Osler Mennonite Church



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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 14 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing

Prelude Slideshow

Welcome, Announcements

Focus: the wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs. We are called to deep healing by trusting in god, who calls us in love.

Call to Worship

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

Many: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

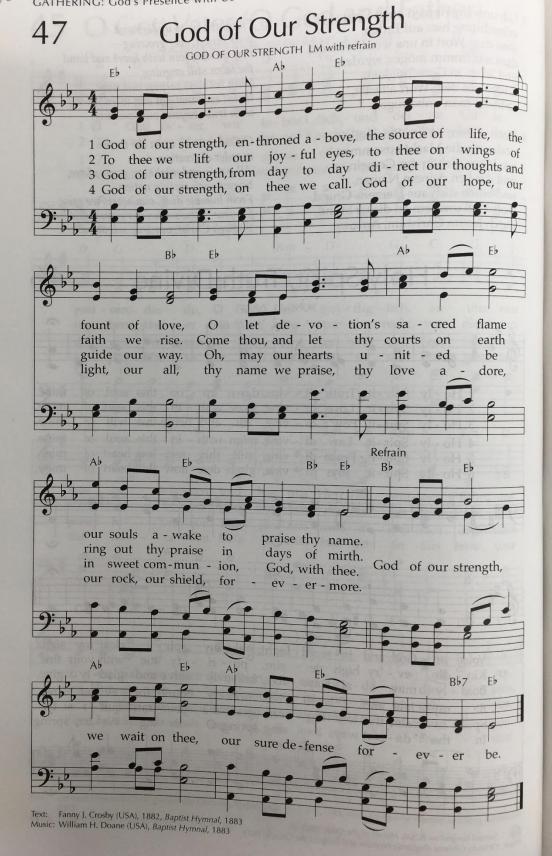
Prayer of Confession and Assurance

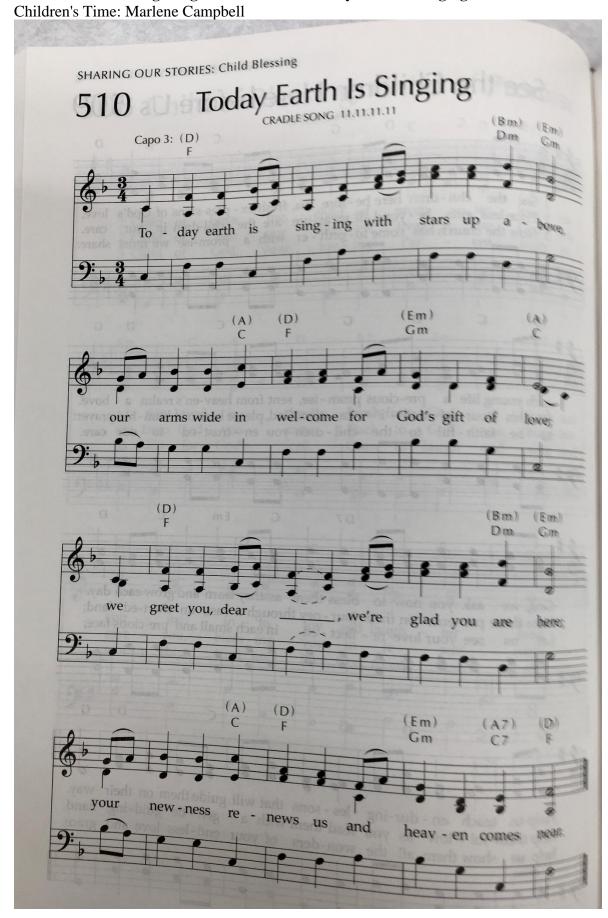
Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live. (Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep healing.) Deep calls to deep.

Many: You call to us from the depth of your love. Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God.

Hymn of Praise: VT #47 "God of Our Strength"





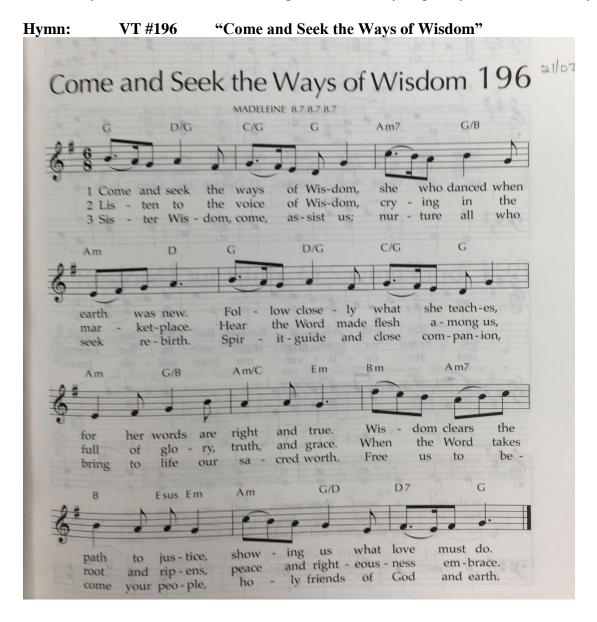
Offering Prayer and Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- Vaccinations for our community/COVID outbreak
- Dave Klassen's surgery
- New birth a granddaughter for Anna & Bill Peters
- Susan Braun as Osler interim mayor

