
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015, No. 14

Worship Leader Ric Driediger
Pianist Brenda Epp

Prelude

First Look - Listen to God's Word

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn *Lift your glad voices* **HWB #275**
Low in the grave he lay **HWB #273**

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time and Prayer

Ric Driediger

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 Pew Bible p. 500
John 20:1-18 Pew Bible p. 768

Response to Scripture

Leader: There you go again, God,
turning things inside out and upside down.
People: **While bringing life out of the grave
sounds good to us,
we're nervous about what else
you might have in mind.**
Leader: Following your lead means letting go of ours.
People: **And letting go is hard.**
Silence
Leader: Yet you are God,
you *are* the one for whom we have waited.
People: **Help us rejoice in your salvation.**

Upside down and inside out - we reflect on God's Word

Hymn *Sing with all the saints in glory* **StS #92**
Psalm Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Pew Bible p. 436
Message *"Wait for it ... "* **Craig Neufeld**

Second Look - Listen Again to God's Word

Hymn *God, beyond our ways of knowing* **Insert**
Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Response to God's Word

Leader: God turns the world upside down and inside out,
Bringing life out of death and beginnings out of endings.
People: **God, we offer you our hands and hearts.
Take from them whatever prevents us from
following Jesus through death and into new life.
We want to be fully usable for you.**

Special Music

Ryan Epp

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *Christ the Lord is risen today* **HWB #280**

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of April, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church. Please pray also for all who seek refuge.



EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Welcome to our Easter service. Since we had brunch before the service, there will be no coffee time afterward today.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Pastoral Committee meets

6:30 p.m. - *Jack & Jill* money shower for Hannah Jones and Drew Brooks, in the lower auditorium - all are welcome

Wednesday, 9:30 - 4:30 - comforter-making will continue, everyone interested is welcome

Noon - Brown bag lunch at the MCC Centre, Saskatoon, with Lucy Romanenkova (see below) speaking.

2:30 p.m. - Youth in Gr. 8 and up are welcome to SMYO over-nighter - meet at MCC Centre, cost \$10. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp for more information.

7:30 p.m. - All are invited to Osler Mennonite Church to hear Lucy Romanenkova, Zaporizhzhie, Ukraine, talk about the "Florence Centre" (Family Service and Community Education Centre). Information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - no youth this week

Friday - Saturday - "The Church in China" sessions with George & Tobia Veith:

- Friday, 7:00 p.m. - Coffee
- 7:30 p.m. - "The Church in China, it's challenging"
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Coffee and muffins
- 9:30 a.m. - "The Church in China, it's complicated ..."
- Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - Coffee
- 7:30 p.m. - "The Church in China, it's exciting!"

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Prayer time

10:00 a.m. - Worship service with George & Tobia Veith "The Church in China, it's Christ's body too"

11:00 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship time, Questions and answer with George & Tobia

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please note that we will be accepting your congregation pastor review forms for another day or two. If you have not yet handed in a form, and would like to, please have it in to the church office by Tuesday. Thank you to all who have responded - about 75 responses came in!

A short questionnaire, regarding church family camp in June, was placed in your mailboxes last week. If you misplaced your copy, there are extras on the table in the foyer. Please take a few minutes to fill it in, and return it to Delilah, or to the church office. Thank you!

The Witness Worker Update for 2015, with information about all the MC Canada *Witness* workers, is available on the rack in the foyer. Please take a copy if you are interested.

MCC Connects: The unusually high number of international emergencies this winter has put a strain on MCC's resources and ability to respond to disasters. **We are low on funds and out of relief kits, hygiene kits and blankets.** For more information contact Del Lennea at MCCS at 306.665.2555 or dellennea@mccsk.ca

Parkland Restorative Justice seeks a full-time director to coordinate Person-to-Person (Prison Visitation at Saskatchewan Penitentiary) and Circles of Support and Accountability in PA and area. Application deadline is Apr. 15 with a start date of Aug. 1, 2015. See posted info.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Mar. 29, 2015						
Worship service #13						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 2,899.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,071.25)	\$49,325.20	\$51,613.25	\$ (2,288.05)
Coffee Fund	\$ 72.00					
TOTAL	\$ 2,971.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,071.25)	\$49,325.20	\$51,613.25	\$ (2,288.05)

Attendance last Sunday: 121

The art work displayed in the foyer, 'in the beginning... was the Word,' is the eighth in a series of prints, images of Earth's beginnings, reminding us "that God is found in surprising places, any place on our planet, wherever people are open to being surprised by God's presence. And wherever that place is, we are called to live our faith mindful of the culture in which we are located." Denise Epp is the artist.

Please take a few minutes to read the rest of Denise's explanation, posted beside the print.

COMING EVENTS:

Apr. 18, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Voices of our Sisters: standing Together in Hope - an Ecumenical Response to Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls - at Mayfair United, Saskatoon. See posted information.

5:30 p.m. - Shekinah Fund-raising Banquet, at the Timber Lodge. Admission by donation. Please RSVP by Apr. 12 if you plan to attend: office@shekinahretreatcentre.org See the poster.

Apr. 19, 2:30 p.m. - Station Singers presents Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* at the Station Arts Centre. Tickets (adults \$20, students \$10, children \$5) available from the Station or from choir members. The concert will also be presented April 17, 7:30 p.m. at Mayfair United.

Apr. 19, 7:30 p.m. - A Buncha Guys Sing for Guatemala, at Grace-Westminster United Church, Saskatoon. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC Saskatchewan, any of the Guys, **or at the door.** An offering will be taken to support ANADESA, a building project in Guatemala (see poster for more details)

Apr. 19, 9:30 a.m. - Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church is celebrating its 90th anniversary, with worship, sharing, and a meal. All are welcome!

Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m. - Church cleaning bee, sponsored by the Good Samaritans. Come enjoy working together, followed by pie and coffee.

Apr. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - All women are invited to Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, at Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim, with guest speaker Patty Friesen "Voices of Change: Navigating Life's Transitions". *Women are needed to fill SWM executive and programme committee positions. If there is no executive, SWM will end its ministries and activities. In that case we would have to have a vote to discontinue as a charitable organization. A letter is then sent to apply to the Minister of Revenue to cancel our charitable registration. The CRA will respond to the charity's request. This is the two weeks notice we are required to give to have this vote. May God be our guide, Myrna Sawatzky, SWM President, 1-306-384-4113.*

Apr. 25 & 26 - Nutana Park Mennonite Church 50th anniversary - all are invited, see the posted information

Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m. - CMU Singers at Osler Mennonite Church

May 1 & 2, 2015 - Eigenheim Church - *Truth and Reconciliation: What are the Next Steps:* Join fellow MC Sask members and Indigenous neighbours in seeking to move toward a more harmonious relationship. See posted information. Please call MC Sask Office. 306-249-4844; mcsask@mcsask.ca to indicate your intention to participate.

May 8, 7:00 p.m. - RJC Spring Concert, in the school auditorium

June 12 & 13 - MCC Relief Sale and Auction

June 15-19, 22-26 - Canadian School of Peacebuilding, at Canadian Mennonite University - classes are open to all, see the posted information