



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 6, 2021

Communion Sunday

“God is a Shelter for the Birds and For Us”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

We come seeking a spirit of wisdom,
A spirit of revelation.

We come to know God,
And to enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

We come to be reminded of the hope to which God has called us,
And the riches of God’s glorious inheritance.

We come trusting in the immeasurable greatness of God’s power:
The power that raised Christ from the dead;
The power that seated Christ at God’s right hand in the heavenly places.

We come to be part of the fullness of God
Who fills all in all.

Prayer of Invocation: *Help Us See the Body of Christ by Leah Kabira*

Leader: Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness.

People: We do not seek or trust your power to transform. We perceive differences among people and see only conflicts, divisions, and problems.

Leader: We see Jews and Gentiles,

People: but you see the body of Christ.

Leader: We see different races and colors,

People: but you see the body of Christ.

Leader: We see poor and rich,

People: but you see the body of Christ.

Leader: Help us to see past conflicts, divisions, and problems as the
potential for change.

All: Help us to trust in your transforming power. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: VT #182 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

21/05

TELLING GOD'S STORY: Creation

182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD
Gm Bb

Eb

F

Bb

1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known,

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good,
and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand and all the stars o-bey,
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
there's not a place where we can flee but God is pres-ent there.

For capo chords, see #313.

Text: Isaac Watts (England), *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*
Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogin Anna*

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17:3-8, 22-23

Thus says Yhwh: A great eagle with broad wings and long pinions, in full plumage of varied colors, came to the Lebanon. Landing atop a cedar, it broke off the topmost shoot, carrying it away to a land of merchants, and planted it in a city of traders. Then the eagle carried off a seedling vine and planted it in rich soil; like a willow planted by abundant water, it sprouted and became a vine, spreading out low to the ground with branches turned back to the stem, its roots deep in the rich loam. And it became a vine with branches and rich foliage. Along came a second great eagle with broad wings and full plumage. And now the vine twisted its roots toward the eagle; and reached its branches toward it so that eagle might water it. From the soil where it was planted it was transplanted to rich soil near abundant water, so that it might grow branches and bear fruit and become a noble vine.

“This is what Sovereign Yhwh says: I myself will take a shoot from the top of a cedar and plant it. I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a lofty and high mountain. I will plant it on the mountain heights of Israel. It will grow branches, bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. All kinds of birds will nest in it. They will find shelter in the shade of its branches.

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

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.

Children's Time – Vanessa Stefaniuk

Offering Prayer/Offertory:

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- grief over residential school death
- thanksgiving for second shots & Bethany Manor re-opening

Hymn: VT #177 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

All Things Bright and Beautiful 177

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.

Fine

- 1 Each lit-tle flow'r that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv-er run-ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the plea-sant sum-mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

To refrain

God made their glow-ing col-ors, God made their ti-ny wings,
 the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky;
 the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them, ev-'ry one.
 how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-27

That's why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Isn't life more than just food? Isn't the body more than just clothes? "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan?"

Mark 4:30-32

Jesus went on to say, “What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth’s seeds, yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade.”

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 #180 “This Is God’s Wondrous World”

180 This Is God's Wondrous World

TERRA BEATA SMD

Capo 1: (D)
Eb(A7)
Bb7(D)
Eb(G)
Ab(D)
Eb(A)
Bb

1 This is God's wondrous world, and to my lis-t'ning ears
2 This is God's wondrous world; the birds their car - ols raise,
3 This is God's wondrous world; oh, let me ne'er for - get

(D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb
all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the dark of night, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
This is God's wondrous world; a wand - rer I may roam.
This is God's wondrous world; the bat - tle is not done.