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Chosen One must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in the Chosen One might have eternal life. 16 Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life. 17 God sent the Only Begotten into the world not to condemn the world, but that through the Only Begotten the world might be saved. 18 Whoever believes in the Only Begotten avoids judgment, but whoever doesn't believe is judged already for not believing in the name of the Only Begotten of God. 19 On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light came into the world, people showed they preferred darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. 20 Indeed, people who do wrong hate the light and avoid it, for fear their actions will be exposed; 21 but people who live by the truth come out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God."



Epistle Reading: Ephesian 2: 1-10

1 You were dead because of your sins and offenses, 2 which you committed in your allegiance both to the present age and to the ruler of the power of the air—that spirit who is even now at work among "the children of rebellion." 3 And all of us were among them; we lived at the level of the flesh, following every whim of the flesh, every fancy of this age, and so by nature deserved God's wrath like the rest.

4 But God, rich in mercy and loving us so much, 5 brought us to life in Christ, even when we were dead in our sins. It is through this grace that we have been saved. 6 God raised us up and, in union with Christ Jesus, gave us a place in the heavenly realm, 7 to display in ages to come how immense are the resources of God's grace and kindness in Christ Jesus. 8 And it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and even that is not of yourselves, but the gift of God. 9 Nor is it a reward for anything that you have done, so nobody can claim the credit. 10 We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to do the good things God created us to do from the beginning.

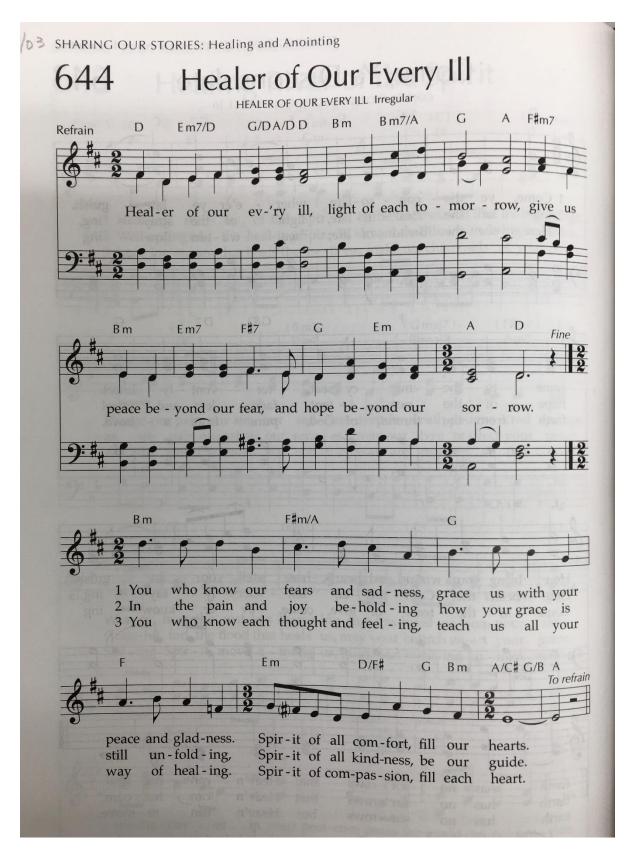
Response to the Scripture:

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 #644 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

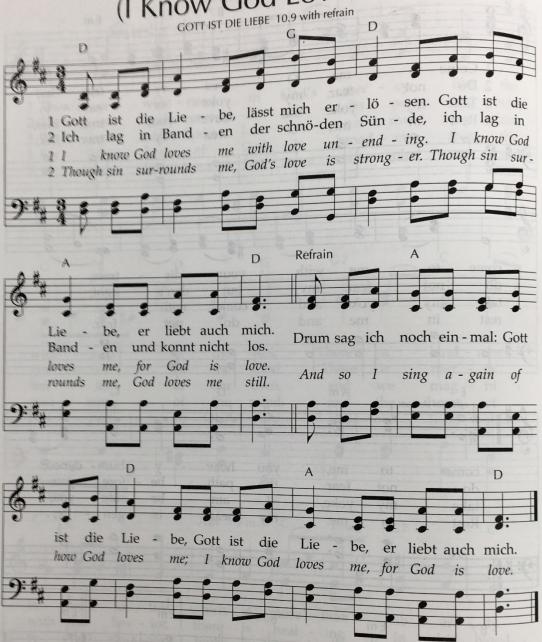


Sermon: Uplifting

Sending Hymn: VT #158 "Gott ist die Liebe"

