
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Encountering God: What have we witnessed ... in jubilant praise?

April 13, 2014 - No. 15

Worship Leader Larry Epp
Song Leader Delilah Roth
Pianist Edith Regehr

Encountering

Call to Worship

Leader: Look, our King is coming. Blessed is his name.
People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
Leader: With branches, cloaks and loud hosannas we greet him.
People: Give thanks to the Lord, his love endures forever!
Leader: Rejoice! The son of David has arrived. Our Savior is here!
All: Give thanks to the Lord for his is good.
His love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB #238

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Singing All glory, laud, and honor HWB #237

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible p. 831

Confession and Assurance Insert

Witnessing

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible p. 697

Children's Time Drama

Congregational Singing Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB #239

Message "Who were you expecting?" Craig Neufeld

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

My Favourite Scripture Rudy Froese

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn Blessed be the name StS #75

For younger children - activity folders may be picked up from the table in the foyer. Please return your folder to the table after the service.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please remember in prayer the group from Youth Farm Bible Camp, as they leave for Mexico on Thursday. They will be involved in house-building there the week after Easter.

In April, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church, and the upcoming ecumenical Good Friday service, which will be held here at RMC.

News from Mennonite Church Canada:

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, all are welcome downstairs for coffee, followed by Sunday School

2:30 p.m. - Saskatoon men's Chorus spring concert, at Grace-Westminster united Church, Saskatoon. Call 306-220-0812 for tickets.

7:00 p.m. - Songs for the Sale, an evening of songs and celebration at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon - 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, coming June 13 and 14 at Prairieland Park.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Good Samaritans meet

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Were You There? Cantata by a mass choir with representation from St. John's Lutheran, Laird, Tiefengrund, Eigenheim and Rosthern churches, at Tiefengrund Mennonite Church - see the poster

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service of communion

7:00 p.m. - Youth bowling night

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - Community Good Friday service, here at RMC

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday concert at Bethany College, Hepburn

Next Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Easter brunch and children's Easter activity

For the brunch, please bring Easter baking and/or fruit. Beverages and cheese will be supplied.

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Easter Sunday

Please note: There will be no coffee time or Sunday School after the service.

Lent Visuals to Aid in Encountering God:

God meets us in the things we can touch and see, but also meets us in less physical ways, through spirit and thought. To represent the physicality of encountering God and Jesus in specific times and places see --- the grounding imagery of stones and rocks in the Old Testament and Gospel stories combined with the abstract concepts of Living Water (blue), the Breath of God (yellow) and new Life (green).
Palm Sunday --- the triumphal entry with cloaks and palms, the Last Supper with bread and wine.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

Apr. 6, 2014

Worship service #14

| | Actual | Weekly Budget | Weekly Surplus/Deficit | Year to Date Actual | Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
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| Budget | \$5,138.30 | \$ 4,039.00 | \$ 1,099.30 | \$ 63,551.55 | \$ 56,546.00 | \$ 7,005.55 |
| Refugee Fund | \$ 50.00 | | | | | |
| Coffee fund | \$ 48.10 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 5,236.40 | \$ 4,039.00 | \$ 1,099.30 | \$ 63,551.55 | \$ 56,546.00 | \$ 7,005.55 |

Attendance last Sunday: 93

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church

Followers of Jesus Christ

Called by God

Empowered by the Spirit

To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace

So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:15 a.m.

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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COMING EVENTS:

Apr. 22-23 - A new and exciting event to celebrate Earth Day, Mennonite style! In this two-day learning and service event, youth will learn how we can honour the earth with our food, our worship, and our hands. Junior and senior youth welcome, and encouraged to bring friends. Go to the SMYO Facebook page or website to learn more; youth pastors, sponsors, and parents are encouraged to contact Kirsten directly if your youth are interested in attending (youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844).

Apr. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, "Hearing the Voices of Young Women," Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon. All women welcome. Bring a bag lunch for the noon meal; beverages provided. For info, see the posters or the MCSask Web site.

Apr. 27, 3:00 p.m. - Service of ordination for Pastor Craig Neufeld

Apr. 28, 6:30 p.m. - Church cleaning bee, sponsored by the Good Samaritan Club - everyone is invited to come and help out, and enjoy pie and coffee afterward!

