



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 6, 2022

“The Beloved Disciples”

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives; give us discernment to hear your word, grace to relinquish our tasks, and courage to follow empty-handed wherever you may lead; that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth.

Hymn: VT #30 “Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus Calls Us

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JESUS CALLS US 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (F#m7) Am7

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through
 2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
 3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er; vast - ly

(Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F (Em7) Gm7

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's
 Life and Lord of all, shar - er of our
 dif - f'rent though we are; race and col - or,

(D) F (Em7) Gm7 (F#m7) Am7 (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7

prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and
 flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or
 class and gen - der nei - ther lim - it nor de -

(A) C (D) F (Am) Cm (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7

care. Praise the God who keeps each prom - ise; praise the
 fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his
 bar. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger; join the

(F#m7) Am7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (D) F

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it who, a -
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the

(Em7) Gm7 (F#m7) Am7 (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (D) F

mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

Text: John L. Bell (Scotland) and Graham Maule (Scotland)
 Music: Isle of Lewis traditional (Scotland); arr. John L. Bell
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Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the

shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets." Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank. After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you'll Fish among humankind." And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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: Lynette Janzen

Offering/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- Frieda's daughter Karen's breast cancer diagnosis
- pray for peace for the continued unrest/protest Freedom rallies

Hymn: VT #389 "Together"

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Together

I WILL SING WITH YOU 8.5.8.5.10.12.5.5.5



1 I will sing with you, my fam - 'ly; will you sing with me?
 (2) sing with you, my neigh - bor; will you sing with me?
 (3) sing with you, my ri - val; will you sing with me?
 (4) sing our song to - geth - er; sing in har - mo - ny.



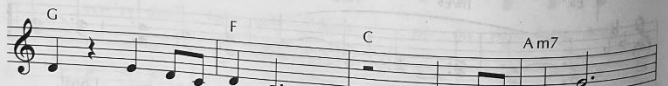
I will sing with you, my fam - 'ly; will you sing with me?
 I will sing with you, my neigh - bor; will you sing with me?
 I will sing with you, my ri - val; will you sing with me?
 We will sing our song to - geth - er, wheth - er two or three.



The notes won't al - ways come out as I'd like,
 My words will be im - per - fect, but I'll try.
 Dif - f'rence is a place where God is found.
 Je - sus feels our pain; he sets us free.



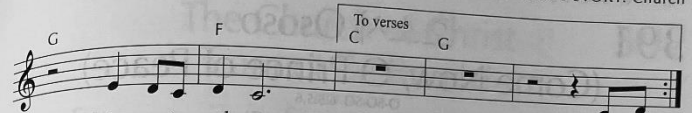
but I will learn to see the log in my own
 Bring - ing my as - sump - tions to the light, I'll
 In seek - ing peace, we're walk - ing on - to ho - ly
 The Spir - it's giv - en us this song of hope to



eye. God, I'll sur - ren - der.
 pray, God, I'll sur - ren - der.
 ground. God, we sur - ren - der.
 sing: God, we sur - ren - der.

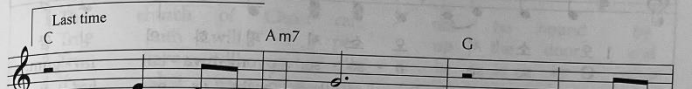
Bring us to - geth - er,
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 Bring us to - geth - er,
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Text: Nathan Grieser (USA), 2014, rev. 2018
 Music: Nathan Grieser; acc. Jonathan Landis (USA)
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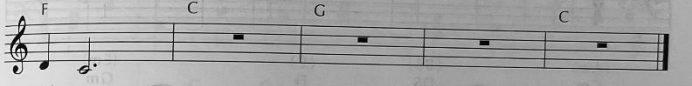


bring us to - geth - er.
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 bring us to - geth - er.

2 I will
 3 I will
 4 We will



Bring us to - geth - er, bring us to -

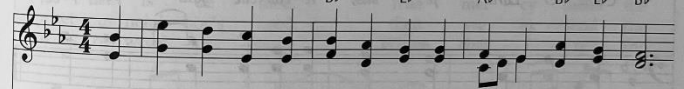


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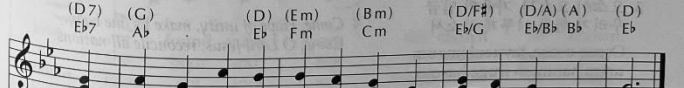
In Christ There Is No East or West 390

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



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ry - where their high com - mun - ion find.
 3 Join hands, then, peo - ple of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.



but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ - ly souls are joined as one through - out the whole wide earth.



