Osler Mennonite Church



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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 25, 2021

"Healing and Hope"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: From fears that paralyze us;

P: Heal us, O Lord.

L: From illness that strangles us;

P: Heal us, O Lord.

L: From sorrows that weigh us down;

P: Heal us, O Lord.

L: From aimlessness that plagues our visions;

P: Heal us, O Lord. Katherine Hawker

Invocation

God of Hope,

we come into your presence this morning with confidence that you will meet us here.

Where there is sadness, bring joy;

Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;

Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.

Let this place be a sanctuary,

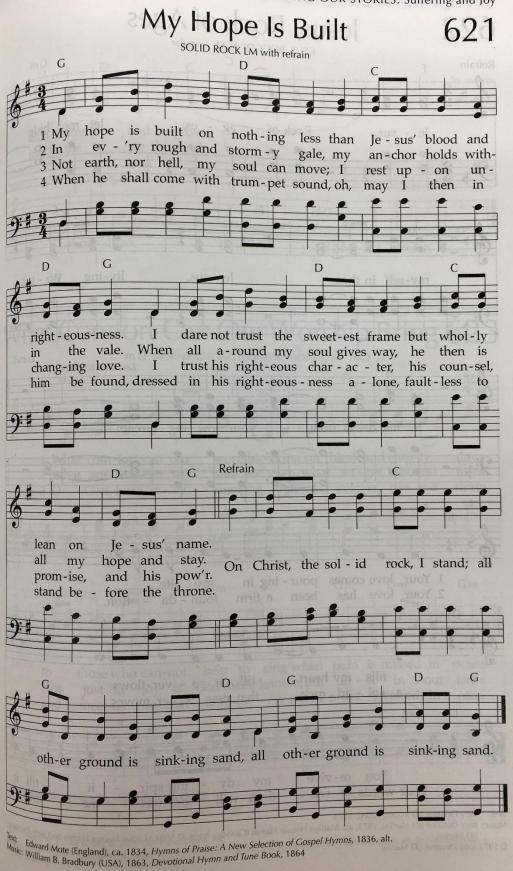
a safe haven for us,

a home for holy words and songs and prayers

as we devote ourselves to you.

We pray this in Jesus' name .Amen Carol Penner

Hymn of Praise: VT #621 "My Hope Is Built"



Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 NRSV

Story of the Bronze Serpent

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

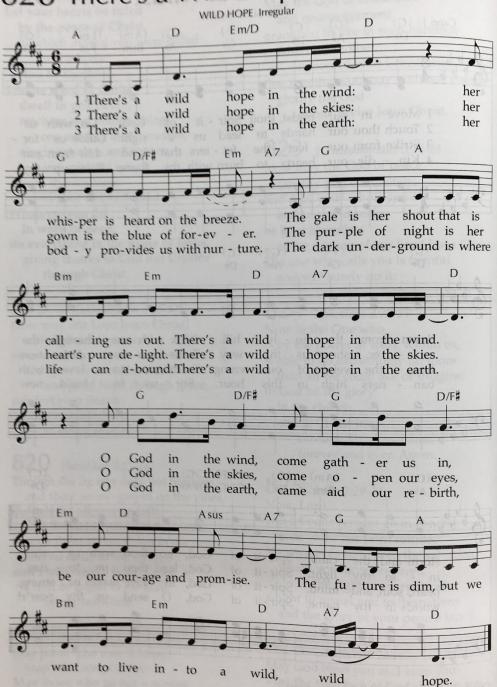
Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 "Today Earth is Singing"

"Today earth is singing with stars up above our arms wide I 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 - Patty Friesen

Hymn: VT #828 "There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind



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Offering Prayer

Offertory – "Song of Healing from Legend of Zelda, Majora's Mask"

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- Katherine Penner's summer practicum placement with Dave and MICAH Mission this summer
- Prayers for healing for Tina Sawatzky, Lloyd's mom, who was in hospital last week due to a fall but is now convalescing at home
- Prayers for Ben's convalescent after his final surgery
- Others who are having major health concerns
- RJC as they deal with COVID out break at school

