



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*August 1, 2021*

*“I am the Bread of Life – John 6:35”*

**Guitar Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn: VT #594 “Over My Head”**

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 78:23-29**

Yet you gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; you rained down manna for them to eat, and gave them grain from heaven. Mere mortals ate the bread of angels; you sent them food in abundance. You loosed the east wind in the heavens and drove the south wind by your power. You rained meat down on them like dust, winged fowl like sand on the seashore. You made birds come down into their camp and around their tents. They ate until they were fully satisfied; you gave them what they craved.

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

Children's Time: Wilf Buhler

**Offering Prayer/Offertory**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:**

-Condolences to Naomi Schellenberg’s family at the death of her grandmother Maria Dyck whose burial took place July 26

-safe harvest

-thanksgiving for camping trips, family reunions & anniversaries

**Hymn: VT #417 “Seek Ye First”**

**Gospel Reading:** *Bread of Heaven skit from John 6 Patty & Zachary*

“I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

**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 #476 “Eat This Bread”**

**Preparation for Communion:** VT #937 – Pledge of Love

Leader: Friends, as we gather to eat the bread and drink the cup, let us respond with the pledge: Will you love God before all things, in the power of God’s living Word, and join yourself to God’s way?

**All: *By the grace of God, we will.***

Leader: Will you love and serve our neighbours, and lay down your life through the power of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us?

**All: *By the grace of God, we will.***

Leader: Will you support and challenge one another, speak and hear the truth, cease what causes harm to our neighbours, and do good to our enemies?

**All: *By the grace of God, we will.***

Leader: May the Spirit of God who calls the church to Christ’s Supper give us the grace, strength, and patience to live this pledge of love.

**All: *Amen.***

**Communion Prayer** VT #941

Leader: O God, Ancient of Days, your love brought galaxies into being, summoned water and all creatures and made us in your image. Through the ages you have cared for all your created.

When we wandered, you called us to return to you. In the fullness of time, you sent us the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to teach the law of love. He lived what he taught and loved his enemies to the end. In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived, laid down, and look up again for us.

Send your Spirit upon us so that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us so that we can live, conformed to Christ, who taught us to pray

**...Prayer Jesus taught...**

Leader: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “When you share bread together, remember me.”

*All: Blessed are you abundant God, for you made bread to strengthen us; you gave us this bread as a sign of your body. Let our sharing be a taste of the bread of heaven that feeds the world. Amen.*

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

Leader: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant. When you drink it together, remember me.”

*All: Blessed are you, bountiful God, for you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us; you gave us this cup as a sign of your blood. Let our sharing be a taste of the wine we shall drink in your joyful feast Amen.*

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All: Thanks be to God. (Participants eat & drink together)*

### **Prayer after Communion VT #942**

*All: Blessed are you, Eternal God; through this holy meal you have joined us to yourself and to one another. Blessed are you, Incarnated God; you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Blessed are you, Breath of God as we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen.*

### **Hymn: VT #478 “I Come with Joy”**

**Benediction:** May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Go in peace.

### **TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM**

#### **Communion - Outdoor service on the yard of Wilf and Ruth Buhler**

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: Zach S

Song Leaders: Michelle, Loretta              Accompanist: Patty & Ben

Children’s Time: Wilf B                      Ushers: Anna or Bill

**Patty’s Week:** Aug 2–6 in Edmonton with Mom, Sat Osler Community Garden tour

**Nora’s Week:** Working Wed, Thur, Fri

### **NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP TEAM: August 8**

Speaker: Katherine Penner              Worship Leader: Nora P

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna              Accompanist: Lynette

Children’s Time: Lynette                      Sound: Matt      Ushers: Harold

**This week's Yard Maintenance – T Stefaniuk & family**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Pandemic Art Display** in the OMC Multipurpose Room – Please bring your pandemic projects (with your name) to display. Displays will remain up for the summer and may be added to at any time. There will be a basket for washed homemade masks to be re-made into a *quilt*.

### **MC Sask News:**

**August 7 Decolonizing Ourselves: Land and the Spirit of Treaty** 1-4 pm at Fort Carlton. Learn about Crown/Treaty land through the lens of law, Treaty and First Nations, Metis and settler people. **Pre-registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3hAE7WV>**. Event is free, but nominal park fees apply. Come at 12pm with a picnic lunch to enjoy before the program. Hosted by KAIROS Prairie North and the Treaty Land Sharing Network.

**Bethany Manor** is looking for a full-time Resident Aide – check the bulletin board or their website for details.

**Bethany Manor** has Rental and Life Lease Suites available immediately. Check the bulletin board or their website for details.  
<https://bethany55plusliving.ca>

**Mennonite Trust Ltd** is looking for a Chief Financial Officer – go to [www.mtrust.net/jobs/](http://www.mtrust.net/jobs/) to learn more.

## **OMC CALENDAR**

**Aug 4** 7:00 pm Education Committee Mtg

**Aug 8** 10:00 am **Katherine Penner** (*also on Facebook*)

**Aug 15** 10:00 am **Patty Friesen speaking** (*also on Facebook*)

(bring a bag lunch for an outdoor picnic after the service)

**Aug 22** 10:00 am **Nora Pederberg**(*she/her*) **speaking** (*also on Facebook*)

**Aug 29** 10:00 am **Mark Bigland-Pritchard speaking** (*also on Facebook*)

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