



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*May 23, 2021*

## **“The Story of Pentecost”**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship** *taken from VT #877*

Leader: As we meet this morning

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: enter our silences.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go,  
enter our holding back.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: embrace and free us.

#### **Prayer of Invocation** *taken from VT #992*

Sovereign Majesty,

we pray for the continued outpouring of your Spirit upon the church

so that the fires of Pentecost may anoint us

to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world.

Help us to release the anointing of the Holy Spirit

which dwells within us.

Let us pour your blessing into the lives of others.

Let us lift up the name of Jesus with power from on high. Amen.

#### **Hymn of Praise: VT #563 “Come, Thou Fount”**

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

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.

Children's Time – Kathy Braun

#### **Hymn: VT #373 “As the Wind Song through the Trees”**

# 373 As the Wind Song through the Trees

WAIRUA TAPU Irregular

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the  
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the

heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the storm, so it  
 green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it

is with the Spir - it of God. Nev - er  
 is with the Spir - it of God, mak - ing

seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown, bring - ing  
 worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring - ing

life, bring - ing pow'r to the world, as the  
 gifts, bring - ing love to the world; as the

dan - cing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - sire, so it  
 ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it

is with the Spir - it of God.  
 is with the Spir - it of God.

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

## Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- wildfires
- weather
- Patty's weather challenges on her sabbatical

**Offering Prayer** *taken from VT #1018*

### Offertory

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room.

Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— all Jews, or converts to Judaism— Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!" All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: 'In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

**Hymn: VT #375** "#375 "Joys Are Flowing like a River"

# 375 Joys Are Flowing like a River

BLESSED QUIETNESS 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Capo 1: (G)  
A $\flat$

1 Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er since the  
 2 Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the  
 3 See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, bless - ed  
 4 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, where we

(G)  
A $\flat$

(D)  
E $\flat$

(G)  
A $\flat$

Com - fort - er has come, who a - bides with us for -  
 sun - light from the sky, so the Ho - ly Ghost is  
 fruit of right - eous - ness, and the streams of life are  
 al - ways see God's face! What a per - fect hab - i -

(C)  
D $\flat$

(G/D)  
A/E $\flat$

(D7)  
E $\flat$ 7

(G)  
A $\flat$

ev - er, makes the trust - ing heart a home.  
 giv - en, com - ing on - ing heart a home.  
 flow - ing in the lone - us from on high.  
 ta - tion, what a qui - ly wil - der - ness.  
 et rest - ing place!

Refrain

(C)  
D $\flat$

Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly qui - et - ness— what as -

Text: Marie P. Ferguson (USA), ca. 1897, alt.  
 Music: W. S. Marshall (USA), ca. 1897; adapt. James M. Kirk (USA), 1997

**Scripture Reading:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

When the Paraclete comes— the Spirit of Truth who comes from Abba God, whom I myself will send from my Abba— she will bear witness on my behalf. You too must bear witness, for you’ve been with me from the beginning.

*(16:4b-15)*

I didn’t tell you this at first because I was with you. Now I am going to the One who sent me— yet not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ You’re sad of heart because I tell you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send her to you. When she comes, she will prove the world wrong about sin, about justice and about judgment. About sin— in that they refuse to believe in me; about justice— because I go to Abba God and you will see me no more; about judgment— for the ruler of this world has been condemned. I have much more to tell you, but you can’t bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won’t speak on her own initiative; rather, she’ll speak only what she hears, and she’ll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

**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: “The Story of Pentecost”**

**Sending Hymn: VT #57 “Holy Spirit, Come with Power”**

# 57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

## (Ven, Espíritu, cual viento)

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

G Am7 G Am7 C D

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with pow - er, breathe in - to our  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with fi - re, burn us with your  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage, burn and breathe each  
 1 Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu, cual vien - to, so - pla en la os -

C G Am7 G Am7

ach - ing night. We ex - pect you this glad ho - ur, wait - ing  
 pres - ence new. Let us as one might - y cho - ir sing our  
 word a - new deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we  
 cu - ri - dad. Es - pe - ra - mos hoy con an - sias tu gran

C D C G D

for your strength and light. We are fear - ful, we are  
 hymn of praise to you. Burn a - way our wast - ed  
 strive your work to do. Teach us love and trust - ing  
 luz y cla - ri - dad. A - ni - ma - dos y go -

G Em D B7 C D

ail - ing, we are weak and self - ish too. Break up -  
 sad - ness and en - flame us with your love. Burst up -  
 kind - ness, lend our hands to those who hurt. Breathe up -  
 zo - sos an - he - la - mos tu buen don: que des -

Text: Anne Neufeld Rupp (USA), © 1970 Anne Neufeld Rupp; Spanish trans. Barbara Mink (USA), alt., © 1988 Barbara Mink  
 Music: attr. B. F. White (USA), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Joan Fyock Norris (USA), © 1989 Joan Fyock Norris

On your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.  
 On your congregation, give us gladness from above.  
 On your congregation and inspire us with your Word.

