

# 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"**

## 47

## God of Our Strength

GOD OF OUR STRENGTH LM with refrain

1 God of our strength, en-throned a - bove, the source of life, the  
 2 To thee we lift our joy - ful eyes, to thee on wings of  
 3 God of our strength, from day to day di - rect our thoughts and  
 4 God of our strength, on thee we call. God of our hope, our

fount of love, O let de - vo - tion's sa - cred flame  
 faith we rise. Come thou, and let thy courts on earth  
 guide our way. Oh, may our hearts u - nit - ed be  
 light, our all, thy name we praise, thy love a - dore,

our souls a - wake to praise thy name.  
 ring out thy praise in days of mirth.  
 in sweet com - mun - ion, God, with thee. God of our strength,  
 our rock, our shield, for - ev - er - more.

we wait on thee, our sure de - fense for - ev - er be.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (USA), 1882, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1883  
 Music: William H. Doane (USA), *Baptist Hymnal*, 1883

SHARING OUR STORIES: Child Blessing

# 510 Today Earth Is Singing

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11

Capo 3: (D)  
F

(Bm) (Em)  
Dm Gm

To - day earth is sing - ing with stars up a - bove,

(A) (D) (Em) (A)  
C F Gm C

our arms wide in wel - come for God's gift of love;

(D) (Bm) (Em)  
F Dm Gm

we greet you, dear \_\_\_\_\_, we're glad you are here;

(A) (D) (Em) (A7) (D)  
C F Gm C7 F

your new - ness re - news us and heav - en comes near.



## 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."

### Hymn: VT #196 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 196

MADELEINE 8.7.8.7.8.7

G D/G C/G G Am7 G/B

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

Am D G D/G C/G G

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach-es,  
mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

Am G/B Am/C Em Bm Am7

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the Word takes  
bring to life our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

B Esus Em Am G/D D7 G

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.  
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

**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”**

# 644 Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL Irregular

Refrain      D      Em7/D      G/DA/DD      Bm      Bm7/A      G      A      F#m7

Heal-er of our ev-ry ill, light of each to - mor - row, give us

Bm      Em7      F#7      G      Em      A      D      Fine

peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm      F#m/A      G

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F      Em      D/F#      G      Bm      A/C# G/B A      To refrain

peace and glad-ness. Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing. Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

Sermon: Uplifting

Sending Hymn: VT #158 "Gott ist die Liebe"  
 (Verses 1-2 in German, verses 3-4 in English)



# 158 Gott ist die Liebe (I Know God Loves Me)

GOTT IST DIE LIEBE 10.9 with refrain

1 Gott ist die Lie - be, lässt mich er - lö - sen. Gott ist die  
 2 Ich lag in Band - en der schnö - den Sün - de, ich lag in  
 1 I know God loves me with love un - end - ing. I know God  
 2 Though sin sur - rounds me, God's love is strong - er. Though sin sur -

Lie - be, er liebt auch mich. Drum sag ich noch ein - mal: Gott  
 Band - en und konnt nicht los. loves me, for God is love. And so I sing a - gain of  
 rounds me, God loves me still.

ist die Lie - be, Gott ist die Lie - be, er liebt auch mich.  
 how God loves me; I know God loves me, for God is love.

3 Er sandte Jesum,  
den treuen Heiland,  
er sandte Jesum  
und macht mich los. Refrain

3 God sent us Jesus,  
our faithful savior;  
God sent us Jesus  
to set us free. Refrain

4 Jesus, mein Heiland,  
gab sich zum Opfer,  
Jesus, mein Heiland,  
büßt meine Schuld. 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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](mailto: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-](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUvcu2qrzsJGtL5vFBnvaS8y-wib-LUIMZ4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprD4uGNWVuRmBRpwcAI_4LOrzmGJEjbdxyQnDIS5FYzCuL69VO7AyP)

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[O35](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUvcu2qrzsJGtL5vFBnvaS8y-wib-LUIMZ4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprD4uGNWVuRmBRpwcAI_4LOrzmGJEjbdxyQnDIS5FYzCuL69VO7AyP)

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net)

or calling or texting Liz Baewald at 306-945-2041 email [hansdiedtrich@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.mcsask.ca), or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto: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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