

**\*MCC Connects:** "Songs for the Sale" **tonight**, at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, at 7:00pm. Come and listen to a sampling of the gifted musicians from our churches. Learn more about the work of MCC at home and abroad. Help to defray the expenses of the MCC Relief Sale and Auction, June 13 and 14 at Prairieland Park.

**\*Saskatchewan Women in Mission Enrichment Day**, Saturday, April 26, 2014: Women's Enrichment Day, "**Hearing the Voices of Young Women**," at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, 10am-4pm. Please join us for the SWM annual meeting and a day of inspiration and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal; beverages provided. More information on posters or MCSask's Website.

We at OMC have the opportunity to support the work of Saskatchewan Women in Mission. They invite our prayers, our attendance at events and are also asking for our financial support. Please consider making a designated donation through our church for their work. See the bulletin board for their annual budget with more information, including specific projects to which your donation may be directed.

\*The MDS Update for April 10, 2014 is now posted on the far bulletin board. There are many opportunities available for service.

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Worship Leader: Wilf Buhler  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
This week's Nursery Care: Leslie Allaby  
Next week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Dan Schellenberg  
Ushers: Steve Rowan, Susan Braun

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
April 13, 2014

*Lent Six – Palm/Passion Sunday  
Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . .  
in jubilant praise and with broken bread?*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Our Story: Art and Edna Zacharias

### ENCOUNTERING

Chiming to Worship and a silent reflection

### **Call to worship**

One: Look, our King is coming. Blessed is his name.

**Many: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

One: With branches, cloaks and loud hosannas we greet him.

**Many: Give thanks to the Lord; his loves endures forever!**

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

*His love endures forever!*

Invocation

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #238 “Hosanna, loud Hosanna”**

Procession of the Palms and lighting the Christ Candle

**\*Hymn: Purple/SS #74 “Hosanna! Hosanna!”**

### **Confessing our sin**

One: How often we have met you, Lord.

We met you in the wilderness.

**Right: When our strength was tempted**

**Left: you gave us power.**

**All: *But we did not know who you were.***

One: We met you in the dark of night.

**Right: When we had questions,**

**Left: you gave us knowledge.**

**All: *But we did not know who you were.***

One: We met you at the pool of Siloam.

**Right: When we were blind**

**Left: you gave us sight.**

**All: *But we did not know who you were.***

One: We met you at the grave.

**Right: When were at death,**

**Left: you gave us life.**

**All: *But we did not know who you were.***

One: We met you with palm branches

**Right: When you were riding on a donkey,**

**Left: we gave you loud hosannas.**

**All: *But we did not know who you were.***

One: Lord, hear our prayer. (Silence)

**Words of assurance:** The Lord God has given you the tongue of a teacher so you can sustain those who are weary with a word. Every morning the Lord awakens you and opens your ears so you can turn your back on those who strike you, so you do not hide your face from those who insult you. The Lord God rescues you, and your adversaries will not confront you. The Lord God knows you, and therefore you will not be put to shame.

### WITNESSING

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #528 "I stand amazed in the presence"**

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9

Gospel lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #527 "Lord Jesus, think on me"**

Sermon: "Who is this?" Gordon Allaby

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

### RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Purple/SS #80 "Jesus walked this lonesome valley"**

\*Benediction: We have encountered the God who can save. Go as witnesses to that saving power in your life. As you go, be watchful this coming week for evidence that life is more powerful than death.

*\*Please rise*

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**Focus Statement:** We encounter God in jubilant praise and with broken bread. The people of Jerusalem encountered Jesus' triumphal entry with celebration and hosannas – whether sincere or misguided.

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

To all our visitors: WELCOME. 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 should be accompanied by an adult.) **Children's Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

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**\*TODAY**

- **Choir practice for Easter: 9am** in the sanctuary
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday service, including Potluck meal and optional foot washing.**
- **Good Friday, April 18, 7:30pm – Tennebrae, Service of Darkness**

\*Connect with Mennonites of all ages and cultures from across Canada and engage the future of your national church at Assembly 2014! We're meeting together in the middle of a lovely Winnipeg summer for Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season, July 3-6. Information and registration is online at [home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014)

\*Children are an important part of the church and are naturally full of *Wild Hope*. We are excited to have them join us at the Children's Assembly on July 3-5 on the CMU campus in Wpg. To make this happen, we are looking for passionate people who enjoy spending time with children. Men would also be a real asset to this team! Contact [erempel@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:erempel@mennonitechurch.ca) to find out more about this fun and exciting opportunity.

\*Join with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians from across North America for Native Assembly July 28-31 (Wpg.). The theme is *Ears to Earth and Eyes to God*. Visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014> for info and registration. All are welcome!

\*Remember those living in the midst of conflict and violence around the world, and pray for Mennonite Church Canada partners who strive for peace.

\*With your support, Dan Nighswander and Yvonne Snider-Nighswander taught future pastors at Union Biblical Seminary (UBS) in Pune, India, during January and February. Thank you for helping to strengthen the church in India.

