



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 31, 2021

Wonderful Grace

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 146

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God my whole life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help!

P: Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: VT #170 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

RECONCILING: Assurance of Grace

170 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

WONDERFUL GRACE 7.6.7.6.7.6.12 with refrain

1 Won-der-ful grace of Je-sus, great-er than all my sin:
 2 Won-der-ful grace of Je-sus, reach-ing to all the lost,
 3 Won-der-ful grace of Je-sus, reach-ing the most re-viled,

how shall my tongue de-scribe it, where shall its praise be-gin?
 by it I have been par-doned, saved to the ut-ter-most.
 by its trans-form-ing pow-er mak-ing me God's dear child,

Tak-ing a-way my bur-den, set-ting my spir-it free,
 Chains have been torn a-sun-der, giv-ing me lib-er-ty,
 pur-chas-ing peace and heav-en for all e-ter-ni-ty,

for the won-der-ful grace of Je-sus reach-es me.

Refrain
 Won-der-ful the match-less grace of Je-sus, deep-er
 the match-less grace of Je-sus,

than the might-y roll-ing sea, the roll-ing sea, won-der-ful grace, all-suf-fi-cient for
 high-er than the moun-tain, spar-king like a foun-tain, all-suf-fi-cient grace for e-ven
 me, for e-ven me; broad-er than the scope of my trans-
 gres-sions, great-er far than all my sin and shame.
 gres-sions, sing it! my sin and shame.

O mag-ni-fy the pre-cious name of Je-sus, praise his name!

Text: Haldor Lillenas (USA), Northfield Hymnal No. 3, 1918
 Music: Haldor Lillenas, Northfield Hymnal No. 3, 1918

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

L: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

L: Keep these words today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

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 Lynette Janzen

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- thanksgiving for the safe arrival in S'toon of Lina and family
- peaceful passing of John Gasho's dad on Oct 28
- major health concerns for Sarah, sister to Dick & Susan

Hymn: VT

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

One of the religious scholars who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him: "Which is the foremost of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "This is the foremost: 'Hear, O Israel, God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The scholar said to Jesus, "Well spoken, Teacher! What you have said is true: the Most High is one and there is no other. To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself—this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice."

Jesus, seeing how wisely this scholar had spoken, said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to question Jesus any more.

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

Biblical Storytelling: Ruth

Hymn: VT #527 "Bless the Arms That Comfort"

527 Bless the Arms That Comfort

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Capo 3: (D)
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(Bm)
Dm

(Em7)
Gm7

(A7)
C7

1 Bless the arms that com - fort, strong to shoul - der care,
2 Bless the ears that lis - ten, shar - ing joys and fears—
3 Bless the feet that fol - low, like Na - o - mi's Ruth—

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gen - tle in their heal - ing, reach - ing through des - pair.
laugh - ing in our tri - umphs, weep - ing with our tears.
con - stant friend through sor - row, speak - ing ho - ly truth:

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Bless the hands that la - bor Mar - tha's dai - ly deeds;
Bless the eyes whose wis - dom sees through pride's fa - çade,
Though our jour - neys lead us far in time and space,

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C7

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Ma - ry's pre - cious oint - ment, balm for dif - f'rent needs.
cher - ish - ing our weak - ness with the heart of God.
God a - noints com - pan - ions, min - i - sters of grace.

Benediction: Though our journeys lead us far in time and space, God anoints companions, ministers of grace. Go in peace as ministers of grace.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen
Song Leaders: Dayna, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Matthew Usher: Bill
Children's Sunday School Teachers: Loretta & Karl

Patty's Week: Tues sermon, Wed office, Thurs C.C. mtg, Fri office

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

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: November 7 Peace Sunday

Speaker: Nora Pederberg (she/her) Worship Leader: George J
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist Melanie
Children's Time: Wilf B Sound: Matthew Usher: Lloyd
Children's Sunday School Teachers: Diane M, Rachel & Sarah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Adult Education TODAY** after worship.

Mosaic class in sanctuary and on Zoom.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220>

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7

*MCC Blanket making in the Multi-purpose room Nov 15-19.

*Lina and her children arrived in Saskatoon on Monday afternoon, after a long flight from Beirut. They are currently quarantining at their new home in Saskatoon. We thank God for their safe arrival.