Text: John Oxenham (England), 1908, *Bees in Amber*, 1913, alt.
 Music: Alexander

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sisters and brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and in which you stand firm. You are being saved by it at this very moment, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. I handed on to you, first of all, what I myself received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried and, in accordance with the scriptures, rose on the third day; that he was seen by Peter, then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than five hundred sisters and brothers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have fallen asleep. Next he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Last of all he was seen by me, as one yanked from the womb. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, because I persecuted the church of God, I do not even deserve the name. But by God's favor I am what I am. This favor that God has given to me has not proven fruitless. Indeed, I have worked harder than all the others, not on my own but through the grace of God. In any case, whether it be I or they, this is what we preach and this is what you believed.

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 #625 "Far Above the Noise of Life"

625 Far Above the Noise of Life

GENTLE VOICE Irregular

C G F/A F/G

1 Far a - bove the noise of life, there's a voice that is gen-tly
 (2 Gen-tle) voice, so meek and mild; gen - tle words of un-der-

F C G F/A F/G

call - ing. "Leave be - hind your cares and strife. Come to me. I will give you
 stand - ing. "You are my be - lov - ed child. Come to me. I will give you

C C/E F2 F C2/E C/E

rest. Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your
 rest. Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your

Dm7 F/G C C/E F2 F

an - ger and bring your wor - ry." Do you hear the voice of
 heart - aches and bring your sor - row." Do you hear the voice of

Text: Susan Naus Dengler (USA), 2006
Music: Lee Dengler (USA), 2006

C/E Dm7 F/G 1 C

Je - sus, gen - tly call - ing, "Come un - to me"? 2 Gen - tle
 Je - sus, gen - tly call - ing, "Come un - to

2 C C/E F2 F C C/E

me"? Gen - tle voice, so full of love. Gen - tle

F2 F C/E Fmaj7 C/G G C/G C

words so rich in mer - cy. "You are my be - lov - ed

G F/A F/G C

child. Come to me. I will give you rest."

Sermon: The Beloved Disciples

Hymn: VT #386 "One Is the Body"

One Is the Body

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PEACOCK 10.10.12

C C sus C C sus C

1 One is the bod - y and one is the Head, one is the
2 Christ who as - cend - ed to heav - en a - bove is the same
3 Gifts have been giv - en well suit - ed to each, some to be
4 Called in - to ser - vice are wom - en and men so that this

C sus C C sus Am C maj7/G

Spir - it by whom we are led; one God and Moth - er, one
Je - sus whose na - ture is love, who once de - scend - ed to
proph - ets, to pas - tor or preach, some, through the gos - pel, to
bod - y might ev - er a - gain wit - ness through wor - ship, through

F maj7 D m7 G sus G C

faith, and one call for all
bring to this earth new birth
chal - lenge, con - vert, and teach
deed, and through word to Christ our Lord.

Benediction (written by Rev. Nora Vedress)

So now we leave this space of worship and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads. We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet we again, Go in peace.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Lynette
Children's Time: Lynette Sound: Doug Usher Harold
Monday School Leader: Loretta and Julie

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon/worship prep; Weds. Office; Thurs. Community Connect; Fri. Office

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

Announcements

Community Connections is urgently requesting freezer Meals. Please drop off meals in the church deep freezer and they will be passed along to those who need them. Thanks for your generosity and care.

***Children's Monday School continues online until Feb. 27**

Mondays at 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 826 1670 5609
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82616705609>

***Youth Sunday School will continue online until Feb. 27**

Sundays at 11:00 am Meeting ID: 878 4657 0803
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87846570803>

***Voices Together Adult Ed** Sundays 11:00 a.m. hopefully in person in buffet room, Sunday, February 13.

***Pickle ball start date will be Tuesday February 8th, 7:00 pm** in the OMC Gym. Join us for a tutorial and to play a couple rounds. We'll then discuss an appropriate time and date for our new 'league' moving forward. Masks are required for all players. Please direct any questions to Alex Tiessen at 306-212-0463.