- **Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:00am Worship Service, followed by Potluck brunch.** You are invited to bring bells to ring during the worship service. Please bring eggs, fruit and paska/Easter bread, cottage cheese, etc. for an Easter potluck brunch following the worship service.
- **No Sunday School on Easter** – brunch will be followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

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### Remember in your Prayers

**Please remember those with health concerns, including Abe Braun, Sarah Hiebert and Haylee Wall.**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***Our Lenten theme is: “Encountering God: What have we witnessed?”** Is encountering something *we* do? Or is the word an adjective describing an attribute of *God*? This season invites us to reflect on encounters with the encountering God who changes lives. The second part of our theme, “What have we witnessed?” also has a double focus: both what we have *seen* (been witness of) and what we have *told* others about (witnessed to).

\***Lent Worship Banners** are prepared by the Junior Youth each week. Abstractly, through color and design, these banners explore the spiritual power of the encounters being explored in worship. **Yellow:** a primary color which represents God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Blue:** a primary color representing water, breath and wind. **Green:** the resulting encountered color from yellow and blue, it also represents new life, blessings and fertile land. **Lent Six' banner:** The banner celebrates the triumphal entry through the allusion of green palms waving over the path that Jesus and we will follow together leading us into the dark swirling of the complex encounters of the week to come.

\*Adeline will be in the office next week Wednesday and *Thursday* (not on Good Friday), so **all items for the Easter Sunday bulletin will need to be in to the office by Thursday morning.** Thank you.

\*Everyone is invited to join in choir practices for singing at Easter. Please Come for **Choir practice next Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

\***Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm – Seniors Banquet** - Invitations have just been sent out to those born in 1944 or earlier. Seniors are asked to RSVP to deacons or the church office by April 13.

\***Today: The Saskatoon Men's Chorus** will present its spring concert at 2:30 p.m., at Grace Westminster United Church. Tickets are \$15 for seniors and students, \$20 for adults, and free for children under 12; and are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, from Chorus members, or by calling (306) 220-0812.

\***VBS 2014** – MC Sask is once again putting together a Vacation Bible School troupe to provide churches with the opportunity to host this program in their communities. We are looking for 1 Troupe Leader, 3-4 Troupe Members, and 5-8 host congregations to help make this program happen. Check out the SMYO website ([www.smyo.ca/vbs](http://www.smyo.ca/vbs)) for more information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office.

\***Honouring the Earth, April 22-23/2014** – A new and exciting event to celebrate Earth Day, Mennonite style! In this two-day learning and service event, **youth** will spend time learning how we can honour the earth with our food, our worship, and our hands. Junior and senior youth are welcome, and encouraged to bring friends. To find out more head to the SMYO Facebook page or website; youth pastors, sponsors, and parents are encouraged to contact Kirsten directly if your youth are interested in attending ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), 306-249-4844).

\*Registrations for the **MC Sask Touring Mission Fest** are now being accepted. Visit the Shekinah Retreat Centre, Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, the Menno Home in Waldheim and Zoar Mennonite Church in Langham. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or on the MC Sask website at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)

\***Bethany Manor Garage Sale**, Friday, April 25, 2014, 4pm-9pm

\*All are welcome to join **Rosthern Mennonite Church** in celebrating the ordination of their pastor Craig Neufeld on Sunday, **April 27** at 3pm. A light faspa will be served after the service.

\***RJC Spring Concert** - Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm at RJC. We would be delighted to have you join us for an evening of wonderful music. Season finale performances by Concert Choir, ManChoir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; an offering will be taken during the concert. We look forward to having you join us.

\***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 24** - Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes on-course contests and challenges, and a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. Information and registration forms are available on the RJC website at [www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca) or contact [rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca). If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, please contact Dan Richert at [dan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:dan@rjc.sk.ca).

\*CMU invites your prayers of celebration and blessing today as the **Outatown Discipleship** program graduates **64** students April 13. [Outatown.com](http://Outatown.com)

\*Need a change from work or school? **Outatown** is an opportunity to travel to one of three international locations: Guatemala, South Africa and Burkina Faso, learn about God, and make lifelong friends. Space available for Sept 2014. Learn more and apply at [Outatown.com](http://Outatown.com)

\*How can the arts be used to build peace? Check out *Arts Approaches to Community-Based Peacebuilding* with Babu Ayindo at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 16 – 20, 2014. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for more information. Space is limited.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,\*  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.\*' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,  
<sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'  
<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd\* spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'  
<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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\*Tuesday, May 6, 2014 - 7:00 pm at Rosthern Junior College - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and Rosthern Junior College will be hosting the **Recycled Orchestra** (from Paraguay) - There is no entrance fee for the performance but a freewill offering will be received. Money raised from the offering will be tax receiptable and will be used for building a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the home of the Orchestra. If you are interested in getting reserved rush-seating, send your request along with name and phone number to [recycled.rosthern@gmail.com](mailto:recycled.rosthern@gmail.com) or phone the following number between 9 am. and 9 pm: 306-232-9117