

Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace

Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation



10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 7, 2021

*Third Sunday of Lent
Deep in the Changing Sky: Called to Deep Wisdom*

Prelude Slideshow

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech . . . yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Many: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . . Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect . . . sure . . . clear . . . true and righteous.

The fear of the Lord is pure.

Many: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.

All: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer. We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: VT #88 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

2151 PRAISING: Praise
88 Lobe den Herren
 (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)
 LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

G Bm C D

1 Lo - be den Her - ren, den mäch - ti - gen Kö - nig der Eh -
 2 Lo - be den Her - ren, der al - les so herr - lich re - gie -
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign -

G Bm C

ren; mei - ne ge - lie - be - te See - le, das ist mein Be -
 ret; der dich auf A - de - lers Fit - ti - gen si - cher ge -
 tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
 ing, guard - ing with shel - ter - ing wings, ev - er gen - tly sus -

D G C G

ge - hren. Kom - met zu - hauf; Psal - ter und
 füh - ret, der dich er - hält, wie es dir
 va - tion. Come, all who hear, now to God's
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is

PRAISING: Praise

D G Em Am D G

Har - fe, wacht auf. Las - set den Lob - ge - sang hö - ren.
 sel - ber ge - fällt; hast du nicht die - ses ver - spü - ret?
 tem - ple draw near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - ed has been held in God's gra - cious or - dain - ing?

3 Lobe den Herren, der deinen Stand sichtbar gesegnet,
 der aus dem Himmel mit Strömen der Liebe geregnet.
 Danke daran, was der Allmächtige kann,
 der dir mit Liebe begegnet.

4 Lobe den Herren; was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.
 Alles, was Odem hat, lobe mit Abrahams Samen.
 Er ist dein Licht, Seele, vergiss es ja nicht.
 Lob ihn in Ewigkeit, Amen.

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us.
 Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 who with great love still befriends us.

4 Praise to the Lord, for in wonder my spirit is soaring!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring!
 Let the "amen" sound from God's people again,
 gladly forever adoring!

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

Children's Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk

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

- MC Sask churches that are closing
- Vaccinations at Bethany Manor
- COVID outbreak in the Osler community
- Surgery date for Dave Klassen

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Since it was almost the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the Temple, he found people selling cattle, sheep and pigeons, while moneychangers sat at their counters. 15 Making a whip out of cords, Jesus drove them all out of the Temple—even the cattle and sheep—and overturned the tables of the money changers, scattering their coins. 16 Then he faced the pigeon sellers: "Take all this out of here! Stop turning God's house into a market!" 17 The disciples remembered the words of scripture: "Zeal for your house consumes me." 18 The Temple authorities intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you've done?" 19 Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 They retorted, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you're going to raise it up in three days?" 21 But the temple he was speaking of was his body. 22 It was only after Jesus had been raised from the dead that the disciples remembered this statement and believed the scripture—and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

One: We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice. We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbour, into your Word that still lives.

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

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

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

Hymn: VT #716 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

2/02

PRAYING: For the Church

716 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 extended

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to thy con -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de -

pow'r. Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to
 ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to
 trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and
 plore. Let the search for thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing

fac - ing of this hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 liv - ing of these days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 miss thy king - dom's goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 thee whom we a - dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (USA), 1930, *Praise and Service*
 Music: John Hughes (Wales), 1905, *The Voice of Thanksgiving* no. 4, 1928

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18 For the message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God. 19 Scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and thwart the learning of the learned." 20 Where are the wise? Where are the scholars? Where are the philosophers of this age? Has not God turned the wisdom of this world into folly? 21 If it was God's wisdom that the world in its wisdom would not know God, it was because God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message we preach. 22 For while the Jews call for miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, 23 here we are

preaching a Messiah nailed to a cross. To the Jews this is an obstacle they cannot get over, and to the Greeks it is madness— 24 but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 # 196 “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

21/07

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 196

MADELEINE 8.7.8.7.8.7

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" (VT # 196). The score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and guitar chords. The lyrics are: "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 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, 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 - 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."

