MCC Connects – During RRSP season, how does our faith inform our investment choices? Do investments promote well-being of global neighbors? Are investments building right relationships with creation? Visit ottawa.mcc.org/miningjustice for more socially responsible investing.

\*Songfest 2010 invites you to join us March 19 and 20, 2010 for the annual songfest in First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

\*RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, March 7, 7:00 pm.

Youth Farm Bible Camp News:

- \*Their annual Vereniki and Sausage Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, 5:00-7:00 pm.
- \* At-Home Lent resource booklets are in the fover.
- \* Mark your calendar: Family Swim Day in Saskatoon on March **20.** More details to follow. Sponsored by the Deacons committee.

Glen Grismer Worship Leader: Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky Accompanist: Lynette Janzen Sandra Grismer Scripture: Sound: Dave Klassen

Cornie Guenther. Russ Friesen Ushers:

This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen Next Sunday nursery care: Sarah Buhler

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# OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH



Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service February 21, 2010 Lent 1

## HOLDING ON, LETTING GO

**Focus Statement:** With God as our dwelling place and the Holy Spirit empowering us and revealing the way, we learn to trust the Word within our own hearts.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Chiming to worship and silent preparation

\*Theme song SS# 63

"God, fill me now"

## **GATHERING**

## \*Call to Worship:

L: For centuries the chimes have called us to worship. They declare a holy time, a time of God near.

P: Any time is holy when we gather in God's presence.

L: We look for holy places in our homes and churches, in our communities, along roadways, and even in the deepest wilderness.

P: Any place is holy where we call out and God answers.

L: We gather to begin a holy journey, the journey of Lent; a journey seeking what to hold on to, and what to let go.

P: All journeys are holy when we walk with Jesus and leave our doubts and fears behind.

L: The chimes have called us once again, so we gather at this holy time, in this holy place, to journey with Jesus.

All: Lord, help us to find "holy" in your presence every step of the way.

\*Hymn: HWB# 6 "Here in this place" Invocation and Prayer of the church

**HOLDING ON** 

Affirmation of faith: HWB# 710

Hymn: #328 "O God, our help in ages past"

Children's time Kathy Braun

**HEARING GOD'S WORD** 

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

New Testament Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

Hymn: SS# 36 "Jesus, tempted in the desert"

Sermon: "Holding on, letting go in the wilderness" Audrey Bechtel

LETTING GO

**Confession:** 

All: Lord, strip us of any illusions that would block our way to you. (silence)

L: Let your Word within us comfort, disturb, and convert us. Amen.

Assurance: HWB# 709

Offering and Offertory Music

**Offertory Prayer:** 

"Lord, you have moved us to let go of material wealth and entrust it to those who do the ministry and mission of your church. Guide them, watch over them, and give us all the courage to journey at their side, even into the wilderness. Amen."

Hymn: HWB# 338 "I know not why God's wondrous"

## **SENDING**

\*L: May your journey be one of joy.

P: Thank you, Lord, for joy.

L; May your journey be one of peace.

P: Thank you, Lord, for peace.

L: May your journey be one of love.

P: Thank you, Lord, for love. Amen.

\*Please rise

## We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the card that the ushers gave you, and place it in the offering bag. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

**Nursery care is provided** during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

**Children's Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

\*Natalia Guenther; Tena Kruger and family; Jacob L Guenther

#### **TODAY**

- Beverages and snacks available after the service.
- Sunday School begins at 11:15 a.m. for all ages.
- Floor hockey at 7:00 pm for children, 7:30 pm for youth and adults. Children will not be allowed to play freely in the church after 7:30 pm without supervision.

### THIS WEEK

- **Submissions for the newsletter** need to be in by Tuesday, February 23.
- **Phone Directory** will be printed this week. Please have any updates in to the office by Wednesday.
- **Missions and Service Committee meeting** on Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- MC Sask annual sessions in P.A. on February 26 & 27.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Sunday School – A new rotation starts today for the grades 1-6 classes. For the next three weeks the students will be focusing on the topic of "What is forgiveness?" The teacher/leaders are Lynette Janzen (Art), Christy Martens-Funk (Stories), and Kevin and Melanie Boldt (Drama). The gathering time is lead by Leslie Allaby; Erica Doucette teaches the nursery/kindergarten class.

\*If you would like to order **Easter Lilies** through the church, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. They will be available for pick up Easter Sunday.

- \* Potluck and congregational discussion on Sunday, February 28.
- \*We are updating the **Prayer Chain.** If you would like to be part of this ministry, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

\*Kids Clubs –we are still looking for volunteers to co-ordinate and help with clubs. Will you volunteer for this opportunity? If so, please contact Adeline or Leslie or any member of the Education Committee.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11 (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was

my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1 - 13 (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." 5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." 9Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, '11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Lord your God to the test."