



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*May 2, 2021*

## *“The Water is Ready”*

### **Prelude Slideshow**

### **Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** *(Hymnal Worship Book #661)*

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**People:** We come seeking the cloud of your presence  
as we travel the way.

We come seeking your pillar of fire  
to light our darkness.

*All: Shine in our hearts, O God, With the light of your love.*

*Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen*

**Prayer of Invocation:** *(Voices Together #859)*

God of every place,  
some of us see you today  
from mountains of joy and confidence,  
mountains of gratitude and praise.

Some of us seek you today  
from valleys of grief or doubt,  
valleys of loss or exhaustion.

And in all places,  
there you are with us,  
nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights,  
show us your presence on the ground.

When we rise from the depths,  
show us the light of your way.

Meet us all on the path made by Jesus. Amen

**Hymn of Praise: VT #11 “Mountain of God”**

# Mountain of God

MOUNTAIN OF GOD Irregular

D D/C#

1 Come, let us go to a place that is pure, to  
 2 From each cor - ner and end of the earth, we'll  
 3 New life a-waits for all who be - lieve;

G/B A sus A

learn a - bout love and wipe a - way tears; to  
 gath - er to - geth - er to sing of your worth, of  
 all who love mer - cy, do jus - tice, walk hum - bly. With

D D/C#

melt swords of steel and hearts made of stone,  
 blind who can see and wea - ry who rest, good  
 Christ as our guide u - nit - ed we'll be;

G/B A sus A

set pris - ners free and give stran - gers a home.  
 news for the poor, free - dom for op - pressed.  
 liv - ing the king - dom, se - cure in God's peace.

Refrain G D G

So come, come as you are, oh, come,

D G

from near and far, oh, come, sal - va - tion we'll

D C G D

taste as we climb the moun - tain of God.

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

Today earth is singing with stars 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 heave comes near

Children's Time – Lynette Janzen

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**      *Voices Together Leader Edition #10*

Generous God,

you gave us life,  
and now we give our lives back to you.

We present ourselves:

our work and play,  
our joys and sorrows,  
our thoughts and deeds,  
our gifts and resources,  
to be used by you  
for the sake of all people everywhere,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

-thanksgiving for 40-year old’s vaccinations

- safety for farmers seeding

-Celebrating and Mourning the Closure of 3 MC Sask churches 30-minute recording on  
[www.mcsk.ca](http://www.mcsk.ca).

-Bison Watering Hole Live Cam at Grasslands National Park at [explore.org](http://explore.org) to see what  
Pastor Patty is looking at the next 2 weeks!

**Hymn: VT #30      “Jesus Calls Us”**

# Jesus Calls Us

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JESUS CALLS US 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (F#m7) Am7

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through  
 2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of  
 3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er; vast - ly

(Bm7) (Em7) (A) (D) (Em7)  
 Dm7 Gm7 C F Gm7

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's  
 Life and Lord of all, shar - er of our  
 dif - f'rent though we are; race and col - or,

(D) (Em7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)  
 F Gm7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7

prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and  
 flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or  
 class and gen - der nei - ther lim - it nor de -

(A) (D) (Am) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 C F Cm F Dm Gm7

care. Praise the God who keeps each prom-ise; praise the  
 fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his  
 bar. Join the hand of friend and stran-ger; join the

(F#m7) (Em7) (A) (D) (Em7) (D)  
 Am7 Gm7 C F Gm7 F

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it who, a -  
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in  
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the

(Em7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7) (D)  
 Gm7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F

mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.  
 glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.  
 doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

Text: John L. Bell (Scotland) and Graham Maule (Scotland)  
 Music: Isle of Lewis traditional (Scotland); arr. John L. Bell  
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*Common Prayer, (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

God, we know you see us in our suffering and in our sin. It is we who are forgetful. Be patient with us and receive even our forgetful prayers and pleas. Remind us again and again of your presence, and help us to be that memoirs for others. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 8:26-39

An angel of God spoke to Philip and said, “be ready to set out at noon along the road that goes to Gaza, the desert road.” So Philip began his journey. It happened that an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official in charge of the entire treasury of Candace, the ruler of Ethiopia, had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage and was returning home. He was sitting in his carriage and reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and meet that carriage.” When Philip ran up, he heard the eunuch reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” “How can I,” the eunuch replied, “unless someone explains it to me?” With that, he invited Philip to get in the carriage with him. This was the passage of scripture being read: “You are like a sheep being led to slaughter, you are like a lamb that is mute in front of its shearers: like them, you never open your mouth. You have been humiliated and have no one to defend you. Who will ever talk about your descendants, since your life on earth has been cut short?” The eunuch said to Philip, tell me, if you will, about whom the prophet is talking—himself or someone else?” So Philip proceeded to explain the Good News about Jesus to him. Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, there is some water right there. Is there anything to keep me from being baptized?” He ordered the carriage to stop; then Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. Then they came out of the water, the Spirit of God snatched Philip away; the eunuch didn’t see him anymore, and went on his way rejoicing.