Worship Committee needs four volunteers to be "online ushers" in a once per month volunteer rotation. As a proactive member of our online worship community, the online usher will welcome people via the online comments at the start of worship, moderate and answer comments, and welcome online responses as appropriate throughout the service. For more information or to volunteer, please speak to any member of Worship Committee: Lynette J, John R, Melanie B, Vanessa S, Michelle M or Patty.

The Micah Mission's AGM will be November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to info@themicahmission.org. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the meeting.

Nov 7 @ 3 pm is forest church at **Shekinah**.

***Voices Together** – Learning about Our New Hymnal Adult Education Series with Nutana Park Mennonite Church via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. October 19 – November 23. Email npmc@npmc.net for the zoom link.

November 2: Why are there hymns from different cultures and languages? Should we sing the songs we don't do very well? Facilitator – Geraldine Balzer.

November 9: Who are the contributors for our new hymnal? How much does that matter? Do we need both old songs and new songs? Facilitator – Lori Weiler-Thiessen.

November 16: Why did we need a new hymnal anyway? Has our world changed that much? Is our theology changing? Facilitator – Edna Froese.

November 23: Wrap-up session. Facilitator – Rachel Regier

Bethany Manor is seeking a part-time Resident Aide to join our team. Regular duties include, but are not limited to, working with residents, assistance with daily living essential activities, medication admin/charting, record keeping, cleaning/laundry and serving meals. A criminal record check with the vulnerable sector check will be required prior to commencement of employment, as well as proof of double COVID-19 vaccination. Job

specific training courses will occur within the first month of employment. Bethany Manor offers excellent group benefits and pension plans, as well as the opportunity to pick up additional shifts. Please email your resume and cover letter outlining your experience and qualifications to MarianneH@b55.ca. No phone calls or drop ins please.

Bethany Manor has Seniors' housing suites available. Check their website for more information

<https://bethany55plusliving.ca>

*Bethany Manor November Newsletter is on the bulletin

MC Sask

Interested in CMU? Take in our **Campus Visit Day** on November 5 Visit cmu.ca/future/experience for more information and to sign up.

Nov 6 MCC Saskatchewan's 3rd Annual Peace Conference, "Restoring Justice" will explore how to do justice better. Join us as we hear from experts and those on the frontlines about the principles and practices of doing justice and building resilience in our communities. This is a free virtual conference and there will be two additional optional training workshops on Friday and Saturday evenings. For details go to <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference>

***Mega Menno Games Night – Friday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm, Mount Royal Mennonite Church.** Join us for a night of fun and games, and connecting with other youth! Free event, open to youth in grades 6-12. Masks will be mandatory, contact Kirsten for more information,

MCC Connects:

Please pray for the countries of Nicaragua, Haiti and Honduras as they have upcoming elections in November. Pray for fair and peaceful processes. Pray for leaders who promote equity and well-being for the whole population.

OMC CALENDAR

Oct 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Biblical storytelling – Ruth*

Nov 4 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg via Zoom

Nov 5 1:00 pm Education Committee mtg

Nov 7 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking *Peace Sunday*

Nov 7 12:00 pm Deacon mtg

Nov 12 6:30 pm OMC Youth Night

Nov 14 10:00 am Curtis Wiens speaking *Creation Care*

Nov 17 6:00 pm Church Exec mtg

7:00 pm Church Council mtg

Nov 19 7:00 pm Mega Menno Games Night @ Mount Royal

Nov 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Memorial Sunday*

Nov 22 7:30 pm Worship mtg Zoom

Nov 28 10:00 am Patty Friesen *First Advent*

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Food for thought:

Even the *strongest hands* can lose their grip,
the *greatest of minds* can become cloudy,
and the *biggest hearts* can break.
So Be Kind, just always BE KIND.

How being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**.



God picks You from the patch and brings You in.
~~~~~ (John 15: 16) ~~~~~

Then He washes all the dirt off of You.  
~~~~~ (2 Corinthians 5: 17) ~~~~~

He opens You up and scoops out all the Yucky
stuff. He removes the seeds of
doubt, hate, greed etc.
~~~~~ (Romans 6: 6) ~~~~~

Then He carves You a new smiling face.  
~~~~~ (Psalm 71: 23) ~~~~~

And He puts His light inside You to shine for
all the world to see.
~~~~~ (Matthew 5: 16) ~~~~~