



# Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace

Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 21, 2021

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Deep in the earth, Called to Deep Growth*

## **Prelude Slideshow**

### **Welcome, Announcements**

*Focus: Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.*

### **Call to Worship**

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

**Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.**

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

**Many: “The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”**

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

### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

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

One: We confess our resistance to being planted into your aching earth, into the way of your covenant. We confess our need for you to plant within us the joy of your salvation, a willing spirit.

*(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep growth.)*

Deep calls to deep.

**Many: You call to us from the depth of your love. Calling us to deep growth.**

We come to you, God.

**Hymn of Praise: VT #377 New Earth, Heavens New”**

# 377 New Earth, Heavens New

ALEXANDRA 5.6.5.6.5.6 with refrain

Capo 3: (D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (F#m) (G)  
 F Gm/F F C Am Bb

(A sus) (A) (D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (F#m)  
 C sus C F Gm/F F C Am

(G) (A sus) (A) (G) (D/F#) (G) (D/F#)  
 Bb C sus C Bb F/A Bb F/A

(Em) (G)  
 Gm Bb

Refrain (D) (Em/D) (D) (A) (F#m)  
 F Gm/F F C Am

(C) 1-3 4  
 Eb (D) (G/D) (F#m/D) (Em/D) (D) (Am7) (D)  
 F Bb/F Am/F Gm/F F Cm7 F

Chord symbols do not correspond with the keyboard...

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 “Behold, the days are coming, says YHWH, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says YHWH. 33 But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 “No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to YHWH. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says YHWH, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

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

Children's Time: Lynette Janzen

**Offering Prayer and Offertory**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

- 20 % of seniors vaccinated
- Business in Osler reopening
- Dave Klassen home after heart surgery

**Hymn: VT #608 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”**

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go 608

ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6

G Dsus D D7

1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my  
 2 O Light that fol-lows all my way, I yield my  
 3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

G B

wea - ry soul in thee. I give thee back the life I  
 flick - ring torch to thee. My heart re - stores its bor - rowed  
 close my heart to thee. I trace the rain - bow through the  
 ask to fly from thee. I lay in dust, life's glo - ry

Em A7

owe, that in thine o - cean depths its  
 ray, that in thy sun - shine's blaze its  
 rain, and feel the prom - ise is not  
 dead, and from the ground there blos - soms

G/D D G/D D7 G

flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
 vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
 red, life that shall end - less be.

\*An adaptation of this tune (ST. MARGARET) is available in the accompaniment edition.

Text: George Matheson (Scotland), 1882, *Life and Work* . . . , 1883  
 Music: Albert L. Peace (England), 1884, *Scottish Hymnal*, 1885



**Gospel Reading:** John 12:20-36

20 Among those who had come up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. 21 They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request: "Please, we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew, and together the two went to tell Jesus. 23 Jesus replied, "Now the hour has come for the Chosen One to be glorified. 24 The truth of the matter is, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. 25 If you love your life you'll lose it; if you hate your life in this world you'll keep it for eternal life. 26 Anyone who wants to work for me must follow in my footsteps, and wherever I am, my worker will be there too. Anyone who works for me will be honored by Abba God. 27 Now my soul is troubled. What will I say: 'Abba, save me from this hour?' But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Abba, glorify your name!" A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowds that stood nearby heard this and said it was a clap of thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking." 30 Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 31 "Sentence is now being passed on this world; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. 32 And when I am lifted up from this earth, I will draw all people to myself." 33 By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die. 34 The crowd answered, "We've heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever. So how can you say, 'The Chosen One must be lifted up. 'Who is this Chosen One?'" 35 Jesus said to them, "The light will be with you only a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Those who walk in the dark don't know what they're doing. 36 Believe in the light while you still have the light. Only then will you become children of light. "After he said this, Jesus left and went into seclusion.

**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 #353 (v1,4) "Now the Green Blade Rises"/VT#49 "All Who Are Thirsty"**



# 353 Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET 11.11.10.11

Eno3 A Em A Em/B B Em

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Eno3 A Em A Em/B B Em

wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing he would nev - er wake and live a - gain,  
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain;  
 Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain;

Em B/F# Em/G B B/D# Em F# B B7

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, the liv - ing Christ is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Em A Em A Em/B B Eno3

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

2/103

GATHERING: God's Presence with Us

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# All Who Are Thirsty

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY Irregular

Chorus:

All who are thirst - y, all who are weak,  
 come to the foun - tain. Dip your heart in the stream of  
 life. Let the pain and the sor - row be washed a - way  
 in the waves of God's mer - cy, as deep cries out to

Chords: F, Am7, Bb2, Gm7, F/A, Bb2, Bb2/C, F, Am7, Bb2, Gm7, F/A

Refrain

deep. We sing ... Come, Lord Je - sus, come.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Last time

