

Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace

Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation



10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 16, 2021

“May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand”

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship (*Based on Psalm 139*)

L: We’ve come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,

P: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.

L: This is our God.

All: *Let’s worship together!*

Prayer of Invocation:

Hymn of Praise: VT #182 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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TELLING GOD'S STORY: Creation

182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Gm Bb

1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known,

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye.
 While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 there's not a place where we can flee but God is pres-ent there.

For capo chords, see #313.

Text: Isaac Watts (England), *Divine and Moral Songs* for the Church
 Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogin Anna*

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

Children's Time – Vanessa Stefaniuk

Today earth is singing with star up above,
Our arms wide in welcome for God's gift of love;
We greet you, dear children, we're glad you are here;
Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

Hymn: VT #199 "O God, You Search Me"

TELLING GOD'S STORY: Wisdom

199 O God, You Search Me

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME 9.9.11.11

D G A D Bm F#m

1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie
2 You know my rest-ing and my ris-ing. You dis-cern my
3 Be-fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its
4 Al-though your Spir-it is up-on me, still I search for
5 For you cre-at-ed me and shaped me, gave me life and

G Bm Asus A Bm G

o-pen to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are be-
pur-pose from a-far, and with love ev-er-last-ing you be-
mean-ing through and through. You are with me be-yond my un-der-
shel-ter from your light. There is no-where on earth I can es-
knit me in the womb. For the won-der of who I am, I

F#m Bm 3 Em G A7 D

fore me: ev-er the mak-er and keep-er of my days.
siege me: in ev-'ry mo-moment of life or death, you are.
stand-ing: God of my pres-ent, my past, and fu-ture, too.
cape you: e-ven the dark-ness is ra-diant in your sight.
praise you: safe in your hands, all cre-a-tion is made new.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- Rain
- Countries with little vaccine access experiencing outbreaks

Offering Prayer
Offertory

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

There is a time for everything, a season for every purpose under heaven: a season to be born and a season to die; a season to plant and a season to harvest; a season to hurt and a season to heal; a season to tear down and a season to build up; a season to cry and a season to laugh; a season to mourn and a season to dance; a season to scatter stones and a season gather them; a season for holding close and a season for holding back; a season to seek and a season to lose; a season to keep and a season throw away; a season to tear and a season to mend; a season to be silent and a season to speak; a season to love and a season to hate; a season for hostilities and a season for peace. What do workers gain from their efforts? I have reflected on this while learning all the kinds of work God gives to humankind. God has made everything in harmony with the divine; yet although the Almighty has imbued eternity in our soul, we are unable to grasp the totality of God's work from beginning to end. What I do know is that what is best for us is to be happy and enjoy life as long as we live. And God's gift to us is to eat and drink and find fulfillment in our work. I understand that whatever God does will endure for eternity; nothing can be added to it, nothing can be taken away. God makes it this way to keep reverence for the sacred alive in us. That which is, has always been; that which is to be, has already been; and God calls the past back into existence.

Hymn: VT #522 "O Blessed Spring"

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O Blessed Spring

THE WATER IS WIDE LM

Chords: Dsus D G C G Dsus D7

1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ter must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

Chords: Em Am Dsus D G/B D7/A G/B

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in -
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our
 this blest mys - ter - y; that work and wa - ter

Chords: G Em Bm Am/C G

one to be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 fus - ing rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 Christ will move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 souls take wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 thus re - vive and join us to your Tree of life.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139: 7-10

Where could I run from your Spirit? Where could I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you're there; if I make my bed in Death, you're already there. I could fly away with wings made of dawn, or make my home on the far side of the sea, but even there your hand will guide me, your mighty hand holding me fast.

Scripture Reading: Song of Songs 2:10-13

He is calling me: “Come, sweetheart, my pretty one, come out! Winter is over, the rains are gone, the flowers are blooming. It’s time for singing; let’s walk out through the valleys and listen to the song of the dove. The fig trees are setting fruit; and the air is full of the smell of grape blossoms. Arise and come, my pretty darling. Come away with me!”

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!

Special Music: “May the Road Rise to Meet You” by *Cathie Ryan*

Sermon: “May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand”

Sending Hymn: VT#588 “We Walk by Faith”

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We Walk by Faith

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and
 4 that when our life of faith is done, in
 5 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no

gra - cious words we hear from one who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod, yet in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you
 gra - cious words we hear from one who spoke as

none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are in full and end - less sight.
 none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.

