Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 4, 2021

Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Some trust in governments and some in borders,

All: but we trust in God, who invites all people to live in peace.

Left: For the earth belongs to God and all creation is in God's care;

Right: land and waters, plants and animals, sky and soil declare the hospitality of God.

Left: The world belongs to God, and all who live in it.

Right: We belong to one another as siblings, all of us children of God.

Prayer of Invocation

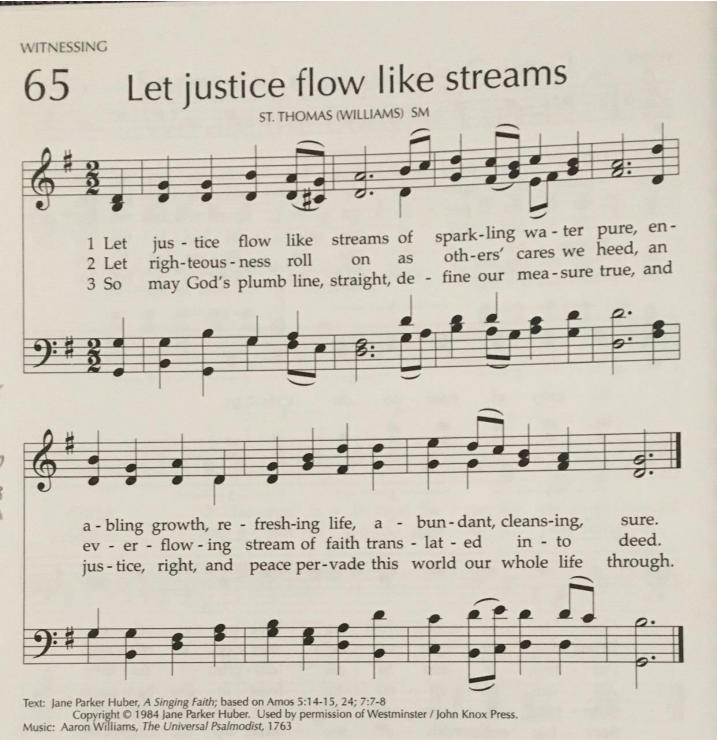
Leader: With gratitude for the home God has made for us on this planet, we pray:

Left: Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to strive for communities where foreigners become neighbours and strangers become friends.

Right: Revive our desire for the reign of Christ, who relates prisoners and liberates the oppressed, who frees the world from greed and proclaims God's peace.

All: Make justice roll down like a river and righteousness flow like an everlasting stream. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: SJ #65 "Let Justice Flow like Streams"



Old Testament Reading: Psalm 72:1-7 O God, give your anointed one your judgment - and your justice. Teach your chosen one to govern your people rightly and bring justice to the oppressed. The mountains will bring the people peace and the hills justice! Your anointed will defend the oppressed among the people, save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor. The reign of your anointed will endure as long as the sun and moon—throughout all generations. The rule of the chosen one will be like rain coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth. Justice will flower through the days, and profound peace, until the moon be no more.

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

Children's Time: Kathy Braun 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 Sharing Joys and Concerns

- -restful summer teachers and students
- -Canada as a safe place for immigrants & indigenous rights
- -thanksgiving for new pets

Prayer of the Church: VT #997

People response: hear our prayer.