Prayer Response Hymn: VT #586 "All will Be Well"



Gospel Reading: Luke 8:43-48 NRSV

Jesus Heals the Woman with a Hemorrhage

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Response to the Scripture:

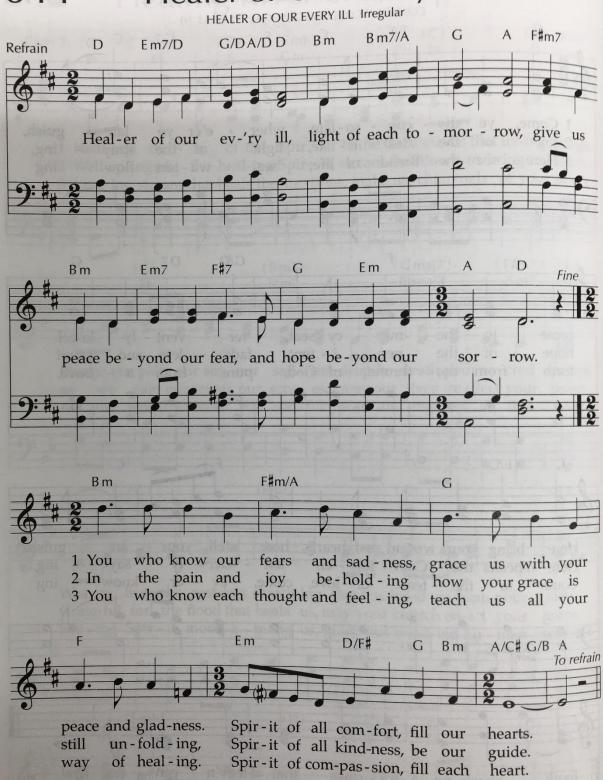
Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

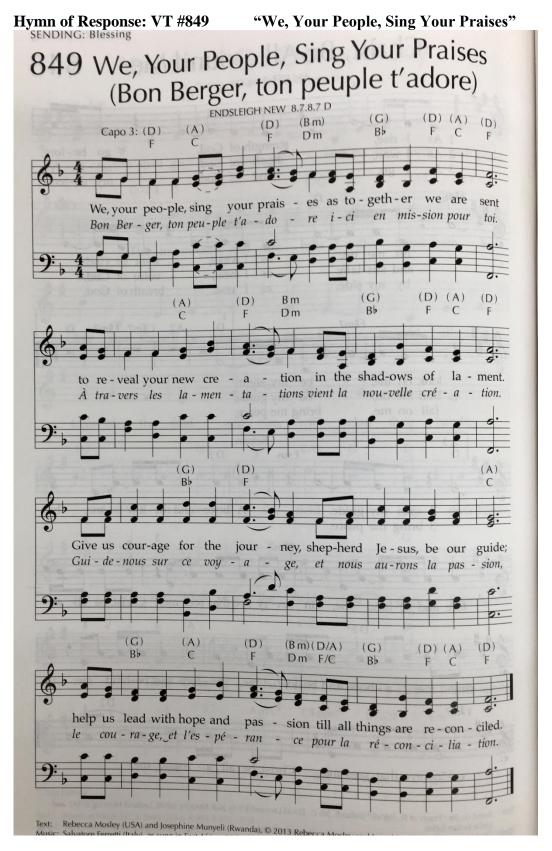
People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT #644 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Sermon: "Healing and Hope"



Benediction: As we prepare to leave our computers to make toasted cheese sandwiches for lunch; or as we prepare to leave this sanctuary to eat the #1 Special at Osler Restaurant

- may the God who enjoys the noisy running feet of all children under 12
- may the God who comforts all those in Hospitals
- may that same God go with all of us in our masks, to love and serve in our community. Amen

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Loretta S., Alex T., Michelle M Accompanist: Melanie B

Children's Time: Patty F Sound: Doug M Usher: Lloyd S

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 26 7:00 pm Education Committee Zoom

May 2 10:00 am Nora Pederberg speaking (also on Facebook)

May 3 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom

May 6 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom

May 9 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking (also on Facebook)

Patty's Week: Tues, worship prep, spiritual direction, Weds. office, visit, Fri office, (pack trailer!) Sat. May 1 off to Grasslands National Park for a month. *Nora Pederberg 306-260-6552 and George Janzen 306-280-1775 are available for emergencies*.

