Osler Mennonite Church



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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday Deep in the current: Called to deep hope

Prelude Slideshow

Welcome, Announcements

Focus: "As we follow Jesus into holy week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of God."

Call to Worship:

L: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

P: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.

L: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

P: Save us, O God! Blind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

L: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet

Into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace.

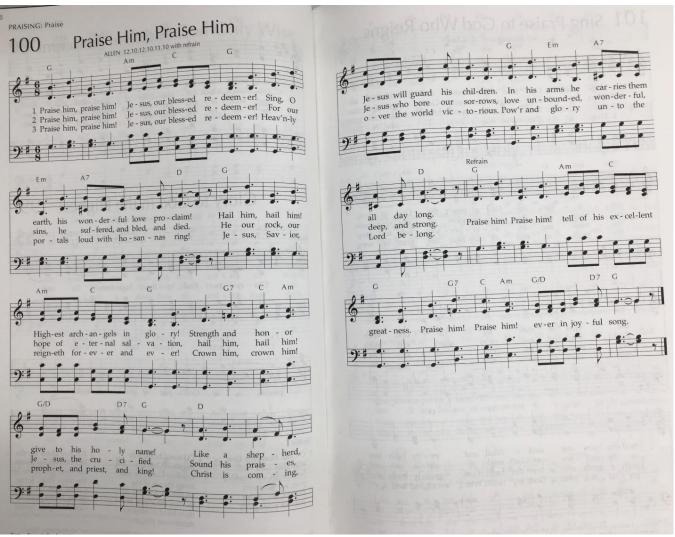
Enduring forever, saving us.

Silence. (What keeps us from deep hope?)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep hope. We come to you, God.

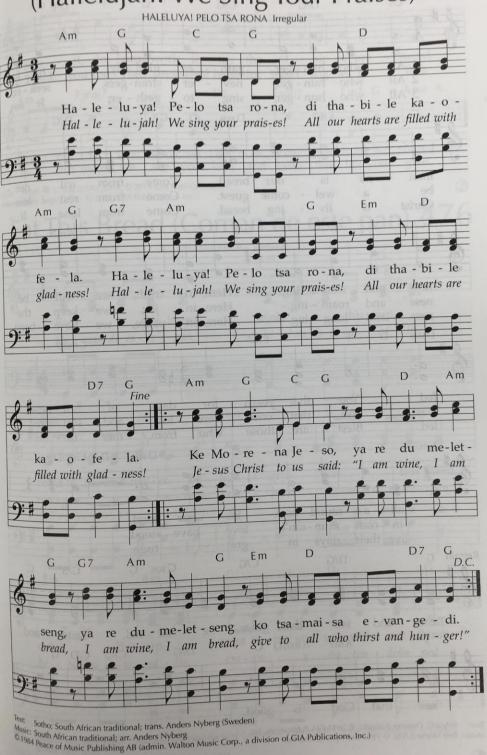
Hymn of Praise: VT #100 "Praise Him, Praise Him"



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

Hymn: VT #473 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praise"

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona 473 (Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises)



Psalms 118:19-29 (Read responsively)

Open the gates of justice for me, let me come in and thank you, Yhwh!

This is the gate of Yhwh, and only the upright can enter!

Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.

It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the keystone;

this is Yhwh's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

This is the day Yhwh has made—let us celebrate with joy!

Please, Yhwh, please save us! Please, Yhwh, give us prosperity now!

Blessings on the one who comes in the Name of Yhwh!

We bless you from Yhwh's Temple!

Yhwh is God and God has enlightened us. Join the festal procession!

With palm fronds in hand, go up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I thank you; You are my God, and I exalt you.

Thank you for hearing me, for saving me. Thank you, Yhwh, for your goodness!

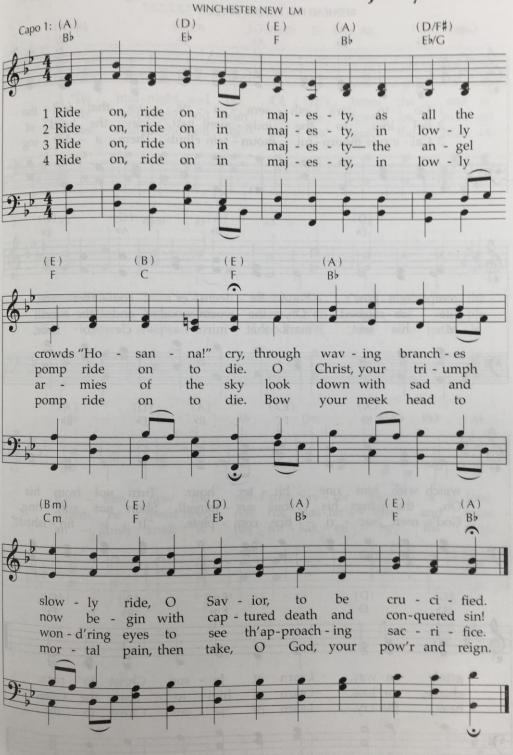
Your love is everlasting!

Offering Prayer and Offertory Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- Students finishing up semester
- A meaningful Holy Week and Easter

Hymn: VT #316 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Henry H. Milman (England), Hymns, 1827; rev. Hymns for Today's Church, 1982, © 1982 Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publich.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (Inclusive Bible Translation)

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Christ, though in the image of God, didn't deem equality with God something to be clung to—but instead became completely empty and took on the image of oppressed humankind: born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being. Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death, even death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God: Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11 (Inclusive bible Translation)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with this instruction: "Go to the village straight ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tethered there a colt on which no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it back. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it, but will send it back very soon." So they went off, and finding a colt tethered out on the street near a gate, they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What do you mean by untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them take it. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks across its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And everyone around Jesus, in front or in back of him, cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple precincts. He inspected everything there, but since it was already late in the afternoon, he went out to Bethany accompanied by the Twelve.