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, the won - ders God has wrought.
What - e'er my lot, it mat - ters not, my heart is still at home.
Je - sus who died shall be glo - ri - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Sermon: “God is a Shelter for the Birds and for Us”

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.*

Sending Hymn: VT #653 “Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God”

653 Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God

GREEN LANE Irregular

A E F#m A/C# D

1 Noth-ing is lost on the breath of God, noth-ing is
 2 Noth-ing is lost to the eyes of God, noth-ing is
 3 Noth-ing is lost to the heart of God, noth-ing is

Bm/D Esus E A E F#m

lost for - ev - er; God's breath is love, and that love will re-
 lost for - ev - er; God sees with love, and that love will re-
 lost for - ev - er; God's heart is love, and that love will re-

A/C# D Bm/D Esus E A

main, hold-ing the world for - ev - er. No feath-er too
 main, hold-ing the world for - ev - er. No jour-ney too
 main, hold-ing the world for - ev - er. No im-pulse of

E/G# D/F# A/E B7/D# B7

light, no hair too fine, no flow-er too brief in its
 far, no dis-tance too great, no val-ley of dark-ness too
 love, no of-fice of care, no mo-ment of life in its

Text: Colin Gibson (Hymn Tune)

A/E E A E/G# D/F#

glo - ry; no drop in the o - cean, no dust in the
 blind - ing; no crea - ture too hum - ble, no child too
 full - ness; no be - gin - ning too late, no end - ing too

A/E B7/D# B7 E A

air, but is count-ed and told in God's sto - ry.
 small for God to be seek - ing and find - ing.
 soon, but is gath-ered and known in its good - ness.

Nothing Can Ever Come between Us 654

NOTHING CAN EVER Irregular

Refrain G Em Am/C G/D D Em C Bm Em Am/C Am

Noth - ing can ev - er come be - tween us and the love of God,

Em Bm C G G/F# Em Em/B D (Last time)

the love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus.

Verses Am D/F# Em Em/D Am Am/C D (Last time)

Ooh Ooh

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.

Announcements

***June 13th After Church Bagged Lunch** - bring your lawn chairs and your bagged lunch for a socially distance gathering outside our church building following the morning worship service to commemorate our Sunday School Picnic :)

***June 20 Semi-Annual Meeting Zoom** 1:00 pm -zoom link will follow.

The MCC Relief Sale and Auction is back!

Food Drive Thru: June 12 11 am to 3 pm at Forest Grove Community Church (502 Webster St, Saskatoon) Vereniki, Farmers Sausage, Cream Gravy and Rollkuchen. Cost of food is by donation.

Online Salebration: June 12 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us for a short evening event featuring comedian Leland Klassen, local program highlights and special guest speaker Bonnie Klassen, MCC Area Director for South America, Mexico and Cuba. Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Link to come! Details are available at <http://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

***Volunteers Needed – for the MCC** drive-through Vereniki meal at Forest Grove Community church. They need volunteers (two people for two shifts) cooking Vereniki in a tent outside the church. Shifts are from 11 am - 1 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm. Please contact Adeline Cox.

*The old blue Mennonite Hymnary, the old reddish-brown Mennonite Hymnal, the old Sing and Rejoice books, the HWB books, the Sing the Journey books, and the Sing the Story books have been put in the church lobby until the end of June. You may take as many as you wish for yourself and your friends. The Worship Committee is keeping back some HWB, some Sing the Story, and some Sing the Journey songbooks for future uses. *From Jake Buhler*

*Want to donate to the **Refugee Fund**? Leave your bottles at any Sarcan and use the Drop & Go system. Register using the group name “LRS” and the phrase “Refugee” and you’re set! That bag tags will be printed and the money goes directly to Lina’s support.

***From the Re-opening Committee.** As of May 30th, we enter Phase 1 of the Sask. reopening plan. For both Phase 1 and 2 the rules change to allow us to seat up to 30% of our sanctuary capacity. Due to physical distancing rules, that currently means about 50 people. This includes the main sanctuary, overflow and balcony. We still require physical distancing so please respect the seating arrangements and sit on the green tape. Masks are still mandatory. Until we get close to the max capacity, calling in ahead of Sunday is **not** required. We welcome all people who wish to attend in person.