May 4, 3:00 p.m. - MCC Sask invites all to continue their 50th anniversary celebration by coming to Grace Mennonite Church, PA, for a celebration of the MCC Restorative Justice program. See the poster.

May 6, 7:00 p.m. - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will be hosting the *Recycled Orchestra* (from Paraguay) in the RJC auditorium. No cost for the performance; a freewill offering will be received. Money raised from the offering will be tax receiptable and will be used to build a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the Orchestra's home. If you are interested in getting reserved rush-seating, send your request along with name and phone number to recycled.rostern@gmail.com or phone the following number between 9 am. and 9 pm: 306-232-9117

May 10 - Touring Mission Fest - this year visiting Shekinah Retreat Centre; Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim; Menno Home, Waldheim; and Zoar Mennonite, Langham - registration forms available in the foyer

7:00 p.m. - RJC Spring Concert - come for an evening of wonderful music. Season finale performances by Concert Choir, Man Choir 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.

May 24 - RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser - Texas Scramble, at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern. 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. Info and registration forms available on the RJC website, www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. To learn more about corporate sponsorship, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, contact Dan Richert at dan@rjc.sk.ca.

May 30 - June 1 - Church Family Camp, at Camp Kadash

June 13-14 - MCC Relief Sale and Auction, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

June 16-20, 23-27 - Canadian School of Peacebuilding classes at Canadian Mennonite University - see posted information

July 3 - 6 - Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2014 in Winnipeg: *Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season*. For more information and to register, go to home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014. All are welcome! - Children's Assembly is in need of additional volunteers, particularly male volunteers. Please contact erempel@mennonitechurch.ca

July 28 - 31 - Native Assembly in Winnipeg - Join with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians from across North America. The theme is *Ears to Earth and Eyes to God*. For info and registration, go to <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event>. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Are you thinking about baptism? Church membership? Child dedication? Please talk to Pastor Craig, or call the church office, for more information.

We have revamped our website. To take a look at the new site, go to www.rosthernmennonitechurch.com.

We have recently received new gift cards from the Gideons. They are on a table in the corner of the lower auditorium. Please take a look. They are available for you if you wish to make a donation to the Gideons in memory or in honour of someone.

Are you concerned about poverty issues in Saskatchewan? If you would like to add to a petition that will be presented to the government of Sask, please take one of the forms posted in the foyer.

It's time to think about summer camps. Pamphlets with info on MC Sask camps (YFBC, Shekinah, Elim) are on the bulletin board at the west door. There is also info about sports camps at Bethany College.

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) for information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office.

MCC Service Opportunity: MCC is seeking an IT User Support Technician for a one year term, beginning immediately. Travel extensively as this position provides primary support for users in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Go to <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/it-user-support-technician> for more information and to apply.

Can you help? Carlton High School in PA is offering a "hockey class" for some grade 5 – 8 indigenous students. They are in need of gently used hockey equipment. If you have any junior to adult hockey equipment you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Leonard Doell at 306.665.2555 by the end of April to make arrangements.

Confession & Assurance

Leader: How often we have met you, Lord
We met you in the wilderness

**People: When our strength was tempted
You gave us power**

All: But we did not know who you were.

Leader: We met you in the dark of night

**People: When we had questions
You gave us knowledge**

All: But we did not know who you were

Leader: We met you by the well

**People: When we were parched with thirst
You gave us water**

All: But we did not know who you were

Leader: We met you at the pool of Siloam

**People: When we were blind
You gave us sight**

All: But we did not know who you were.

Leader: We met you at the grave

**People: When we were at death
You gave us life**

All: But we did not know who you were.

Leader: We met you with palm branches

**People: When you were riding on a donkey
We gave you loud hosannas**

All: But we did not know who you were.

Leader: Lord hear our prayer [silence]

Words of assurance:

Leader: Believers, know and be assured, our Lord meets us where we are – lost, confused, unseeing and hurt. He is with us even when we don't know it. He meets us even when we don't admit it. Thanks be to God, for his love endures forever.