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,

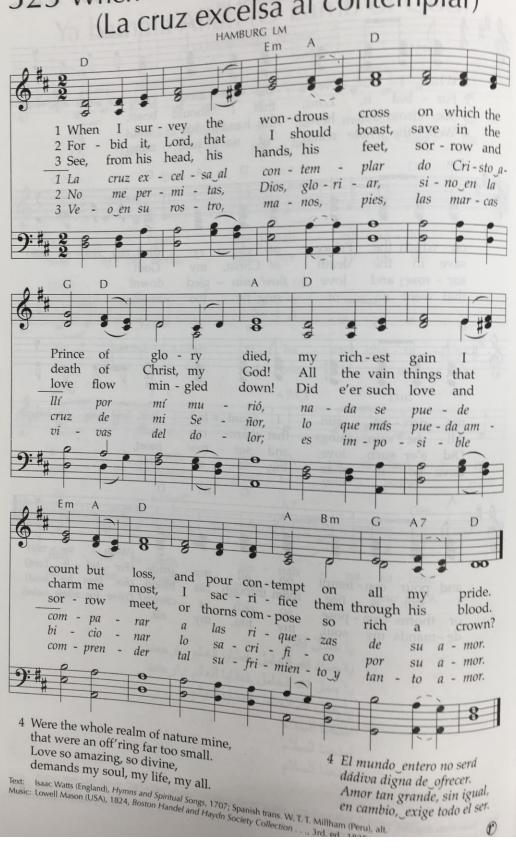
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Palm Sunday

Sending Hymn: VT #323 "When I survey the Wondrous Cross"

2103 TELLING GOD'S STORY: Jesus' Death

323 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (La cruz excelsa al contemplar)



Benediction:

Through the rush of the crowd, Jesus came. The shouts swelled, blurred, and hurried, but he remained calm. Go in the deep knowledge that the current of the crowd was not the end of the story, but led to a new beginning centered in deep hope. May this hope of God remain with you always. Amen

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Nora Pederberg Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

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

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg Sound: Doug McKinnell Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky

ANNOUNCMENTS

*Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom – (right after the morning service) this week hosted by Pastor Patty.

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

*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

- *Maundy Thursday Service April 1 6:00pm This service will take place on Zoom! Please join us for a short communion liturgy, bring with you some food and drink and light a candle. To join on the internet: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82976360767 To join on the phone: Call 1-438-809-7799 Meeting ID #829 7636 0767
- *Thank you from RJC! We are so fortunate to have such a wide community of support at RJC, particularly for our Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser that was held on March 14. Because of you we were able to exceed our \$30,000 fundraising goal! Thank you! In case you missed it, the virtual program is still available to watch at <u>rjc.sk.ca/cakes</u>.

*From MC Sask

Camp Elim is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director, starting May 2021. This is a full-time position, based at Camp Elim, 48 km south of Swift Current, SK on beautiful Lac Pelletier. For more information about the Executive Director role or about Camp Elim, go to www.campelim.ca. Please forward your cover letter and resume to Ryan Siemens at minister@mcsask.ca.

What's happening at Shekinah Retreat Centre? Check out our latest video on what's been going on. Spoiler alert: not too much! Check out the link at: https://shekinah.ca/news/2021/february-update. On this page, you will also see that we are

looking for donations of hand tools: hammers, socket sets (yep, many sets would be great!), large adjustable wrenches, wrench sets of all kinds, chainsaws, cordless hand tools, hip waders for the upcoming annual flood, and a skid steer (just seeing if you're paying attention with the skid steer! Although we do need one, so contact us if you've got one collecting dust). For tool donations, please contact us at director@shekinah.ca.

Coffee – support the youth of MC Sask and order your Level Ground Coffee. 300g size available in bean or ground in dark roast for \$12. Call the office at 306-249-4844 ext 3

*MCC Connects: When a family is forced to flee their home because of a disaster, they are all too likely to face a second crisis: malnutrition. The good news? You can feed displaced families for as little as \$7 a month through Share Your Table, our monthly giving program. In return, you'll receive personal stories and regional recipes from families around the world. Learn more: https://mccshareyourtable.ca/

Follow Up-Zoom: Mon. April 12, 7:00 p.m. Randy and Reconciliation: Sunday sermon follow-up on Rural Reconciliation and Mennonite Central Committee with Randy Klassen. Join Zoom Meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9333069839

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

OMC CALENDAR

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" <i>Easter Sunday</i> Patty Friesen (also on Facebook)
Apr 11	10:00 am "Resurrection & Reconciliation" Randy Klassen MCC SK (also on Facebook)

Apr 12 7:00 pm Zoom Sermon follow-up with MCC worker Randy Klassen Apr 18 10:00 am "Touch and See" Patty Friesen (also on Facebook)

Patty's Holy Week: Working Tues. worship prep, Weds. office, Thurs. Communion Zoom,

Good Friday Zoom. Patty will be on Retreat April 6-9.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: March 28

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen, Lorretta Sawatzky
Children's Time: Adeline Cox
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers Lloyd Sawatzky

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