



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 18, 2021

“God’s Work of Art: Ephesians 1-3”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship *(from VT #854)*

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: VT #1 **“Summoned by the God Who Made Us”**

Summoned by the God Who Made Us 1

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,
2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, robed in ho-li-ness and light,
3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.
4 Bring the hopes of ev'-ry na-tion; bring the art of ev'-ry race.
5 Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

A7 D A D G A7 D

gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
ev-'ry per-son in God's im-age, ev-'ry per-son, God's de-light.
Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.
Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.
shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain A7 D G D A7 D G D

Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

A7 D A D G A7 D

sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

“Here is my Servant, whom I uphold my chosen one, in whom I delight! I have endowed you with my Spirit that you may bring true justice to the nations. You do not cry out or raise your voice, or make yourself heard in the street. So gentle that you do not break a bruised reed, or quench a wavering flame, faithfully you will bring forth true justice. You will neither waver nor be crushed until justice is established on earth, for the islands await your teaching! Thus says Yhwh, who created the heavens and spread them out, who gave shape to the earth and what it produces, who gave life to its peoples and spirit to its inhabitants: I, Yhwh, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand, and I watch over you. I have appointed you to be a covenant people, a light to the nations: to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am Yhwh! This is my Name! I will not yield my glory to another god or my praise to idols! See how former predictions have come true. And now I declare new things! Before they spring forth, I tell them to you.

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

Children's Time: Wilf & Ruth Buhler

Today earth is singing with star 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.

Offering Prayer/Offertory

God, you have given us everything we need to share your love, hope and healing with our neighbours here and across the world. Help us to give and receive your good gifts so all may know the abundance of your provision. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church:

- Morrison's broken arm
- Benjamin & Micah's driver licenses
- Helen Peters change in health
- Nora's acceptance into Clinical Pastoral Education

Hymn: VT #390 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

In Christ There Is No East or West 390

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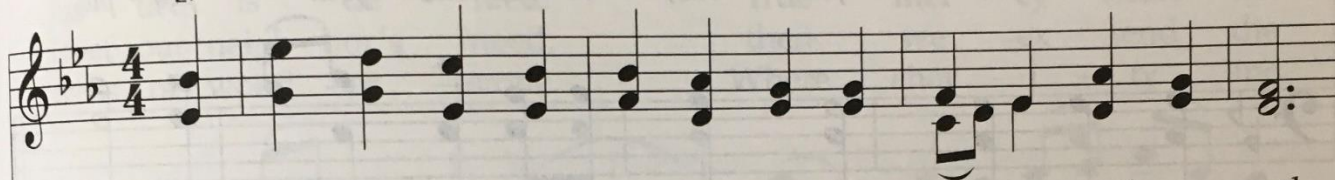
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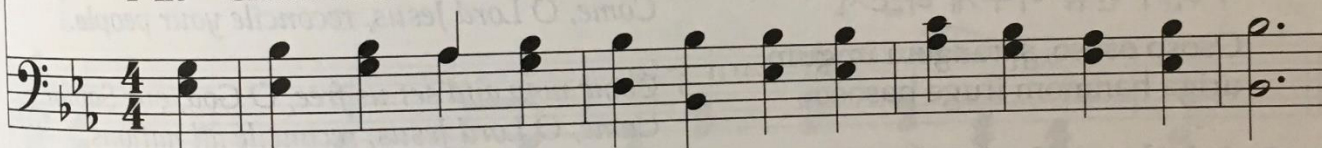
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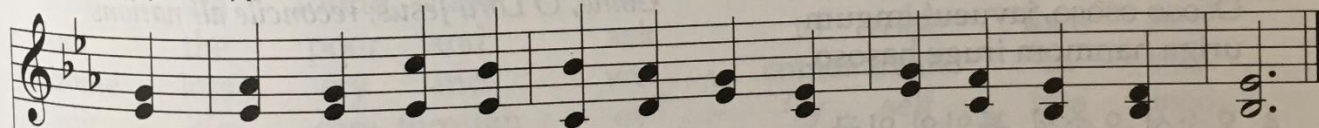
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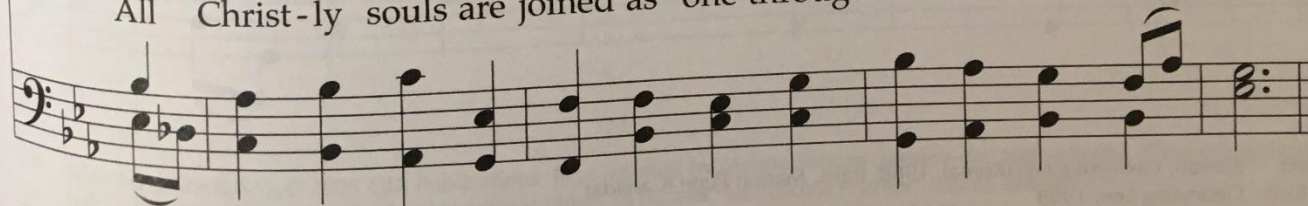
1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mun-ion find.
 3 Join hands, then, peo-ple of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.



(D7) (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (D/F#) (D/A) (A) (D)
 Eb7 Ab Eb Fm Cm Eb/G Eb/Bb Bb Eb



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 Robert Reinagle (England), *Psalm Tunes for the Voice and Pianoforte*, ca. 1836

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Bear in mind that at one time the men among you who were Gentiles physically—called “the Uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the Circumcised,” all because of a minor operation— had no part in Christ and were excluded from the community of Israel. You were strangers to the Covenant and its promise; you were without hope and without God in the world.

(from VT #786)

Now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace, the one uniting opposing groups and breaking down the barrier of hatred that divides us.

Christ made the law of the commandments barren so as to create one new person out of the two group, making peace.

