuleles by Lynn Driedger

12:00 noon Potluck (*please bring extra for the band*)  
*Group C-M clean-up*

Every Wednesday starting **October 2:** CMU Bible Study 10:30am

**Sun. Oct 6 – 10:00 am Patty preaching** on 7 Shared Convictions: #1-2  
God, Jesus and the Enneagram

11:15 am Forum on Enneagram with Amanda Dodge, MCC SK

**Sun. Oct 13 – 10:00 am Patty preaching** on 7 Shared Convictions: #3  
Baptism and Communion, Thanksgiving Communion, no SS

**Sun. Oct 20 – 10:00 am Patty preaching** on 7 Shared Convictions:  
#4-7 The Church

11:11 am Deacon mtg

Mon. Oct 21 6:00 pm Exec. Mtg

Wed. Oct 23 6:00 Faspa & Conversation

**Sun. Oct 27 – 10:00 am Luke preaching** on Mark 4

11:11 Comm. Connection mtg

Tues. Oct 29 – 7:00 pm OMC Book Club in the Coffee Room

A Psalm for the Wild-Built *by Becky Palme*. Everyone  
responsible to find their own book. Men & Youth welcome

**October Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount**, Wednesdays 10:30  
a.m., with Michael Pahl, MC Manitoba on Zoom Coffee Room

**October Faspa and Conversation: Greening Church Buildings**,  
Weds. Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m. with Sandy Plett, MC Can Environment  
Coordinator on Zoom

**MCC Connects:** Monday, September 30 marks the National Day for  
Truth and Reconciliation, and in honor of this day we encourage your  
church community to attend reconciliation events in your area and to  
watch the film Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies at this  
link: <https://www.reserve107thefilm.com/>

**RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball &  
Soccer | October 4 & 5** - Join us for a weekend of connecting with  
friends through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual  
(\$25/player). Soccer will only take place October 5 (\$10/player) at  
9:00am, pre-registration is not required for soccer. Lunch available in  
the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). Contact Alex if

you have any questions at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or to register. All are welcome to participate.

**RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - The Tonight Show at RJC!**  
**With Your Host: Corey Ginther (1990)** | Join us on October 26, 2024 for an evening of conversations and entertainment with RJC alumni, friends, and students. \$25/person or \$200/table. Tickets on sale October 1, 2024. Call (306) 232-4222 or email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC Spend-a-day** | Students in Grades 8-11 who would like to experience a day in the life of an RJC student are invited to join us on October 30, 2024. Email Alex at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222 for more information or to register.

**Save the date** for the upcoming Camp Shekinah Dessert Fundraiser at Bethany on November 2.

Planning is beginning for the December 1 celebration, A Very Shekinah Christmas. 38 dozen cookies and squares are needed to feed the festivities! Please consider signing up to bring a few dozen goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Arrangements can be made to deliver baking to Shekinah. Contact Julie with questions.

### **MC Sask News:**

#### **Growing Justice: Palestinian Olive Harvest**

Autumn: the time of harvest and food-gathering, especially in Saskatchewan. Autumn reminds us of abundance and the sacredness of life, the "Circle of God", to quote a popular hymn. The autumn season invites us in multiple ways to reflect on creation, land, and food, here in Saskatchewan and around the world. This year, we are thinking especially of Palestinians, whose livelihood and culture are deeply entwined with harvesting creation's fruits. The fall olive harvest, which has sustained Palestinian farmers for millennia, is undermined by what the International Court of Justice deems Israel's "illegal occupation" of their land. In Gaza, aid agencies describe famine and the diseases of malnutrition, while the olive harvest is a distant dream. MC Sask, the Living Skies Region of the United Church of Canada, and MCC Saskatchewan have joined together to create events to offer a window into the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. The first event is the film "Where the Olive Trees Weep" on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7pm at Grace Westminster UC, Saskatoon. For more information go to [http://www.livingskiesrc.ca/\(new\)](http://www.livingskiesrc.ca/(new))

**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an Interim Youth Minister/Worker** on a contract basis until mid-July, 2025. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will involve coordinate and working with youth pastors, leaders, and sponsors on province-wide and regional youth events such as MegaMenno and youth retreats, including travel to the 2025 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume to Len Rempel at [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca). A full job description is available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)

**Parkland Restorative Justice** is seeking an Executive Director-Community Engagement Coordinator. Duties include working in collaboration with the Program Manager, Board of Directors, volunteers, stakeholders, offenders, and staff at Saskatchewan Penitentiary to fulfill mandate of Parkland's aims and goals as well as community engagement to encourage more volunteer enrolment and promote fundraising. Job and application details available at <http://mcsask.ca/Parkland-Restorative-Justice-job-posting> Application deadline is October 15, 2024. (new)

**Bethany Manor**, a senior's residence in Saskatoon, is accepting applications for a full time Spiritual Care Coordinator position. The successful candidate will be directly involved in preaching, pastoral care (including hospital visitation), spiritual care programming and worship planning. Details of the position and application process available at <http://mcsask.ca/Bethany-Manor-job-posting> Application deadline is October 15, 2024. (new)

**You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church** as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead.

**InCERT – delivered from MC Sask's Climate Emergency Response Team.** Mennonites have joined Christians all over the world to mark the Season of Creation, six weeks of worship, prayer and action, dedicated to the healing of our common home. We are in the middle of this season now. For a guide to participating in this Season, as an individual, family

or congregation, check out the free resource from CommonWord:  
<https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/27895> (new)

**Hold in prayer the gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action** working group leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation. (new)

**Xplore** – “**Lord teach us to pray**”, “The Great Oratorios” and “Coming to terms with Christian Anti-Semitism” are some of the fall courses offered through CMU’s Xplore extended education program. Courses begin October 1; for course information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore) Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community.

**Mennonite Church Canada’s Joint Council** (governing board) meets together in Winnipeg, MB, October 4-6. Pray for safe travels as council members travel from the five Regional Churches. Pray also for God’s presence to be felt and wisdom to be known in their discernment.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day**, also known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It Commemorates the residential school experience, witnessing and honouring the healing journey of the Survivors and their families. EVERY CHILD MATTERS

**NEXT SUNDAY      Oct 6**

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Henry Funk  
Song Leader: Kevin                          Accompanist: Melanie  
Story: Marlene                              Sound: Doug                      Ushers: Benjamin/Dick  
Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Garry Boldt  
Sunday School: Stephanie with Eli & Dylan

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