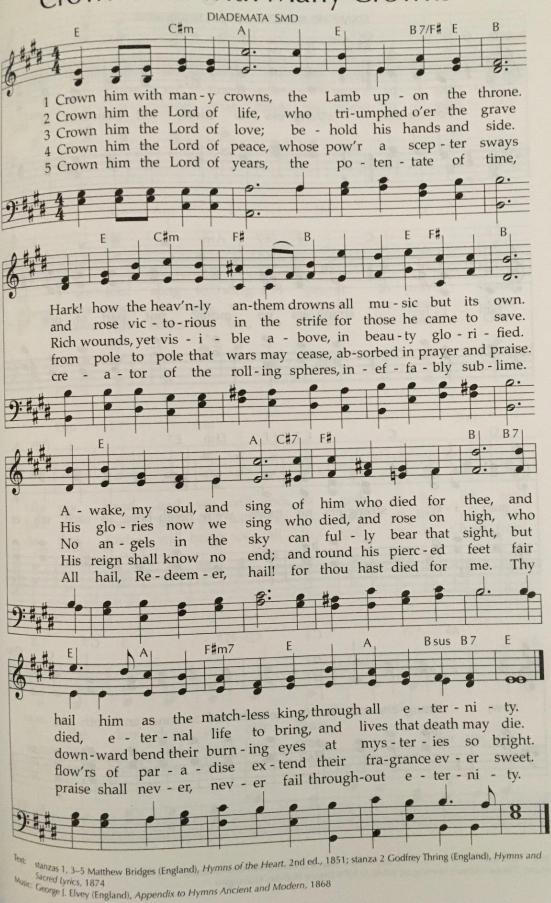
Hymn: VT #634 "Rain, Come Down" F SHARING OUR STORIES: Suffering and Joy NO WORDS 7.5.8.8 with refrain (D/A)(A7) (D) (A7)F/C C7 (G)(D)(Em/G)C7 Capo 3: (D) Gm/Bb Bb F Refrain down. come Come, rain, come down. Come, rain, down. Heav-en's come come rain, come down, Rain, (D) (D/A)(A7) (A7)(Em) F/C C7 (Bm7) C7 Gm Fine D_m7 O 0 run-ning down. come cy, Heav-en's tears mer of 0. down. of ning mer cy a - run tears (D) (G)(D)(Em) (D) (A7)(D/A)(A7) F Bb F Gm C7 F/C C7 Say no words, it is loud. too soon, say no words out 2 Come wash a - way this aw - ful clean. stain; let this place be (Bm7) (Em) (D) (A7)(D/A)(A7) D_m7 Gm C7 F/C C7 But wrap your qui - et arms a - round, hide us in your cloud. And bring the fair - est flow'rs to meet *the sor-rows we have

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:13-17

This is our God 's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." At these words they wanted to arrest Jesus, but they had reason to fear the crowd. They knew well enough that the parable was directed at them. Finally, they went away. Some Pharisees and Herodians were sent after Jesus to catch him in his speech. The two groups approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, we know you are truthful and unconcerned about the opinion of others. It is evident you aren't swayed by another's rank, but teach God's way of life sincerely. So: is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not? Are we to pay or not to pay?" Knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you trying to trick me? Let me see a coin." When they handed him one, he said to them, "Whose image and inscription do you see here?" "Caesar's," they answered. Then Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's." This reply took them completely by surprise.

Hymn: VT #408 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Dear friends, I urge you, as strangers and aliens in this world, to abstain from sinful passions which attack the soul. Live such good lives among the Gentiles that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Accept the authority of every human institution for the sake of Christ, whether it be the ruler as the supreme authority, or the governors who are sent by the ruler to punish wrongdoers and to commend those who are good citizens. For it is the will of God that by doing right you may silence those who are foolish in their ignorance. Live as free women and men. Don't use your freedom to cloak evil, but to serve God. Respect all people. Love the family of believers. Stand in awe before God. Honor the ruler.