Christ reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended hostility.

Upon arriving, Christ announced the good news of peace to those who were far away from God and to those who were near.

We both have access to God through Christ by the one Spirit.

This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are included in God's holy people and are members of the household of God, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God; in Christ you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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 #409 "For We Are Strangers No More"

409 For We Are Strangers No More

STRANGERS NO MORE 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain G Am C F C C7

For we are strang-ers no more, but mem-bers of one

fam - i - ly; strang-ers no more, but part of one hu -

man - i - ty; strang-ers no more, we're neigh-bors to each oth - er

now; strang-ers no more, we're bound to one an - oth - er now.

1 Come, walk with me, we'll wor - ship God to - geth - er,
2 Where dif - f'ring cul - tures meet, we'll serve to - geth - er.
3 There is a love that binds the world to - geth - er,

as we join song to song, and prayer to prayer. Come,
Where ha - tred ra - ges, we will strive for peace. Come,
a love that seeks the last, the lost, the least. One

take my hand, and we will work to - geth - er by lift - ing
take my hand, and we will pray to - geth - er that jus - tice
day that love will bring us all to - geth - er in Christ, from

all the bur - dens we can share.
come, and strife and war - fare cease. For we are
South and North, from West and East.

Text: Kenneth I. Morse (USA), 1979, alt., © 1979 Church of the Brethren General Board
Music: Dianne Huffman Morningstar (USA), © 1979 Dianne Huffman Morningstar

Sermon: "God's Work of Art: Recycled Refuse"

Sending Hymn: VT# 416 "Beyond a Dying Sun"

Beyond a Dying Sun

ENGLÉ 14.10.14.10 with refrain

1 Be - yond a dy - ing sun I saw a vi - sion on the
2 For God at last shall wipe a - way the tears from ev' - ry sea
3 Though ha - tred rag - es on the wind and wars de - file the land,

of gold - en sails full bil - lowed on the wind. (on the wind.)
The sting of death shall pierce the heart no more. (heart no more.)
I see those gold - en sails still com - ing strong. (com - ing strong.)

And ech - o - ing a - bove the waves a voice called af - ter me,
When griev - ing turns to laugh - ter all the pain from us shall fly,
for through the eyes of faith still shines the vi - sion of the Lamb,

"God's dwell - ing place is with you till the end." (till the end.)
and form - er ways lie bleached up - on the shore. (on the shore.)
and o'er a wea - ry earth there rings this song. (rings this song.)

Text: Steve Engle (USA), 1970; rev. 1984

Refrain
I see a new world com - ing when ev' - ry - one is free!

And all shall be God's peo - ple in jus - tice, love, and peace.

Benediction: To God – whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine – to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terri Lynn Friesen
Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Wilf & Ruth Buhler Sound: James/Keri Usher: Bill

Patty's Week: Tues sermon, Weds - Fri Murray Doell campground at Meadow Lake

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

This week's Yard Maintenance – G Boldt & R Neudorf and K Boldt

ANNOUNCEMENTS**From the Re-opening committee.**

As of July 11, the Saskatchewan government has removed all COVID restrictions. This means that there are no regulations requiring masks or physical distancing within the church. We are well aware of the fact that many people will welcome the change but not everyone will be comfortable with simply removing all the restrictions. With that in mind, we will continue to have the hand sanitizer by the door and masks will remain available for those who are more comfortable wearing them. We would ask that for the summer, everyone wear a mask in the lobby when entering or exiting the church and keep the act of shaking hands to a minimum. This will demonstrate a sensitivity to varying comfort levels of the people within our group. Also, until the end of

August, the seating on the north side will remain in the physical distanced configuration and the overflow and balcony will be open and physically distanced as they are currently. The remainder of the church will have the tape and ropes removed and seating will be available anywhere within that area. The idea is *not to divide the church* but to be lovingly aware that everyone will need their own time to be comfortable and adjust to not having any restrictions. The re-opening committee would like to say thank you to everyone who attended in person and followed the rules even if you were not totally in favour of them. We appreciate your support for some of the difficult decisions we had to make. Have a great summer and, hopefully, all the precautions we have taken and the vaccination program will work and this will be the last time we need to deal with this issue.

***Foyer Display** – please feel free to add a red dress or an orange shirt to the coat rack in the Foyer – that display will be up for the summer.

***Regional Re-Opening Reunions**

July 19, Mon. 7:00 p.m. Jake and Louise's for City Slickers

Bring chairs and something to drink.

*If for some reason you are unable to attend the 'party' you were invited to, **or** if you were missed on the invite list, please feel free to crash the party.

***Note no service at church next Sunday!** The service will be on the yard of Wilf & Ruth Buhler. Bring your own seating – rollkucken and watermelon will be served after the service.

***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 *mask quilt*.

MC Sask: Mega Menno Camp Day at Shekinah, Sunday, July 25, 3-8:30pm – missing camp and friends?? Join us for a day of fun and food and hanging out with people *in person* at Shekinah! After much time apart, we're so excited to spend some time together in a camp setting, enjoying nature, playing games, and experiencing God's presence. Open to all youth going into grades 6-12 (grads also welcome!). Please RSVP to Kirsten, youthminister@mcsask.ca, so we can make sure to have enough food on hand and help coordinate rides if needed.

August 1 Forest church at Shekinah 3:00pm. The first Sunday of every month: outdoor worship with music, scripture, community, and the opportunity to encounter God in the beauty of creation. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: July 25

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Vanessa S Sound: Doug Usher: Lloyd

OMC CALENDAR

Aug 1 10:00 am Patty Friesen – Communion (*not on Facebook*)

(Outdoor service on the yard of Wilf & Ruth Buhler with rollkuchen and watermelon to follow)

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

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

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

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

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