(Verses 1-2 in German, verses 3-4 in English)

Gott ist die Liebe (I Know God Loves Me)



- 3 Er sandte Jesum, den treuen Heiland, er sandte Jesum und macht mich los. Refrain
- 4 Jesus, mein Heiland, gab sich zum Opfer, Jesus, mein Heiland, büßt meine Schuld. Refrain
- 3 God sent us Jesus, our faithful savior; God sent us Jesus to set us free. Refrain
- 4 My savior Jesus, you know my sorrow; my savior Jesus, you give new life. Refrain

Benediction

Through the barren lands of our lives, God is calling us to wholeness. Although we may not see this time as possibility, God is already at work. Look to Christ in faith, noticing the many ways his words and eyes and hands and feet brought healing. Go with the healing light of Christ. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Loretta Sawatzky, Ben Buhler Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children's Time: Marlen Campbell Sound: Steph Siemens Ushers: Bill or Anna Peters

ANNOUNCMENTS

*Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom - please join us right after church for coffee on the following Zoom channel. If you would be willing to host the coffee check-in or sermon response - please email Patty at oslermcpastor@sasktel.net.

Topic: After Church Coffee

Time: Mar 14, 2021 10:30 AM Saskatchewan

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUvcu2qrzsjGtL5vFBnvaS8y-wib-

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Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81254210906

Meeting ID: 812 5421 0906

*TODAY - RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser: Join us online on March 14 at 7:00pm (SK CST) for our annual fundraising concert and dessert auction. Enjoy an evening of good music and entertainment by the students, staff, alumni, and friends of RJC. Watch the event and participate in the auction at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.

*St. Patrick's Day Check-In Zoom Weds. March 17, 7:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to see other church people and briefly hear how they are doing and what they think Mennonites can learn from the Irish! https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9333069839

Meeting ID: 933 306 9839

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*OMC Facebook Photo Library: We are looking for material to use for the pre and post-service slideshows. Please send photos of art, yards, drawings to oslermcpastor@sasktel.net.

*Check your church mailbox for your copy of the 2021 Church Directory

*Mosaic Sunday School class: Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic. This the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301 Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301

*From MC Sask

Zoar Mennonite Church Library Book Sale March 16 - 20 9am – 4pm. Sale includes music, song books, furniture, Christmas decorations, Christmas costumes & more! COVID-19 restrictions are in place. Drop-ins are welcome, but please confirm a time to shop by calling the church at 306-945-2271 and leaving a message or email zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net

or calling or texting Liz Baewald at 306-945-2041 email hansdiedtrich@gmail.com. Proceeds will go to support the Good Neighbors Food Centre.

Virtual Youth Retreat – March 27 – Who's Right/Wrong? Fact, Friction, and Friendship. In two interactive sessions, speaker Tracey Mitchell will help youth learn to navigate difficult conversations where answers aren't just black and white. Using the online platform *Gather*, the retreat will be a time of worship,

conversation, games, and more. Cost: \$15/person. Additional information and registration available at www.mcsask.ca, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca.

*Bethany Manor has immediate vacancies for Age 55+ Independent Living. 1 Bedroom Life Lease Suites in Bethany Place and 2 Bedroom LL Suites in Bethany Manor. Debenture Prices range from \$103,147 to \$106,696 with monthly occupancy & operating fees ranging from \$1,019 to \$1,157. For more information contact Janina Chamberlain, Housing Officer at 306-242-9019.

*MDS NEWS

Sask Valley Auction Perogie & Sausage Supper – this annual event in March has been postponed to a later date, possibly as a drive-thru format for 2021. Plans will be shared as they develop.

*MCC Connects: On our most recent episode of Relief, Development and Podcast, Dr. Christian Isichei of MCC partner Faith Alive in Nigeria shares about a 16-year-old girl named Emmanuela who recovered from COVID-19 and now helps others struggling with the virus. Host Scott Campbell also interviews Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator, about our COVID-19 response. Listen on your favourite podcast platform today.

OMC CALENDAR

- Mar 15 Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
- Mar 11 Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Check-In Zoom 7:00 pm
- Mar 18 Community Connection mtg Zoom 6:00 pm
- Mar 22 Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
- Mar 25 Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
- Apr 4 Easter Sunrise Service 8:30 am church cemetery

Upcoming in Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

- Mar 21 Patty Friesen preaching
- Mar 28 Nora Pederberg preaching
- Apr 4 Easter Sunday Patty Friesen preaching
- Apr 11 Randy Klassen preaching

Patty's week: Tues. sermon prep, spiritual direction, chaplains' group; Weds. office, St. Patrick's Day Zoom;

Thurs. Community Connections Zoom; Fri. office

Nora's Week: Working Mon., Thurs., Fri

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: March 21

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Michelle McKinnell Accompanist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Lynette Janzen Sound: Doug McKinnell Ushers: Bill or Anna Peters

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