## **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,

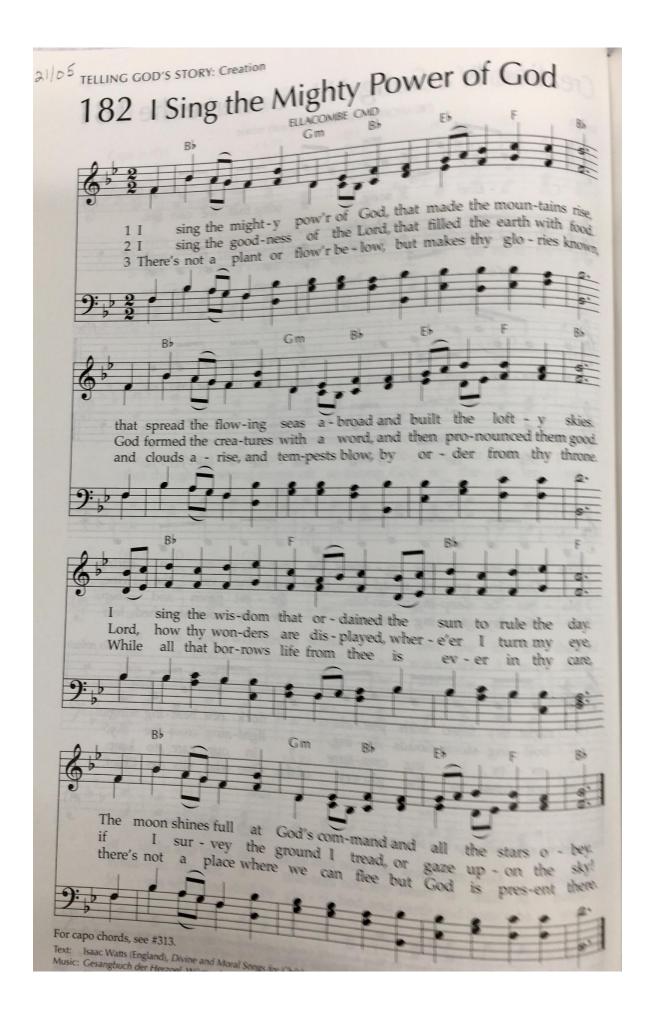
and whose love for us never ceases.

L: This is our God.

All: Let's worship together!

**Prayer of Invocation:** 

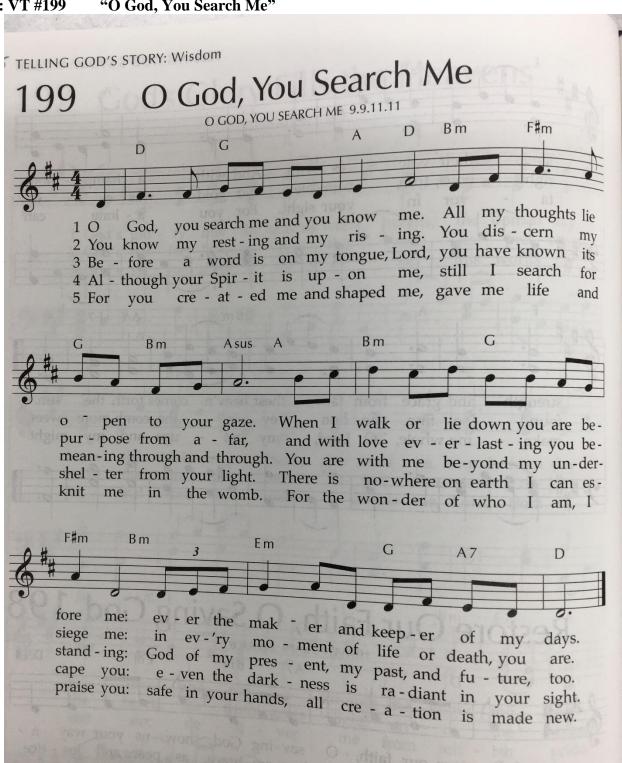
Hymn of Praise: VT #182 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"



