



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 3, 2021

“Job - When Bad Things Happen to Good People”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 8:1-5;9

L: Yhwh, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

P: You have placed your glory above the heavens!

L: From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise, to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful.

P: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place - what is humanity that you should be mindful of us? Who are we that you should care for us?

L: You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor.

All: Yhwh, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: VT #182 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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TELLING GOD'S STORY: Creation

182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gm Bb

1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known,

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies,
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good,
 and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand and all the stars o-bey,
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 there's not a place where we can flee but God is pres-ent there.

For capo chords, see #313.

Text: Isaac Watts (England), *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*
 Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogin Anna*

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 “Today Earth is Singing”

Today earth is singing with stars up above,
Our arms wide in welcome for God's gift of love;
We greet you, dear children, we're glad you are here;
Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

Children's Time with Kathy Braun

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:

- the Martens family as they deal with COVID
- the failing health of Allen Guenther (brother to Joe & Cornie)
- Pastor Nora's sister sick in hospital in Mexico
- our local school as they deal with pushback
- businesses that are dealing with regulating COVID restriction
- Lina & family's arrival in Saskatoon on October 25th
- joy for beautiful fall weather

Hymn: VT #203 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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203 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE CM

C Dm7 G C Am D G

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure.
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way.
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

C Dm Am E C Dm G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op'n - ing day.
 still be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-9

In times past, God Spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these final days, God has spoken to us through the Only Begotten, who has been made heir of all things and through whom the universe was first created. Christ is the reflection of God's glory, the exact representation of God's being; all things are sustained by God's powerful word. Having cleansed us from our sins, Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of the Glory of heaven - as far superior to the angels as the name Christ has inherited is superior to theirs.

God didn't create the inhabited earth of which we speak to have it be ruled by angels. Somewhere this testimony is found: "who are we that you should be mindful of us? We are mere mortals, and yet you care for us! You have made us little less than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. You have put all things under our feet." In subjecting all things to us, God left nothing unsubjected. At present, we don't see all things thus subject; but we do see Jesus, who was made "little less than the angels, crowned with glory and honor" by dying on the cross—so that, through the gracious will of God, Jesus might taste death for us all.

Response to the Scripture:

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 #436 "O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art"

CONFESSING FAITH
 436 O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art
 HOW GREAT THOU ART 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Capo 3: (G) Bb (C) Eb

1 O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

(G/D) Bb/F (D7) F7 (G) Bb

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

(C) Eb

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion

(G/D) Bb/F (D7) F7 (G) Bb

thy pow'r through-out the un-i-verse dis-played:
 and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze:
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin:
 and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain (C) Eb (G) Bb (D7) F7

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou
 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

(G) Bb (Am7) Cm7 (D7) F7 (G) Bb

Text: Stuart K. Hine (England), 1949, alt.
 Music: Swedish traditional

Biblical Storytelling: "Job – When Bad Things Happen to Good People"

Hymn: VT #605 "My Life Flows On"

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My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8.7.8.7 with refrain

G C G D

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion.
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die, I know my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

G C G D G

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain G D Em G D G

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

G C G D G

Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Benediction: Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines, though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, I will rejoice in the Lord and exalt in the God of my salvation. God is my strength who makes my feet like the feet of a deer to tread upon the heights. *Habakkuk 3:17,18*

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***TODAY at 1:30 pm - Executive Council** would like to have a short congregational information/discussion meeting regarding: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955>. Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

COVID 19 plans
Government support funds
Committee highlights
Verbal Financial update
Perhaps other items

***Adult Education starts TODAY** after worship. Mosaic class in sanctuary and on Zoom.

Voices Together Sunday School

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85145495028> Meeting ID: 851 4549 5028

Mosaic Sunday School

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220> Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Fall Congregational Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955> Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Michelle, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Kathy Sound: James/Keri Usher: Harold
Children's Sunday School Teachers: Naomi & Julie

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: October 10 – Thanksgiving Communion

Speaker: Patty Friesen-Communion Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Melanie
Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Matthew Usher: Lloyd
No Sunday School for children & youth

Yard Maintenance – K & M Boldt & family

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon, Weds. office, visit, Thurs. Fri. office, visit

Nora's Week: Working Sun, Wed, Thur, Fri

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lovely red dress/orange shirt display these past months. Items are on rack by office for pick-up.

*Copies of Leonard Doell's presentation on Mennonites and Indian Residential Schools (Sept 19th) and the Sept 26th presentation by Ched & Elaine are available on the back table or via email from the church office.

Do you have any wheat sheaves, dried corn, gourds, squashes or pumpkins that the worship committee could borrow for a **Thanksgiving display** table on October 10th? If so, please contact Melanie Boldt at melanie@pineviewfarms.com or call 306.239.4763 ext 2 to make arrangements. Thanks!

MCC Blankets on Display will be selling via Silent Auction to raise money to purchase supplies for the fall MCC blanket Making. Starting bid is \$25. with bids open until the end of October. (*Donations also accepted*) Facebook people may call the church office with their bids.

***MCC Connects:** Join us in showing gratitude this Thanksgiving by participating in a Bucket of Thanks packing event. Help MCC Saskatchewan send containers filled with essential hygiene items to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict or disaster. Ways to get involved:

Book a kit packing time for your group between Oct 14 & Dec 1 Sponsor a bucket (each kit costs \$52)

Purchase kit supplies Contact us to book a packing time or to donate at (306)665-2555 or saskoffice@mccsk.ca.

***Youth Event** changed from Oct 1 to Oct 3rd – 3:30 at the Borne’s yard

***Youth Room Couches Wanted:** With our growing youth group our youth room is looking for one or two couches to add to our collection. We have been borrowing Lina’s couches but now with her imminent arrival we are happy to give them back and on the lookout. If anybody has a couch they are looking to get rid of, or sees a good deal out and about please contact Pastor Nora.

***Christmas is coming.** :) In past years, OMC has collected donations of food items for Christmas hampers to assist families in the community thought to be in need. Are boxes of KD and canned soup the best way to meet the needs of families experiencing economic hardship; especially at a time of year where financial stress is often increased? Community Connections is looking for your suggestions about how to provide meaningful help this Christmas. Please share your ideas with C.C. committee members: Kaytee E., Diane M., Adeline or Alex.

*Correction to the October Newsletter Birthday list – Rachel Buhler’s birthday is October 17 and Naomi Schellenberg’s is October 2

OMC CALENDAR

- Oct 3 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
12:00 pm Deacon Mtg
1:30 pm Congregational Mtg via Zoom
3:30 pm Youth Event on the Borne Yard
- Oct 6 1:00 pm Education Committee mtg
- Oct 10 10:00 am Communion with Patty Friesen** (*also on Facebook*)
- Oct 15 Evening MEGA Youth Event – Menno Corn Maze
- Oct 17 10:00 am Anita Retzlaff speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
- Oct 24 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
- Oct 27 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg
- Oct 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** (*also on Facebook*)

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