



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for October 15, 2023 Peace Sunday

### Welcome

### Gathering Songs

<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	WB 29
<i>All Creatures of Our God and King, vs 1,2,3,4,7</i>	WB 48

### Lighting of the Lamps

- 🕯 We light one lamp because we are part of a larger gathering of Mennonite Churches, working together for peace, and we are all part of a larger, diverse, worldwide Christian family.
- 🕯 We light one lamp because we walk with our brothers and sisters of Upanga Mennonite Church in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- 🕯 We light one lamp to lament. Division and discord, war, brokenness, racism, violence, injustice.
- 🕯 We light one lamp for hope. Hope in Christ Jesus -- for wholeness, peace, justice, healing.

### Responsive Reading *God's Faithful Love Lasts Forever*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because [God] is good.

### Piano Side: **God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Leader: Give thanks to the one who hung the skies with art.

### Offering Side: *God's faithful love lasts forever.*

Leader: Give thanks to the one who shaped the water over the earth.

### Piano Side: **God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the one who called into being the great lights of day and of night. →

*Offering Side: God's faithful love lasts forever.*

Leader: Give thanks to the one who brings deliverance from oppression. God's faithful love lasts forever.

**Piano Side: Give thanks to the one who brings rescue from danger.**

*Offering Side: God's faithful love lasts forever. Give thanks to the one who leads the people through the wilderness.*

**Piano Side: God's faithful love lasts forever.**

*Offering Side: Give thanks to the one who humbles the mighty.*

Leader: God's faithful love lasts forever. Our God is the one who rescues from danger.

**Piano Side: God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Leader: Our God is the one who walks beside us through trials.

*Offering Side: God's faithful love lasts forever.*

**Piano Side: Our God is the one who provides food for all living things.**

Leader: God's faithful love lasts forever!

*Offering Side: Our God is the one who heals our wounds.*

Leader: God's faithful love lasts forever.

**All: Give thanks to the God of Heaven, the Prince of Peace, the Spirit of Comfort. God's faithful love lasts forever!**

(Inspired by Psalm 136)

<b>Singing</b>	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	WB 156
	<i>For The Fruit of All Creation</i>	WB 90

**Prayer of Confession** *Prayer for a frugal life*

Holy One,

Our world is overtaken by our greed for more goods than we need. We confess our rapacious consumption, obsession with winning, and our undercutting and isolating of the most vulnerable among us.

Renewing Spirit,

Help your church to be open, in fidelity to the gospel of Jesus, to all possibilities in the coming of the new kinship — the kin-dom of God — on earth. Help us to align our ways to sharing, social cohesion, and symbiotic co-living between humans and the →

rest of creation; to see creation as a cosmic web of living beings, in which all creatures live in mutual interdependence. Help your church to abide in a harmonious bond between the source of being and all things.

Loving God,

Help us to see you as the God-in-relation. Open our eyes to the ministry of Jesus, a ministry of care and compassion: to grieve with the poor earth our greed has devoured, to be still, not distracted by a thousand useless things, to see that earth, sea, sky and every creature in it have a spiritual capacity to bring us back to you and the harmony of the cosmic dance.

Living God,

Help us to live in a dynamic becoming, opening ourselves to this network of relationships and the future. Help us to see that we cannot live without receiving the gifts of others, and also sharing our gifts with them. Help us to say “Yes” to your invitation, to friendship with you, with our own spirit, with our neighbors, and with the rest of creation. May it be so.

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### **Offering Prayer**

#### **Offering Song**

*Take My Life, vs 1,2,4,6*

WB 389

Come forward during the offertory and place gifts  
and offerings in vessels for regular offering  
and My Coins Count.

**Scripture**      Colossians 3: 12-17; Job 38

Colossians 3: 12-17 – <sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Be tolerant with each other and, if someone →

has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. <sup>14</sup> And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup> The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. <sup>16</sup> The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Job 38: 1-24 – Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> Who is this darkening counsel

with words lacking knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Prepare yourself like a man;

I will interrogate you, and you will respond to me.

<sup>4</sup> Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?

Tell me if you know.

<sup>5</sup> Who set its measurements? Surely you know.

Who stretched a measuring tape on it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings sunk;

who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang in unison

and all the divine beings shouted?

<sup>8</sup> Who enclosed the Sea behind doors

when it burst forth from the womb,

<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,

the dense clouds its wrap,

<sup>10</sup> when I imposed my limit for it,

put on a bar and doors

<sup>11</sup> and said, "You may come this far, no farther;

here your proud waves stop"?