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-6

“I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine grower who cuts off every branch in me that doesn’t bear fruit, but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield. You’ve been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Those who don’t live in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned.

**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 #458 “The Water Is Ready”**

# 458 The Water Is Ready

STILLWATER 6.6.6.5 D

1 The wa - ter is read - y; how can I be worth - y? Yet  
 2 The ta - ble is read - y; how can I be wel - come? Yet  
 3 A call - ing is read - y; how can I be cho - sen? Yet

God has in - vit - ed, so I will step in. The  
 God has for - giv - en, so I will par - take. The  
 God is more gra - cious than I can con - ceive. A

wa - ter is wait - ing, and my soul is thirst - y—dried  
 ta - ble is spa - cious, and my soul is hun - gry—wine  
 call - ing is of - fered, and my soul has heard it: do

out by my wan - d'ring, my striv - ing, my sin.  
 poured and bread bro - ken, my pre - pared for my sake.  
 jus - tice, love kind - ness, walk hum - bly; be -

Chords: A, D/A, E/G#, E7/G#, A, A/G#, F#m, F#m7, D, A/C#, A, A2/E, E7sus, E7, Dmaj7/F#, Dm/F, A/E, Asus/E, A

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 Music: Lee Dengler (USA), 2016  
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Last line – “Do justice, love kindness, walk humble: believe.”

Sermon: “The Water is Ready”

Sending Hymn: VT #453 “As I Went Down to the River to Pray”

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CELEBRATING BAPTISM

# 453 As I Went Down to the River to Pray

AS I WENT DOWN TO THE RIVER Irregular

Refrain

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and an irregular time signature. The lyrics are: "As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a - bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. 1 Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray." Chords are indicated above the staff: E, B, A, E, B, E, A, E, B, E, A, E. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

- 2 Oh, brothers, ...
- 3 Oh, children, ...
- 4 Oh, sinners, ...

Text: African American spiritual (USA)  
Music: African American spiritual

## **Benediction:** (Adapted from VT #1055)

Go, knowing you are beloved by God.  
 Follow the steps of the Ethiopian eunuch and  
 Go, rejoicing in the Good news  
 Go, living the message of God's grace: do justice, love kindness, walk humbly, believe.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM**

Speaker: Nora Pederberg    Worship Leader: Terry S  
 Song Leaders: Dayna S, Kathryn J    Accompanist: Lynette J  
 Children's Time: Marlene C    Sound: Matthew S    Usher: Anna P

**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., Thur., Fri.

### Announcements

**\*Recurring After Church Coffee Zoom** – (right after the morning service) hosted by George Those in the sanctuary are welcome to hang out in the gym at distanced tables and chairs for visiting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89786948615>

Meeting ID: 897 8694 8615

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdL8s3Bx34>

**\*STARTING MAY 3rd\* Youth Monday's 7:00 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85483057288>

**\*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](mailto: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](http://rjc.sk.ca/golf).

**\*CMU – May 11, 2021** deadline to apply for online Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) courses. Courses begin the week of May 17 and run through June 18. All courses for professional development or academic credit unless otherwise noted. Check out their website for details.

[SPI@emu.edu](mailto:SPI@emu.edu)

**MC Sask Updates** 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>

The newest MC Sask Worship Service "*Abide in the Vine*"

is now available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)

**\*MCC Connects:** We are accepting donations for various auction items such as artwork, artisan baked goods, pottery, mosaics, woodwork, photoshoots, dance classes, fitness classes, massages, manicures/pedicures etc. for the MCC Relief Sale. Contact MCC Saskatchewan at 306-665-2555 or [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca) by May 3 to donate.

It was **Volunteer Appreciate Day** last week and MCC wants to say thank you so much for every you do for MCC!

**The Relief Sale and Auction** is back 🍷

The theme for this year's fundraising events is MCC 101: Back to Basics!

In order to accommodate the provincial COVID-19 guidelines, there will be multiple events to help raise funds towards various local and international programs.



Save the dates! Events from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> will include Plant Sale by Silent Online Auction and Drive Through Lunch – for a Virtual *Salebration* Evening.

\***Bethany Manor** May Newsletter is on the Bulletin Board for anyone to read or check for it on their website [www.bethany55plusliving.ca](http://www.bethany55plusliving.ca)

### **OMC CALENDAR**

May 3 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom  
May 3 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom  
May 9 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking (*also on Facebook*)  
May 10 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom  
May 11 7:00 pm Community Connection Mtg Zoom  
May 13 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom  
May 16 10:00 am Terry Stefaniuk speaking (*also on Facebook*)

"Today is a good day for a **Good Day**"

All progress takes place outside the *comfort zone*.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: May 9**

Speaker: Alex Tiessen      Worship Leader: George J  
Song Leaders: Kathryn J, Lynette J      Accompanist: Lynette J  
Children's Time: Lynette J      Sound: James T & Kerri S Usher: Harold L

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