



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 31, 2022

Where we gather...God is there...

Gathering Hymn: VT #7 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

I will light a light in the name of the Maker, who lit the world and
breathed the breath of life for me.

I will light a light in the name of the Son, who saved the world and
stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light in the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world
and blesses my soul with yearning.

All: We light three lights for the Trinity of love:

God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;

The God who creates life,

The Savior who loves life,

The Spirit who is the fire of life;

The Beginning, The End, The Everlasting One.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: VT #225 “We Come”

*Genesis 1: In the beginning when it was very quiet, at the beginning of
the endless song, God created the heavens and the earth.*

Hymn: VT #175 “Planets Humming as They Wander”

First, when the earth didn't have a proper shape, and everything was
dark God said, “Let there be light.” And God separated the light from
the darkness. There was evening and morning. That was the first day.

And God said, “Waters, please separate. Let there be sky.” And it happened! That was the second day. Before, everything was kind of the same. Now there was sky.

***Psalms 36:5-9** “LORD, your faithful love reaches to the sky. Your faithfulness is as high as the clouds. Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains. Your fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean.”*

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Then God said, “Let the water gather in great pools, and let the dry land appear, please.” And it happened! God called the dry land earth and the waters were called oceans and seas. And God liked it so far. Then God said, “Let plants grow on the earth. Vegetables and fruit. Trees and grass.” That happened too, and it looked beautiful. That was the third day.

***Isaiah 58:** The Lord will continually lead you; and will feed you even when things seem desperate. God will give you renewed strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, and like a spring that continually produces water.*

Hymn: VT #120 “For the Beauty of the Earth” verse 1

On the fourth day, God said, “Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let the sun, moon and stars give light to the earth, and let them form seasons and days and years.” And it happened! Now the earth was even more interesting and beautiful. That was the fourth day

***Luke 1:78-80** Because of our God’s tender mercy the dawn will break upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

For the Beauty of the Earth verse 2

On the next day God said, “Let there be all kinds of creatures in the seas and in the oceans and in the sky.” When it happened, there were fish and so many other creatures that live in the water, and there were many kinds of birds singing and flying. It was amazing, and God was happy with the fish and birds. That was the fifth day.

For the Beauty of the Earth verse 3

On the sixth day God said, “Let there be animals, please, earth. All kinds of animals, big and small. There’s lots of food here for them in the grasses and trees and plants.” And the animals began to grow from the earth

Psalms 36, continued “LORD, you protect people and animals. Nothing is more precious than your loving kindness. All people can find protection close to you. They get strength from all the good things in your house. You let them drink from your wonderful river. The fountain of life flows from you. Your light lets us see light.”

It was an amazing new world, but it wasn’t quite finished. God said, “This new world is already now. Let us now make people, to enjoy this beautiful earth, to live here and take care of the lovely new world.” So God made people. They were named Adam and Eve. And God loved them right from the beginning. God told Adam and Eve to enjoy the beautiful new earth since it was the perfect place for them to live. Everything was very good. That was the sixth day.

Isaiah 49:14-17 (Sometimes people think, or they say): ‘I think God has forgotten all about me and will never help me ever again.’ But this is what God says, “Can a woman forget her newborn baby? Can she stop loving her child, who was just born? She couldn’t. Ever. Even if mothers could forget their children, I could never forget you! Look here, I have written your name on the palm of my hand.”

Children’s Gathering Song - Today Earth is Singing VT #510

Today earth is singing with stars up above,
Our hearts 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 Story: Adam and Eve’s First Sunset

Then God rested for the whole seventh day.

Sharing of joys and concerns/Prayer of the church

- Amplifiers who left this morning: Alex, Matthew & Dayna (sponsors), Zenon, Lanae, Braden, Zoe, Eli, Nora, Dylan, Mikwanis, Oren
- Zac and Terry preaching at Bethany Manor this morning
- condolences to Frieda Rempel on the loss of her brother-in-law Isaac Rempel

- thanks to Doug Cox for the new OMC free library & others for its installation near our church sign
- thanks to the trustees our church garage now has electricity
- Harry's move to Saskatoon Convalescent Home

Hymn: "Day is Dying in the West"

The creation story in the Bible seems to say that, kind of the way your parents got ready for their baby even before you were born, God got ready for people to live on earth by creating the perfect place for you – for us. I wonder if, when God sees the beautiful place that was created to get ready for people, all of the beauty is a reminder to God's heart that, although God loves the earth and all the beautiful things that are part of creation, God loves people, especially children, most of all.

Song: Pearly Shells

Pearly shells from the ocean
Shining in the sun, covering the shore.
When I see them, my heart tells me that I love you
More than all the little pearly shells.

For ev'ry grain of sand upon the beach,
I've got a kiss for you
And I've got more left over for each star
that twinkles in the blue.

***Psalms 36:5-9** "LORD, your faithful love reaches to the sky. Your faithfulness is as high as the clouds. Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains. Your fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean. You, Lord, preserve all people and the animal kingdom. How precious is your loyal love, O God! The human race finds shelter under your wings."*

Hymn: VT #420 "God of the Bible"

Benediction VT #998

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it, that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever. *Amen*

. Announcements

***Sunday, August 28**, 10:00 a.m. End of Summer Joint Worship Service with Aberdeen, Langham, Osler and Warman Mennonite Churches at the Buhler yard – first left after railroad tracks west of Osler Township Rd 393. Curtis Wiens will lead an impromptu men’s choir with one rehearsal at 9:30 (Music on the lobby table). Communion will be served. Bring lawn chairs and picnicware and stay for a sandwich/salad/square potluck.

MCC - Grow Hope SK Field Day! How do the crops we grow in SK support emergency food assistance in regions of conflict, drought, and disaster? Join us on August 7th to learn more. Our field day is being held in concert with Cherry Sunday, a well-known annual festival in Bruno, SK. See the poster on the bulletin board for details.

July 31 10:00 am Stories & Songs

Aug 7 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Aug 14 10:00 am Zach Stefaniuk

Aug 21 10:00 am Amplifiers & Jake Buhler

Aug 28 10:00 am Joint Service on the Buhler Farm

TODAY’S WORSHIP

July 31

Speaker: Stories & Songs Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Lynette, Kathryn, Anna, Ben, Loretta

Accompanist: Lynette Children’s Time: Lynette

Sound: James & Kerri Ushers: Bill

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

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

Patty’s Week: Today: Bethany Manor; Tues.-Weds vacation, Fri.

Office

No Birthdays this week

Yard Maintenance for week of Aug 1-Aug 6: Garry Boldt & family

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 7

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Children’s Time: Kathy Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd



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