

**\*MCC Connects:** MCCS supports Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) throughout the province. These groups of volunteers accompany individuals who have served a prison sentence as they re-enter society. If you would like to know more about these programs or feel led to volunteer contact Heather Peters, MCCS Restorative Justice coordinator at 306.665.2555.

**\*Exciting News from RJC: This fall RJC will be running a “shuttle” service** to the Warman/Martensville/Osler area for families that are interested in sending their students to RJC as day students. This helps families who may not be ready to have their sons/daughters board away from home yet and makes it more of a financial possibility as it cuts the cost by about \$5,000/year to attend as a day student instead of a resident. For more information, please contact Val White, RJC Admissions at 306-232-4222 or email [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)

**\*Sonrisa Choir of Young Women** Kick off Barbecue on Sunday September 7th, 7:00 p.m., at the Driedger Enns Farm at Osler. All singers over the age of 18 and interested in singing in the choir are welcome. Rehearsals begin Sunday September 14th, 7:00 p.m. at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. For more information please Facebook or call Lynne Driedger-Enns at 306-220-1194 or email her at [gord.lynne@sasktel.net](mailto:gord.lynne@sasktel.net)

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
August 24, 2014

*The Early Church, Our Church – a seven week worship series  
Week Five: Thessalonica*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship**

**All:** *Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;*

**One:** that our hearts may be filled with joy, hope and peace;

**Many: that we may be strengthened to face challenges;**

**One:** that we may become the persons we are called to be;

**Many: that we may learn to love our brothers and sisters as you love us;**

**All:** *that we may see the needs of others and give help. Amen.*

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #81 “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”  
Green/SJ #61 “How can we be silent”**

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God our Maker, we are your creatures; at night we grow weary; in the morning, you restore our strength.**

**God our Saviour, we are the ones you rescue from aimless wandering and despair.**

**God our Keeper, we are the ones you protect from our own good intentions and our foolish, self-centered dreams.**

**We are yours – fragile, finite, vulnerable.  
Merciful God, we fail to love those we know with a tender and sturdy love. We fail to love those we do not know with generosity and compassion. We fail to perceive as you perceive.  
Merciful God, we become impatient when things do not go our way instead of persevering in faith and hope. We put our trust in earthly power and material wealth instead of trusting you.  
Forgive us our unbelief. Amen**

Words of Assurance:

Hear these words of assurance: Our merciful God made us, fragile, finite, and vulnerable though we are. God longs to cleanse us and set us free; God wants to open our hearts to the healing truth. We are God's beloved, and God makes us whole. Let us receive God's grace!

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

**Hymn: Green/SJ #103      "Why should I feel discouraged?"**

Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: 1Thessalonians 1:8-10, 2:1-8, 4:9, 5:9-10

**Hymn: Green/SJ#43      "My faith has found a resting place"**

Sermon                      "It's the message"                      Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn Blue/HWB #546      "Guide my feet"**

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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*Focus Statement: Jesus will rescue our suffering world and make things right. This is our hope. We live in the tension of working (by the power of the Holy Spirit) to bring about God's kingdom now and of knowing that only Christ can bring about the fullness of God's kingdom.*

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To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

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

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**The blank, coloured papers** in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

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**Remember in your Prayers**

**Abe Braun**

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**Announcements**

\*Gordon's last Sunday to preach is next Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Leslie and Katherine will be leaving for Ontario tomorrow and Gordon will be pack up his things from the office by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*Sunday School and after-worship Coffee time in the Gathering Room** will resume in two weeks. (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>). Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for bringing snacks for the Sunday School kids and for the Gathering Time, and for taking a turn making coffee and cleaning up after the coffee time.

\*The Worship committee is looking for help with the decor for the church and sanctuary. If you can help, please contact Melanie or any Worship Committee person to volunteer.

**\*Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School and Gathering Time begins again!** The deacons invite everyone to a *“Welcome Back Fantastic Fall Fiesta”* at noon on the 7th. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor taco picnic with all the fixings for beef and bean tacos, followed by piñata fun for the kids after lunch. Beverages will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring salads or desserts to share, and bring your lawn chairs, too.

**\*Church yard maintenance:** Thanks to Doug M. for looking after the church yard this week.

**\*The MDS Update** for August 21, 2014 is now posted on the bulletin board.

**\*Shekinah annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** – Details are now on the bulletin board for this retreat to be held September 26-28. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline is Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. See brochure for details and registration forms.

**\*Tim & the Glory Boys** is an upbeat, bluegrass worship band that Kirsten saw while attending YC in Edmonton, AB. After hearing they were doing a Western Canada tour and didn't have a location in the Saskatoon area yet, it didn't take long before she had them booked and had found a co-sponsor to help cover the costs of the event. This is going a great evening, they call it a 'worship hoedown', and if you are a fan of banjos, a wearer of plaid, grow a beard, or just enjoy quality music and worship, you are going to love these guys! **The November 8<sup>th</sup> concert** at the Legends Center in Warman is **free, but tickets must be reserved** at [www.gracesask.com/concert](http://www.gracesask.com/concert) and we would recommend reserving them soon, as most of the available 400 are gone already! More information is available on the SMYO website and Facebook page, feel free to contact Kirsten at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or (306) 249- 4844 ext. 2, if you have any questions.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### 1Thessalonians 1:8-10, 2:1-8, 4:9, 5:9-10

<sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

<sup>2</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup> Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another;

<sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.