#### 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"



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

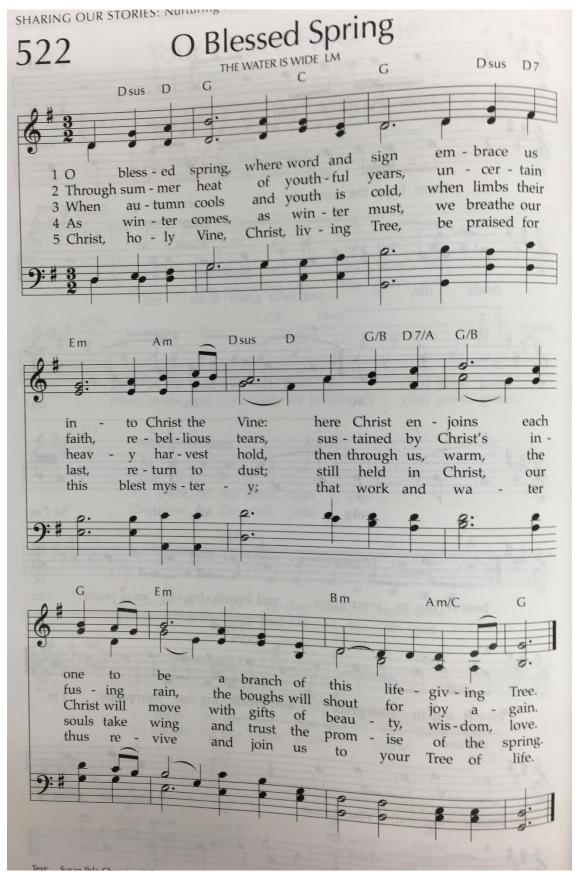
- Rain
- Countries with little vaccine access experiencing outbreaks

# 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"



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,

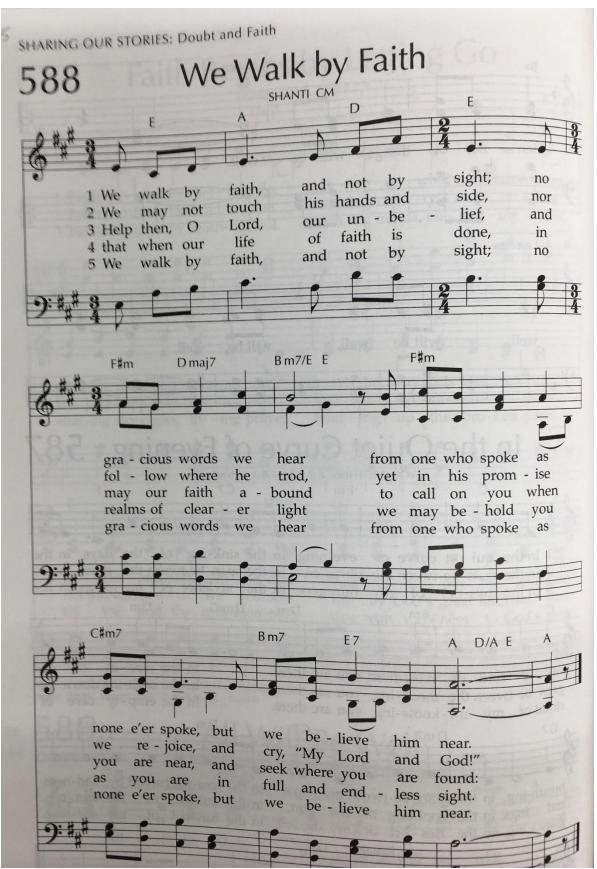
For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

**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"



**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**

\*Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom – (right after the morning service) hosted by Wilf

Those in the sanctuary are welcome to hang out in the gym at distanced tables and chairs for visiting.

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\*PLEASE REMEMBER! - Hymnals for High School Graduates: The Education Committee is asking congregation members to email Pastor Nora at <a href="mailto:oselermcpastor2@gmail.com">oselermcpastor2@gmail.com</a> 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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\*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*: <a href="https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa">https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.yfbc.com">www.yfbc.com</a>. The petting zoo, jumping pillow, train ride and more will be open for attenders 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 <a href="https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry">https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry</a>

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

\*MCC CONNECTS: Save the date! We'll be holding MCC Relief Sale events from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 <a href="Humanitarian Coalition">Humanitarian Coalition</a>, 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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