Nora's Week: Working Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.

Council Update from April 21: Semi-annual Sunday, June 20, 1:00 p.m. Zoom. Agenda: slide projector project (\$12,500 already raised), wage parity for church administrative assistant, survey results, loan and wage subsidy update. Everything set for Patty's May sabbatical. Nora has committed to another year. Virtual Youth Retreat with MC SK was well-attended and Education planning deconstructing religion Zoom. Community Connections survey coming on heels of congregational survey. Kallol and Sheba's MDS cheque well-received. Randy Klassen MCC preaching and workshop on Indigenous Relations appreciated. Worship committee enjoying new hymnal and digging into Voices Together worship leader edition. Easter services appreciated. Deacons Coffee Zooms appreciated even with tech struggles. Trustees building storage shelves upstairs and LED light replacements around building. Re-Opening on top of regulations and staying the course. We are \$6000 behind in designated giving for the first quarter.

Announcements

*Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom – (right after the morning service) hosted by Wilf 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

*The Education Committee has invited Kelsey Hoff to come and speak with us about religious deconstruction and being a supportive church. On April 28th at 7:00 pm, we will host this session on Zoom. We will learn what religious deconstruction is (the process of evaluating and altering one's previously held beliefs, lifestyle, relationships and world view), how to support someone going through deconstruction, and how a church can be a safe place. We will also learn of the mental health

connections to religious deconstruction. Please register at the link below to hold your place: And feel free to ask any questions to Christy Martens-Funk at martensfunk@gmail.com. You can also call Christy at 306-381-9487 if you want to register that way.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 28, 2021 07:00 PM Saskatchewan

To register in advance for this meeting click on this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtceugqjovGtwxIzkw6pbShfPgJnP6wlag

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

CMU – May 11, 2021 deadline to apply for online Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) courses. Courses begin the week of May 17 and run through June 18. All courses for professional development or academic credit unless otherwise noted. Check out their website for details. SPI@emu.edu

Happy Birthday to Jeremiah Bird on Tues. April 27 with a Drive-By Birthday Parade at 4:00 past 312 Pauls Crescent

A word of thanks from RJC High School: We are deeply grateful for the kind words, messages and prayers we have received this past week as we continue to navigate the presence of COVID-19 on our school campus. We are grateful to have the support of our church constituents, alumni, and friends during this time. We wish for speedy recoveries and God's presence to be with the students and their families affected.

MCC Connects: Give the gift of a dignity kit. MCC's new dignity kit contains hygiene and sanitary items, including eco-friendly, washable menstrual pads and liners. Thousands of dignity kits have already been requested by MCC's partners around the world and you can be part of the solution for fulfilling this need. Make a dignity kit: mcccanada.ca/dignity-kits

It was Volunteer Appreciate Day last week and MCC wants to say thank you so much for every you do for MCC!

The Relief Sale and Auction is back **2**

The theme for this year's fundraising events is MCC 101: Back to Basics!

In order to accommodate the provincial COVID-19 guidelines, there will be multiple events to help raise funds towards various local and international programs.

Save the dates! Events from May 29th to June 12th will include Plant Sale by Silent Online Auction and Drive Through Lunch – for a Virtual *Salebration* Evening.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: May 2

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: Terry S

Song Leaders: Dayna S, Kathryn J Accompanist: Lynette J Children's Time: Marlene C Sound: Matthew S Usher: Anna P

Quote - "No matter how good or bad your life is, wake up each morning and be thankful that you still have one."

"To all those people that make me laugh and smile: I couldn't live without you."

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