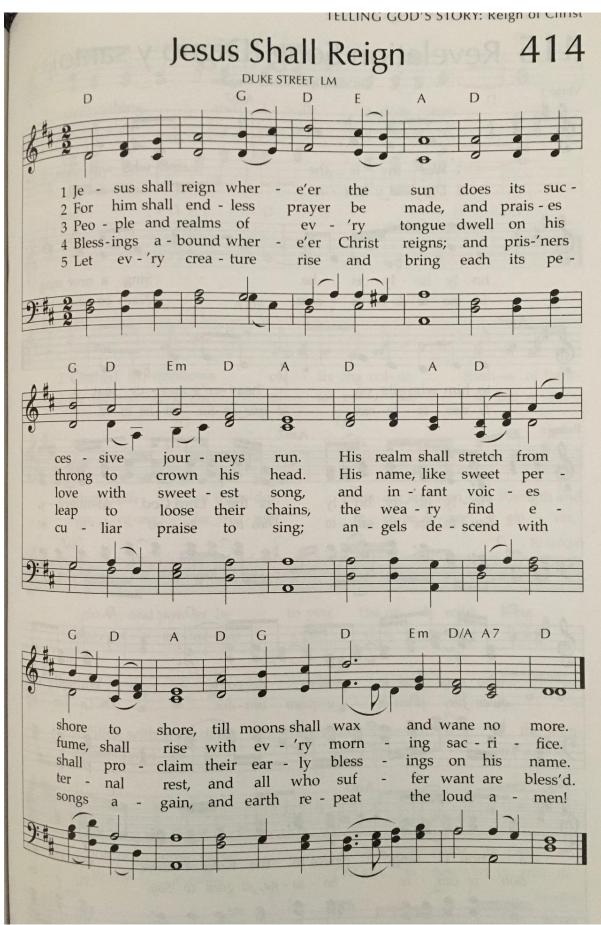
Response to the Scripture

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,

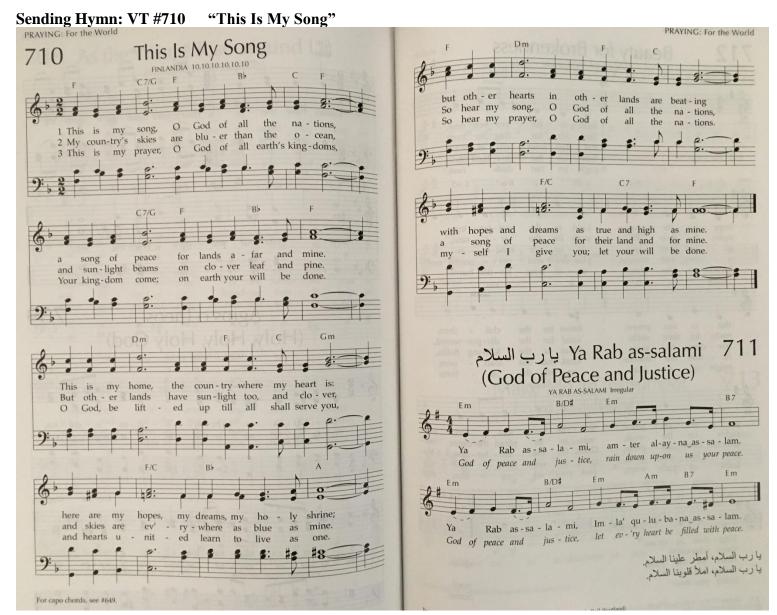
For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT #414 "Jesus Shall Reign"



Sermon: "Canada Day and Christianity"



Benediction: Go forth in peace, and be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the God who fills the hungry with good things fill us all with Christlike love and with a consuming hunger for justice in our land and in our world. Amen.

VT# 1059

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Song Leaders: Ben B, Michelle M Accompanist: Lynette J Children's Time: Kathy B Sound: Stephanie Usher: Harold

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon, reunion, Weds. Office, reunion Fri. Office

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

This week's Yard Maintenance – C & C Martens and R & B Borne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Re-Opening Reunions

July 6, Tues. 7:00 p.m. Lynette and George's for Warman, Hague, Rosthern July 7, Weds. 7:00 p.m. Dick and Kathy's for West Osler town

July 13, Tues. 7:00 p.m. Diana and Ben's for East Osler and countryside July 14, Wed. 2:00 pm Celebrate Susan Bueckert's birthday on her vard

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 any of the parties.

*Pandemic Art Display in the OMC Multipurpose Room – Please bring your pandemic projects (with your name) to display on "Re-Opening Sunday", July 11. 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*. Anyone interested in making the quilt please speak to Jake or Patty.

*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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: July 11

Speaker: Lois Miller Worship Leader: Nora P

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist: Melanie Children's Time: Jake Buhler Sound: Doug Usher: Lloyd

OMC CALENDAR

July 11 10:00 am Lois Miller speaking (also on Facebook)

(Bring your own food and chair for a Churchyard picnic)

July 17 7:00 pm MEGA Menno – Online Youth event

July 18 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking (also on Facebook)

July 25 10:00 am Nora Pederberg speaking (also on Facebook)

Aug 1 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking (also on Facebook)

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