



Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace

Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 11, 2021

*“Opening ourselves to Christ’s peace
Means preparing ourselves to be bearers of reconciliation.”
-Brother Roger of Taizé*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

See how good, how pleasant it is
for God’s people to live together as one!
It is like precious oil on Aaron’s head
running down on his beard,
running down to the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,
falling on the hills of Zion.
For that is where Yhwh bestows the blessing—
life that never ends.

Hymn of Praise: **VT #605** **“My Life Flows On”**

1/01
1/04

605

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?

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained." It happened that one of the twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound." On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "my Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the only begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' name.

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: Nora Pederberg

Hymn: VT #49 "All Who Are Thirsty"

2/103

GATHERING: God's Presence with Us

49

All Who Are Thirsty

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY Irregular

F Am7

All who are thirst - y, all who are weak,

Bb2 Gm7 F/A

come to the foun - tain. Dip your heart in the stream of

Bb2 Bb2/C F Am7

life. Let the pain and the sor - row be washed a - way

Bb2 Gm7 F/A

in the waves of God's mer - cy, as deep cries out to

Refrain

Bb2 F F2 F sus F Bb2 Bb2/C

deep. We sing... Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

F F2 F sus F Bb2 Bb2/C F5

Last time

Come, Lord Je - sus, come.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

**Offering Prayer and Offertory
Sharing Joys and Concerns**

- lets us pray for Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim – after gathering together as a faith community for 110 years, they worship together for the last time today
-vaccines for the 55+
-a happy Easter and Thank You from Helen Peters for the Hydrangea from our Easter display

Prayer of the People VT# 888

Leader: God who knows our needs before we ask...
(Silence)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: VT #332 "In Christ Alone"

TELLING GOD'S STORY: Jesus' Death

332 In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE LMD

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb

1 In Christ a-lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh— full-ness of
3 There in the ground his bod-y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

(G) (Em7) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ab Eb Ab

light, my strength, my song— this cor-ner-stone, this sol-id
God in help-less babel! This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark-ness slain; then burst-ing forth in glo-ri-ous
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi-nal

(A) (D) (G) (Em7) (A7) (D)
Bb Eb Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb

ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm-
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save, I stand
day, up from the grave he rose a-gain! to live, I live
breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny. of Christ. I'll stand!

(G/B) (D/F#) (A) (D)
Ab/C Eb/G Bb Eb

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
till on the cross as Je-sus died, *the wrath of
And as he stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no hu-man plan, can ev-er

(G) (D/F#) (A) (G) (D) (G)
Ab Eb/G Bb Ab Eb Ab

stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort-er, my all in
God was sat-is-fied. My ev-'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re-returns or calls me

(A) (D) (G) (Em7) (A7) (D)
Bb Eb Ab Fm7 Bb7 Eb

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. I'll stand!
home, here in the pow'r of Christ

*Alternative phrasing: "I'll stand!"

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one mind and one heart. Not one of them claimed anything as their own; rather, everything was held in common. The apostles continued to testify with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and they were all given great respect; nor was anyone needy among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them and give the money to the apostles. It was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Gospel Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the Beginning, which we have heard, and seen with our eyes, and have looked at and touched with our hands: the word, who is Life— this is the subject of our letter. That life came to be; we saw it and bear witness to it. We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with Abba God and was manifested to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you may be one with us— as we are one with Abba God and with the only begotten, Jesus Christ. We write this to fulfill our joy. This, then, is the message we heard from Jesus and declare to you: God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we say we have intimacy with God while still living in darkness, we are liars and do not live in truth. But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other, and the blood of Jesus, the only begotten, purifies us from all sin. If we say we are without sin, we lie, and the truth is not in us. But if we admit our sins, God, the faithful and just one, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all injustice. If we say we have not sinned, we call God a liar and show that God's word is not in us. My little ones, I am writing this to keep you from sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an advocate with God— Jesus Christ, who is just. Jesus is the full payment for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world.

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!

