



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for July 23, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs

<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	WB 644
<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	WB 648

The lamps will be lit during the opening songs.

- As we light these lamps, we remember:
- Our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- Our laments.
- Our thanksgivings.
- The hope we have together in Christ.

Responsive Reading

SJ 120

Singing

As Rain From the Clouds

SJ 40

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Rain Down

SJ 49

Come forward during the offertory and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering and My Coins Count and the Dollar Project (School Kits)

Scripture Genesis 2: 4-23

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. On the day the LORD God made earth and sky— ⁵before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, ⁶though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land— ⁷the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of →

the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. ⁹ In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. ¹¹ The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² That land's gold is pure, and the land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷ but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!" ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It's not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him." ¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. ²⁰ The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.

²¹ So the LORD God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. ²² With the rib taken from the human, the LORD God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being. ²³ The human said,

"This one finally is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.
She will be called a woman
because from a man she was taken."

Responsive Reading *God Tends a Garden*

Piano Side: In the day that God made the earth and the heavens—before there were plants, even before it had ever rained—a stream rose and watered the ground.

Offering Side: Then God formed a man from the dust of the ground. God breathed into the man’s nostrils and he became alive.

Piano Side: God planted a beautiful garden in Eden. God made every type of tree grow up from the ground. These trees were wonderful and full of delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden grew the tree of life. Beside it was another tree—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Offering Side: A river flowed out of this beautiful, green garden, and it became four rivers, flowing around lands with gold and onyx stone.

Piano Side: God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to care for the land. God said, “You may eat of every tree in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat from that tree, you will die.”

Offering Side: God formed every living creature. Animals and birds came to the man to be cared for and named.

Meditation	Gardening With God	<i>Marilyn Rossiter</i>
Songs	<i>Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace</i> <i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	SJ 52 VT 209 (insert)

Love Step Prayer (standing if able)

Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ.

Benediction

Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring Announcements

Greeters, Virgil and Kathy Troyer

Usher, Judy King

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Marilyn Kamp

Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Nursery Care, Jan & Rollie Kauffman (Worship), Marilyn Kamp (SS)

P.A. Operator, Dan Jantzi

Announcements

Thank you, Marilyn Rossiter, for sharing the meditation with us this morning!

Monday Meals. Martins Mennonite Church volunteers prepared the meal this past Monday with about 150 meals served. This Monday, we will have hot dogs, beans, chips and fruit.

Open House for Haroldo Nunes and his family. An open house will be held on July 30 from 3 - 5 pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (14367 Hackett Rd, Kidron). Open Arms wants to celebrate and express appreciation to Haroldo for his 17 years of ministry with Open Arms. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Video Devotions is taking a summer break. Printed devotions will continue to be sent for the next several weeks, and video devotions will return on August 2.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering – Orrville Mennonite Church

Empowering Others to do Mission. Our next Fifth Sunday Mission Offering is coming up, **July 30th**. This is a day we have set aside to give gifts to our wider church mission groups. Please check your email or your church mailbox (if you do not use email) for more information.

GriefShare Announcement: It hurts to lose a loved one. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare helps group members apply biblical principles to the healing process after the death of a loved one. Throughout the videos and workbook, participants see how the gospel brings hope and restoration. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Plans are being made to start a new GriefShare group beginning Wednesday, September 13, depending upon expressions of interest in doing so. The sessions are 75 minutes in length (4:00-5:15 p.m.) once a week for 13 weeks including a video presentation and group discussion. If you would like more information, or to express interest in joining, please contact Gladys Geiser (330-201-1510) or the Kidron Mennonite Church office (330-857-3461). Please respond by September 1.

Schedule At a Glance for July 23 – 30, 2023

Sunday, July 23

Worship, **9:30 am**

Marilyn Rossiter preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, July 24

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 26

Open Arms Kids' Camp, 9 am – 2:30 pm

Friday, July 28

Open Arms Kids' Camp Pool Party
and Lunch at Camp Luz, 11:30 – 2 pm

Sunday, July 29

Worship, **9:30 am**
Bill Seymour preaching
Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for July 16, 2023

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,550.00

OMC Garden Tiller: \$400.00

Mennonite Mission Network – MMN rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

Mennonite Education Agency – The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray for the safety of our students, staff, and families during the summer months.

Standing Prayers

Upanga Mennonite Church

Church and its use of power and Justice for all people

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