***Nutana Park Mennonite Church** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: NPMC Adult Ed Series Time: Feb 8, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81817368983?pwd=RStzQndPNTVnek9tTGNLVjRGcjQrQT09>
Meeting ID: 818 1736 8983 Passcode: 728236

***MCC Connects:** The Village Green MCC Furniture & Appliances Shop is currently accepting applications until February 7th for a full-time Assistant Manager. Please visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/assistant-manager-village-green-furniture-appliances-shop> to view the full job description and apply. Contact Erica Baerwald at MCC Saskatchewan for further details (306) 665-2555 or ericabaerwald@mccsk.ca

***Feb 6 @ 3pm Forest Church** outdoor Worship at Shekinah.

From the Re-opening Committee: The committee met on January 31 and after much discussion we agreed that the church should re-open this *Sunday Feb 6th*. The level of transmission in our province is still quite high, but to our knowledge all who attend, that can be vaccinated have been. Since our Worship Service is a hybrid model of in person and online, consider in person attendance as your level of comfort dictates. We would also encourage physical distancing whenever possible within the building. Of course, if you are not well or have COVID or have been in contact with someone who has COVID, *please* do not attend until you have met all the current isolating protocols. Masks must be worn at all times within the church building. We have new masks that are designed to allow people to see the speakers' lips so the speaker and anyone who wants to, may use them. At this time no food services will be available. We will continue to monitor the progress of COVID and may need to change this position if there is a significant change in the progress of this disease. As always, thanks for your patience.

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP February 13 RJC Sunday

Alex Tiessen and the students from RJC will be in charge
Children's Time: Vanessa Sound: Stephanie Usher: Harold

Statement on "Freedom Rallies" from Mennonite Church Canada's executive ministers

As leaders within **Mennonite Church Canada**, we unequivocally denounce the symbols, words and actions of white nationalism being expressed in Ottawa and across the country at "Freedom Rallies." While we support the right of people to gather peacefully in protest of government laws perceived to be unjust, we cannot support any action that promotes anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or racism. Jesus calls us to love our neighbours as ourselves as an expression of our love for God (Mark 12:29-31), across categories of race, ethnicity, religion and gender (Luke 10:25-37; Gal 3:28). We call on all Christians to walk in Jesus' way of love.

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:4-5)

MCEC's Ly Vang has shared a prayer, drafted in response to earlier white nationalist actions in Washington, D.C., in 2021, as a resource your congregations may choose to use in worship or in personal prayer.

Prayer for Humility and Integrity Ly Vang

God of all creation,

*Today we come together in our weakness,
with the desire of peace, unity and love.*

*Give us the strength to walk humbly with our brothers and sisters
in humility and integrity so that we do not let the lies of the enemy to overtake us,
But help us to count ourselves as equals with one another,
that we would treat and love one other the same way we do for ourselves.*

*Help us not to merely look out for our own personal interests,
but also for the interests of others.*

Help us to lives worthy of your calling.

*Remind us to be completely humble and gentle;
being patient, bearing with one another in love.*

Help us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Today we come to stand against the arrogance and pride that causes division.

We say no to hatred, racism, sexism, war, and poverty.

We will not be afraid but rise up and meet every challenge and circumstances that come upon our lives.

We pray and trust in you to do all these in Jesus' name. Amen.

For more context at the events the regional executive ministers were responding to, see, e.g., <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-truck-freedom-convoy-ottawa-live-update/> and <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/doug-ford-says-he-is-extremely-disturbed-to-see-hateful-symbols-at-trucker-protest-1.5761389>.

For an explainer on the difficult relationship of Christianity and white nationalism (albeit in a US context), see Philip Gorski's <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/white-christian-nationalism-the-deep-story-behind-the-capitol-insurrection>. For a related Anabaptist perspective, see AMBS professor Drew Strait's <https://www.christianitytoday.com/scot-mcknight/2020/august/lets-talk-about-christian-nationalism.html>

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 6 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

Feb 10 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg

Feb 11 7:00 pm Online Youth Event

Feb 13 10:00 am RJC Service

Feb 20 10:00 am George Janzen

Feb 27 10:00 am Patty Friesen

Feb 28 7:30 pm Worship Committee mtg