Sermon: Resurrection and Reconciliation – Randy Klassen

Sending Hymn: VT# 419 “Great Is Their Faithfulness”

CONFESSING FAITH
419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Capo 1: (D) Eb

(G) (A7) (D) (D)
(Eb) (Ab) (Eb) (Eb)

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,
2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

(G) (D) (E7) (A)
(Ab) (Eb) (F7) (Bb)

There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

(A7) (D) (G)
(Bb7) (Eb) (Ab)

Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not,
join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row;

(G#dim7) (D/A) (A7) (D)
A dim7 Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Alternative texts: "O God my Mother" or "O God Creator"
Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923
Music: William M. Runyan (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923

CONFESSING FAITH

Refrain (A) (D) (B7) (Em)
(Bb) (Eb) (C7) (Fm)

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

(A7) (D) (Dm) (A/E) (E7) (A)
(Bb7) (Eb) (Eb) (Bb/F) (F7) (Bb)

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.

(A7) (D) (G)
(Bb7) (Eb) (Ab)

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed.

(G#dim7) (D/A) (A7) (D)
A dim7 Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Benediction: Hear the words of Jesus:

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Randy Klassen Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg Sound: Matthew S & James T Usher: Lloyd S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom** – (right after the morning service) hosted by George
Those in the sanctuary are welcome to hang out in the gym at distanced tables and chairs for visiting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89786948615>

Meeting ID: 897 8694 8615

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdL8s3Bx34>

***Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00 am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic. This the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301> Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301

***Follow Up-Zoom: Mon. April 12, 7:00 p.m.** Randy and Reconciliation: Sunday sermon follow-up on Rural Reconciliation and Mennonite Central Committee with Randy Klassen. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9333069839>

***Membership** – During the April 18 morning worship service, we will be receiving the memberships of Henry and Erna Funk by transfer from the Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim

***From MC Sask**

Spring at CMU is online Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM CDT. Join us at www.cmu.ca/springatcmu to hear stories from students, faculty, and alumni including a spotlight on Science (Can you spot a good scientist?); CMU Singers' premiere of *Breathe* by Leonard Enns (commissioned by the CMBC class of 1970); and some campus humour. Be inspired and drawn into the CMU's mission and vision in this 45-minute, online program!

Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director, starting May 2021. This is a full-time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to www.campelim.ca. Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at minister@mcsask.ca.

Spring is coming, and Shekinah is looking for "weekend at the cabin/lake" items. In particular, we are looking for BBQs in good working order, outdoor Adirondack style chairs (wood or composite/resin), and counter depth fridges. We also wouldn't say no to composting toilets. Have other ideas about what we might need? Contact Ron at ron@shekinah.ca.

Coffee – support the youth of MC Sask and order your Level Ground Coffee. 300g size available in bean or ground in dark roast for \$12. Call the office at 306-249-4844 ext 3

MCC Connects: Volunteers needed in MCC's Meadowgreen Den program. This program delivers safe after school programming three to four times a week for close to 50 Newcomer, Indigenous and Settler children and youth (ages 3-15). We are looking for volunteers to help us run various summer activities. All activities are designed to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact Awel Deng at saskoffice@mccsk.ca for more information, or visit: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/meadowgreen-den-program-volunteer>

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 11 10:00 am "Resurrection & Reconciliation" Randy Klassen MCC SK *(also on Facebook)*
Apr 12 7:00 pm Zoom Sermon follow-up with MCC worker Randy Klassen
Apr 12 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom
Apr 13 6:00 pm Community Connections Zoom
Apr 15 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom
Apr 18 10:00 am "Touch and See" Patty Friesen *(also on Facebook)*
Apr 19 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom
Apr 19 7:00 pm Worship Committee Zoom
Apr 21 7:00 pm Education Committee Zoom
Apr 22 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom

Patty's Week: Mon. Randy's Reconciliation Zoom, Tues. MC SK Zoom, sermon prep, Wed. office, Fri. office.

Nora's Week: Working Mon., Holidays April 14-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: April 18

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Alex T

Song Leaders: Michelle, Ben, Alex Accompanist: Lynette J

Children's Time: Kathy B Sound: Steph S Usher: Bill or Anna Peters

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