<sup>12</sup> In your lifetime have you commanded the morning,

informed the dawn of its place

<sup>13</sup> so it would take hold of earth by its edges

and shake the wicked out of it? →



Greeter, Mark Bixler  
Usher, Josiah Bixler  
PA System Operator, Dan Jantzi  
PowerPoint Operator, Norm Sohar  
Worship Nursery, Judy King  
Sunday School Nursery, Jan and Rollie Kauffman  
Accompanist: Marilyn Rossiter  
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter  
Reader, Kathy Troyer  
Sharing and Prayer, Virgil Troyer

## **Schedule At-A-Glance for Oct 15 – 22, 2023**

Sunday, October 15 **Peace Sunday**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Eric Kurtz, Special Speaker

Adult Sunday School classes meet in sanctuary, **10:45 am**

Monday, October 16

Meat Canning, 5 am – until finished.

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 17

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 18

Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am at OMC

Elder Council, 3:50 pm

Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 19

K Ladies Lunch at Marilyn Kamp's (lunch is provided), 12 noon

Sunday, October 22

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

## **Coming Events:**

**November 1 – Fall Congregational Meeting, 7 pm**

**November 12 – Danae King, preaching.** Bill and Allison at Pastor-Spouse Retreat; **Monthly Carry-In Meal, 12 noon**

## **Offering Report for Sunday, October 8, 2023**

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,136.00

## **Announcements**

**We welcome Eric Kurtz to our worship service and Sunday**

**School hour this morning.** He is executive director of Mennonite

Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes. MCC is a worldwide

ministry of Anabaptist churches that shares God's love and

compassion for all in the name of Christ. We work with local

partners in 45 countries in relief, development, and

peacebuilding. Eric lives in Goshen, Indiana, with his wife, Carmen

Horst, and daughters Elisa and Nayli. His family attends Walnut

Hill Mennonite Church, where Carmen is co-pastor. Before joining

MCC, Eric used his environmental studies background with the

Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District and with rural

indigenous communities in Northern Argentina.

**Monday Meals.** We served 174 meals on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This coming Monday, October 16, we will serve a take-out baked potato bar.

**Fall Sermon Series – HEBREWS.** Our series takes a break this week for Peace Sunday. We will resume on October 22, with chapters 3 and 4. This New Testament letter/book/sermon was written most likely to a community of second-generation Jewish Christians in the Greek world. It appears they had lost some zeal and were struggling. In the opening two chapters, the author reminds them of who Jesus is -- God's way of speaking, exact image of God, he one who cleanses sin -- and who they and, by extension, we are -- humans, like Jesus, brothers and sisters, co-heirs, redeemed by Jesus, and that Jesus' message is most definitely for them and they need to pay attention. Hebrews 2:18 provides the

encouragement to continue – *Jesus, is able to help those who are being tempted, since he himself experienced suffering when he was tempted.*

**K Ladies Lunch.** Next lunch is Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at Marilyn Kamp's. Lunch will be provided!

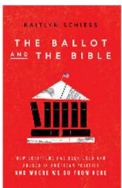
**Men's Breakfast.** Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am at OMC.

**OMC Church Directory Update.** It's time for a pictorial church directory update! Please send any changes or corrections to your listed information and an updated photo! If you aren't listed in the directory yet, please send me a photo and your information to be included in this update! If you need someone to take your picture, please let us know and we can do that for you! You can send updates and photos via email to [omcjan@gmail.com](mailto:omcjan@gmail.com) or by giving the information and photo to Jan in person. Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Canning for Relief.** Tomorrow, October 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day of canning (5am – until finished). An ambitious amount of turkey is hoped to be canned and sent for relief around the world. Your help is needed. Call/text Trent @ 330-465-4191

## Read A Couple Books

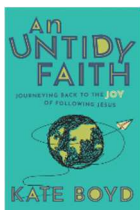
Bill Recommends These Two books. One copy of each is on the back table in the Sanctuary.



*The Ballot and the Bible* – Kaitlyn Shiess

A good look at how we use the Bible in our politics and some ways to do it better. This is really worth your time as a contentious election draws near.





## *An Untidy Faith* – Kate Boyd

This is a Herald Press book. The author speaks to those disenchanted by Christians behaving badly and offers a way to hold on to Jesus and real faith, while “disentangling” ourselves from the ways Christians have mistreated people and the Bible.

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