Benediction: May Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Speaker: Terry Stefaniuk Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen
Song Leaders: Michelle, Dayna, Doug Accompanist: Naomi
Children's Time: Vanessa S Sound: Matthew S Usher: Harold

Patty's Week: Sat. May 1 off to Grasslands National Park for a month. *Nora Pederberg 306-260-6552 and George Janzen 306-280-1775 are available for emergencies.*

Nora's Week: Working Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: May 23

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leaders: Loretta S, Alex T Accompanist: Melanie B
Children's Time: Adeline Cox Sound: Steph S Usher: Anna P

Announcements

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***PLEASE REMEMBER! - Hymnals for High School Graduates:** The Education Committee is asking congregation members to email Pastor Nora at oslermcpastor2@gmail.com with notes of encouragement and/or a hymn that is meaningful to them from the Blue Hymnal Worship Book for our high school graduates Micah Guenther and Ben Doell. Pastor Nora will gather all submissions and write them in the hymnals that will then be gifted to Micah and Ben! Please send in your submissions by May 24th.

***From Dan Richert** - I'll be moving to Regina at the end of May for a summer job and to pursue a Geographic Information Science (GIS) degree at the U of R. Thank you so much for your friendship and support over the years, especially when recovering from my back surgery. I'll miss OMC and hope to come for a visit in the future.

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NEWS FROM RJC

***Virtual Info Night:** Prospective students and their families are invited to a virtual information evening on **May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm (SK CST)**, featuring a Q & A with staff and students. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

***15th Annual RJC Golf Classic:** Join us on **May 29, 2021** at Valley Regional Park Golf Course, Rosthern for our annual golf classic fundraiser! Registration deadline is **May 22, 2021**. More info and registration information can be found at rjc.sk.ca/golf.

MC SASK UPDATES

***Mega Menno Online Games Night – May 19 and June 16, on Gather.** In the spirit of creating more opportunities to get together, we're happy to offer two different evenings for youth to connect with one another online, chat and catch up, and play some games. Starting at 7pm each evening, there will be a brief opening, and then it's game time! No registration required. *Gather link:* <https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp (youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more information.

***The Tabernacle at the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be open for a few weekends starting on May Long Weekend.** The Tabernacle is a museum quality replica of the Old Testament tabernacle made straight from the details in Exodus, and it is the only one in Canada! It is a fun, family friendly way to learn more about the Old Testament and how it relates to the New Testament. Tickets need to be pre-purchased at www.yfbc.com. The petting zoo, jumping pillow, train ride and more will be open for attendees as well.

***June 6 - 2:30pm Experience the glory and presence of God in outdoor worship with forest church at Shekinah.** With creation as our sanctuary, we will worship God outside with music, scripture, community, and time to encounter the beauty of Shekinah. With enough interest, this may be the first in a monthly series. All are welcome. Check back for more information coming soon to the Shekinah website.

***MC Sask** is pleased to be able to offer students enrolled in the eligible schools or service programs scholarships. Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry>

***Featured coffee of the month – Honduras Organic –** available only in 5LB cube, bean or ground for \$65. Order your today at <https://mcsask.ca/coffee>

***MCC CONNECTS:** Save the date! We'll be holding MCC Relief Sale events from May 29th to June 12th. Kicking off our relief sale activities is our Plant Sale. Pre-order your plants now by calling Phyllis Goertz at 306-242-8367. The last day to order is May 25. You can pick up your plants on May 29. For more information about the Plant Sale, Online Auction, Food Drive Thru, and Online *Salebration* featuring comedian Leland Klassen - live streamed on Facebook and YouTube, visit mccskreliefsale.com.

MCC CANADA:** The Ottawa Office has changed its name to the Peace & Justice Office. The new name signals a few changes. But somethings will always stay the same: ***MCC continues to be committed to sharing God's love and compassion with all in the name of Christ and using advocacy as a tool in that work.

* MCC sent a letter to the Prime Minister thanking the government for Canada's financial support of COVAX and encouraging Canada to take a leadership role in ensuring global vaccine equity.

***From Canadian Foodgrains Bank:** As you may have increasingly seen in the news recently, a second wave of COVID-19 is devastating the country of India. It is currently estimated that **one** person is dying every 5 minutes from the virus, while more than 350,000 people are being infected daily. It is a medical crisis sweeping the nation with tragedy, and as in any crisis, it is the vulnerable who suffer the most. In partnership with the [Humanitarian Coalition](#), Foodgrains Bank members, along with their local partners, have determined that an emergency response – including food assistance - is now required. Partner staff are already in India providing support to people in their communities to help them get through this difficult time. Now we need your help to provide emergency food assistance to some of the most vulnerable people living through the COVID crisis in India.

OMC CALENDAR

May 17 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom
May 17 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom
May 19 7:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg Zoom
May 23 10:00 am George Janzen speaking (also on Facebook)
May 24 Victoria Day – No Kid's or Youth Activities
May 24 7:00 pm Education Committee Mtg Zoom

May 26 6:00 Exec Committee Mtg Zoom

7:00 Council Mtg Zoom

May 30 10:00 am Nora Pederberg speaking (*also on Facebook*)

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