Chords: G, D/G, C/G, G, Am7, G/B, Am, D, G, D/G, C/G, G, Am, G/B, Am/C, Em, Bm, Am7, B, Esus, Em, Am, G/D, D7, G

Text: Ruth Duck (USA), 1993, © 1996 The Pilgrim Press
Music: Donna Kasbohm (USA), 1995, © 1997 The Pilgrim Press

Sermon: Righteous Rage and Wisdom

Sending Hymn: VT #714 "Let There Be Light"

11/02
PRAYING: For the World

714 Let There Be Light

MISSIONARY CHANT LM

Capo 1: (G) Ab (A m) Bbm (D) Eb

1 Let there be light, O God of hosts! Let
2 With - in our pas - sioned hearts in - still the
3 Give us the peace of vi - sion clear to
4 Let woe and waste of war - fare cease, that

there be wis - dom on the earth! Let broad hu -
calm that end - eth strain and strife. Make us your
see each oth - er's good, our own, to joy and
use - ful la - bor yet may build its homes with

man - i - ty have birth! Let there be deeds in - stead of boasts.
min - is - ters of life. Drive out the urge to curse and kill.
suf - fer not a - lone: the love that casts a - side all fear.
love and laugh - ter filled! God, give your way - ward chil - dren peace!

(E m) F m (G) Ab (D) Eb (G) Ab
(C) Db (G) Ab (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab

Benediction

Go into this week in search of deep wisdom. Go with humility. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta Sawatzky, Dayna Stefaniuk Accompanist: Melanie Boldt

Children's Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk Ushers: Harold or Lloyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Church Attendance:** We *NEED* you!!! We are still below COVID guideline numbers for attendance on a regular Sunday morning so please consider attending in person.

***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

***Virtual OMC council meeting March 10, 7:00 pm** All committees please have your committee chair persons in place by then, as well as your council representatives so information can be emailed to them before the meeting.

***From MC Sask**

Join us for the **2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions *Called to Hear*** on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00am via Zoom. It will be a time of worship, discussion, and discernment as we share in our life together as MC Sask. Early registration deadline is Sunday, March 7. Pre-registration is required. Registration and report book are available at www.mcsask.ca. Open to delegates and guests.

For those wishing for a tutorial on using Zoom, MC Sask will be holding a "Zoom 101" session on Thursday, March 11 at 7pm. Please email mcsask@mcsask.ca and put "Zoom Training" in the subject line if you are interested.

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.

Bill C-15: Step Forward or Step Back? *Tuesday March 16 2021, 6:00PM in AB/SK.* Join us for diverse Indigenous perspectives on the federal bill to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Speakers: Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (Aki-kwe); Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum); Brenda Gunn; and moderator Maureen Johns (Goes with Eagle Woman). All welcome! Organized by KAIROS Prairies North. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Pjos2E>
The Zoom link will be sent automatically, so please check your spam folder.
Facebook event is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/176434217394112>

***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.

***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:** Did you know? The MCC Saskatchewan Thrift Shop movement was launched over 40 years ago and now there are two opportunities for you to serve: Saskatoon’s Village Green Thrift Shop and the Lanigan Community Gift & Thrift Shop are seeking Assistant Managers. If you feel the call to serve, or know someone who would be a good fit for the roles, visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve and find the postings under “Current Openings”.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 7 Deacons’ Zoom with Faith Exploration Class 1:00 pm
Mar 8 Kid’s weekly Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
Mar 8 Worship Meeting Zoom 7:00 pm
Mar 10 Council Meeting Zoom 7:00 pm
Mar 11 Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
Mar 15 Kid’s weekly Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm
Mar 18 Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom 7:00 pm

Upcoming in Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

Mar 14 Dave Feick preaching
Mar 21 Patty Friesen preaching
Mar 28 Nora Pederberg preaching
Apr 4 *Easter Sunday* Patty Friesen preaching

Patty’s week: Mon. worship; Tues. sermon prep; Weds. Office, exec, council, Fri. office; Sat. MCSK ADS
Nora’s Week: Working Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat

NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP TEAM: March 14

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Loretta Sawatzky, Ben Buhler Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg
Children’s Time: Marlene Campbell Sound: Steph Siemens Ushers: Bill or Anna Peters

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