Come, Lord Je - sus, come.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Chords: Bb2, F, F2, F sus, F, Bb2, Bb2/C, F, F2, F sus, F, Bb2, Bb2/C, F5

Sermon: We Wish to See Jesus



**Sending Hymn: VT #670 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (numbered 670). The score is written in 3/4 time and features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is accompanied by chords: F, C7, C, F, Bb, F/A, Gm, Dm, Bb, F, Gm, C7, and F. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first three lines of each stanza corresponding to the musical notes above them. The text includes: "1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; 2 There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody. 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, in finity; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, un-re-vealed un-til its season, something God alone can see." The score includes a copyright notice: "Text: Natalie Sleeth (USA), 1985; Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1985; © 1986 Hope Publishing Co." and a small logo in the bottom right corner.

**Benediction**

Only when a seed “lets go” does new life arise from it. And here is the secret planted deep within the earth—this change happens not once for us but many times over. Go into this week aware of the times of letting go that have allowed for new life to come. Go, aware of the deep growth stirring within you. Amen.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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



## 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-LUIMZ4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprD4uGNWVuRmBRpwcAI\\_4LOrzmGJEjbdxyQnDIS5FYzCuL69VO7AyPO35](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUvcu2qrzsjGtL5vFBnvaS8y-wib-LUIMZ4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprD4uGNWVuRmBRpwcAI_4LOrzmGJEjbdxyQnDIS5FYzCuL69VO7AyPO35)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 812 5421 0906

### **\*Updates from the March 10 Council Meeting:**

Ben (Chair), Doug (Vice), Karl (Sec), Matthew (Treas), Kaytee (Comm. Conn.), Dan (Education), Lynette (Worship), Steve (Sunday School), Wilf (Deacons), Bill (Trustees), Nora and Patty were present. We discussed follow-up from AGM with Federal monies; Patty's sabbatical to Grasslands May 1-31; pastoral/congregational review to hopefully be completed by May 1 by committee (Ben, Sandra, Christy, Louise, George). Youth meet Thursdays on Zoom and there will be Easter baskets delivered to children. Deacons are hosting post-worship coffee Zooms and a St. Patrick's Day Zoom. Maundy Thurs Communion Zoom, Good Friday pre-recorded Facebook, Easter sunrise service in cemetery. We decided Facebook only for March 14 service as we watch Osler COVID numbers. Community Connections is doing an Osler needs assessment. Mary Hildebrandt transferred her membership to Warman Berghaler church. More details to follow in minutes. Any questions? Please contact a council member.

**\*From OMC church treasurer** – if you are missing your 2020 donation receipt please contact Matthew Braun – [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\*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**

**Virtual Youth Retreat – March 27 – 2-10pm.** Join us for a day of online fun! Our unique platform will allow youth to hang out in small groups, play games with old and new friends, 'walk around' and discover secret rooms and hidden objects, and learn from our speaker - Tracey Mitchell - how to be strong in what you believe while respecting the opinions of others. Cost: \$15. **Please register ASAP** at [www.mcsask.ca/youthministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youthministry) and be in contact with Kirsten Hamm-Epp ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca)) if your congregation is not able to send a sponsor.

**Treaty as Sacred Covenant Storytelling Sandi Boucher. March 24th 7-8:30 p.m.** The MCEC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group presents a year-long online story-telling series centred on covenants made, broken and renewed. Storytelling session begins at 7:00 p.m. EST

**\*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. Debuture 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.

**\*MCC Connects:** Book your seat! [Theatre of the Beat's](https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/unmute-impact-pandemic-gender-based-violence) virtual tour is coming to Saskatchewan on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. UNMUTE is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. Immerse yourself in this important and timely piece. Audiences will learn skills and resources for how they can make a difference. Seats are limited, secure yours as soon as possible: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/unmute-impact-pandemic-gender-based-violence>

### OMC CALENDAR

Mar 22 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom  
Mar 25 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom  
Mar 28 10:00 am Palm Sunday - Nora Pederberg preaching (*also on Facebook*)  
Mar 29 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom  
Apr 1 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Zoom Communion with Nora Pederberg  
Apr 2 7:00 pm Good Friday Service of Shadows (*Facebook only*)  
**Apr 4 8:30 am Easter Sunrise Service church cemetery (bring masks-we will be singing)**  
Apr 4 10:00 am "Looking for Jesus" **Easter Sunday** Patty Friesen (*also on Facebook*)  
Apr 11 10:00 am "Resurrection & Reconciliation" Randy Klassen MCC SK (*also on Facebook*)  
Apr 18 10:00 am "Touch and See" Patty Friesen (*also on Facebook*)

**Patty's week:** Working Tues. sermon prep; Wed. church office; Fri. church office

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: March 28**

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

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

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky

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