## **Benediction:**

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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

**Patty's Week:** Off to Grasslands National Park until May 31<sup>st</sup>. *Nora Pederberg 306-260-6552 and George Janzen 306-280-1775 are available for emergencies.*

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

**This week's Yard Maintenance** – Dick Braun

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP TEAM: May 30**

Speaker: Nora Pederberg      Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk  
Song Leaders: Kathryn J, Loretta      Accompanist: Lynette J  
Children's Time: Adeline C      Sound: Matt      Usher: Anna P

### **OMC CALENDAR**

May 24 Victoria Day – No Kid's or Youth Activities

May 24 7:00 pm Education Committee Mtg Zoom

May 26 6:00 pm Exec Committee Mtg Zoom

7:00 pm Council Mtg Zoom

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

June 1 7:00 pm Kid's weekly Bible School Zoom

June 1 7:00 pm Youth weekly Group/Bible School Zoom

**June 6 10:00 am Communion - Patty Friesen (also on Facebook)**

**June 13 10:00 am Father's Day** – Sunday School Picnic

### **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.  
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89786948615>  
Meeting ID: 897 8694 8615

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER! - Hymnals for High School Graduates:** The Education Committee is asking congregation members to email Pastor Nora at [oslermcpastor2@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**\*Address Change** for Lois Siemens – only a 'small' move from Apt. 208 to 303

**\*Yard Maintenance** schedule was emailed last week. The front flower beds have been planted for the season but will need to have someone come to water on a regular basis. Volunteers?

**\*Rejoice!** If you have previously *not* received this daily devotional but would like to, please let the office know by May 31. The yearly cost is \$45.

### **NEWS FROM RJC**

**\*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).

**\*Spring Showcase** - Sunday, May 30, 7:00pm (SK CST). Join us for our annual Spring event, showcasing RJC students in the music & arts program. Watch it on the RJC YouTube channel or visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca).

## MC SASK UPDATES

### Transitions

-Wilmer & Barb Froese completed their term as Interim Pastors at Tiefengrund Rosenort MC on December 31, 2020

-Andrea Enns-Gooding will complete her term as pastor at Zoar MC on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and begin as pastor of Rosthern MC July 1<sup>st</sup>

-Gary Peters retired from Hanley MC on April 4<sup>th</sup>

-Harry Harder will retire from Pleasant Point MC on May 15<sup>th</sup>

-Len Rempel will begin as pastor at Warman MC & Pleasant Point MC in June

**\*Mega Menno Online Games Night – 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](mailto: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](http://www.yfbc.com). The petting zoo, jumping pillow, train ride and more will be open for attendees as well.

**\*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>

**\*With the many uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, Shekinah Summer Camp will not run for the 2021 camp season.** Please continue to pray for and donate to our 2022 camp program. We encourage you to hike our trails and experience the presence and glory of God.

**Looking for work? Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for maintenance workers and kitchen workers.** Please contact [ron@shekinah.ca](mailto:ron@shekinah.ca), call the office at 306-945-4929, or check out the news item on our website at [shekinah.ca](http://shekinah.ca) for more information. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. Jobs will run for 8 weeks, with maintenance work starting ASAP

**\*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.

**\*MCC CONNECTS:** Summer classes are here! This class will provide peace skills with the goal of equipping participants for the courageous act of conflict transformation. This course is appropriate for anyone who would like to practice peace skills in order to make a difference in their families and communities.

Register at <https://mcccanada.ca/conflict-transformation>

**The MCC Relief Sale and Auction is back this year in a new format!** Events run from May 29 to June 12 and include a plant sale, silent online auction, drive through lunch (Vereniki, farmers sausage, cream gravy and rollkuchen!) and a virtual *Saleabration* evening! Details are available at <http://www.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.

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**From Pastor Patty –**

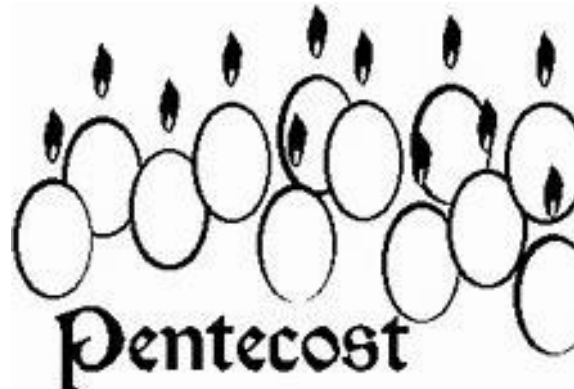
Hi Nora, Kathy, et.al

What a lovely old-fashioned communication this postcard from the edge where there is no cell service!

Stuck in a snowstorm now watching Downton Abbey ☺ but had great days hiking & birding & had an antelope huff at me. Will work it into a children's time!

Very thankful for this time of rest & renewal. Pastor Patty

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