***MCC CONNECTS:** Our MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale events are less than a week away! Bid in our online auction until June 13. Visit mccskreliefsale.com to view and make your bid. Join us Saturday, June 12 for a Food Drive Thru at Forest Grove Community Church between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. serving all your relief sale favourites. Cost of food is by donation. Tune into our Relief *Salebration* at 6:30 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube livestream. This event features comedian Leland Klassen, plus local program highlights and special guest speaker Bonnie Klassen, MCC Area Director for South America, Mexico and Cuba. This is a live fundraising event – so make sure you donate online during to have it matched up to \$12,000 by a generous donor. Learn more at mccskreliefsale.com

NEWS FROM RJC

***Employment Opportunity: Administrative Assistant** - Full Time, Temporary. Anticipated Start Date: July 2021. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for ensuring that the school office functions in an efficient and effective manner. This position requires the performance of administrative assistant tasks and related office functions to provide support for the principal, and in turn school staff and students in school. Visit rjc.sk.ca for the full job description.

***Musical: Disney's Freaky Friday! - June 18.** A virtual musical is being planned by the students and staff of RJC High School. Tickets for this event will be made available mid-June. Visit rjc.sk.ca for more information.

MC SASK UPDATES

***TODAY - June 6 - 2:30pm Experience the glory and presence of God in outdoor worship with forest church at Shekinah.** With creation as our sanctuary, we will worship God outside with music, scripture, community, and time to encounter the beauty of Shekinah. With enough interest, this may be the first in a monthly series. All are welcome. Check back for more information coming soon to the Shekinah website

Looking for work? Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for maintenance workers and kitchen workers. Please contact ron@shekinah.ca, call the office at 306-945-4929, or check out the news item on our website at shekinah.ca for more information. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. Jobs will run for 8 weeks, with maintenance work starting ASAP.

Youth Games Night – June 16, on Gather. In the spirit of creating more opportunities to get together, we’re happy to offer two different evenings for youth to connect with one another online, chat and catch up, and play some games. Starting at 7pm each evening, there will be a brief opening, and then it’s game time! No registration required. *Gather link:* <https://gather.town/j/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp (youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more information.

Mennonite Church Canada Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 19, 2021 - Join our nationwide community of faith for Mennonite Church Canada's AGM on Saturday, June 19, 1-2:30 p.m. EDT. We will hear updates from our program directors, enjoy worship and

reflect together as members of Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council share what God has shown them over the past year. All are welcome to register. Register today for this online gathering!

CMU is looking for a **Donor and Alumni Relations Associate** who will champion the capacity of students to change the world by building connections with individuals and groups within and beyond the university's support network. Visit www.cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Featured coffee of the month – Rift Valley – a full bodied, rich balanced cup of coffee. A careful blend of beans grown along the Great Rift Valley in Africa. Available in 300g bags for \$12 or a 5lb cube for \$65, bean or ground. Order at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> or call the office at 306-249-4844 ext 3. With the exception of Dragon Fruit, all the dried fruit varieties are now available! Check it out

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna, Alex Accompanist: Melanie B
Children's Time: Vanessa S Sound: Matt S Usher: Lloyd

Patty's Week: working Mon., Tues. sermon prep, Wed. office, visit, Fri. office, visit, Sat. MCC Sale

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

This week's Yard Maintenance – Glen & Sandra Grismer and Bruce B

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: June 13

Sunday School Picnic Worship leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Michelle, Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette J
Children's Time: Nora P Sound: Doug Ushers: Lloyd

OMC CALENDAR

June 7 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom
June 7 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom
June 9 6:30 pm Community Connection mtg Zoom

June 13 10:00 am Sunday School Celebration Service

11:00 am Bag Lunch Picnic on Church yard

June 14 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom
June 14 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom

Note: last week for Kid's and Youth Zooms for the summer

June 16 7:00 pm Worship Committee mtg Zoom

June 20 Father's Day

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

June 20 1:00 pm Semi-Annual Meeting Zoom

June 21 7:00 pm Education Committee mtg Zoom

June 27 10:00 am Nora Pederberg speaking (also on Facebook)

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