



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for November 5, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	WB 319
	<i>'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	WB 340

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 From Hebrews 10.10-23, Revelation 5.5-14

Leader: We have been made holy by God's will through the offering of Jesus Christ's body once for all. The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying, (from the Prophet, Jeremiah)... this is the covenant that I will make with them.

Piano Side: After these days, says the Lord, I will place my laws in their hearts and write them on their minds.

Offering Side: And I won't remember their sins and their lawless behavior anymore.

Leader: When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Piano Side: Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious ..." →

Leader: John's Vision in Revelation 5.

Offering Side: Then, in between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb, standing as if it had been slain.

Piano Side: When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. ...They took up a new song, saying,

Offering Side: "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

All: You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will rule on earth."

Leader: John says, I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels ... saying in a loud voice,

All: "Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, and honor, glory, and blessing."

Leader: Then I heard everything everywhere say,

All: "Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always."

WOMEN: Then the four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Leader: ...We have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body,

MEN: and we have a great high priest over God's house.

Leader: Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

All: Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

Singing	<i>Thou True Vine That Heals</i>	WB 373
	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	WB 366

Moment in Mission November Dollar Project Kathy Troyer

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

WB 327

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

Scripture Hebrews 10.26-32a, 39

26 If we make the decision to sin after we receive the knowledge of the truth, there isn't a sacrifice for sins left any longer. 27 There's only a scary expectation of judgment and of a burning fire that's going to devour God's opponents. 28 When someone rejected the Law from Moses, they were put to death without mercy on the basis of the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think is deserved by the person who walks all over God's Son, who acts as if the blood of the covenant that made us holy is just ordinary blood, and who insults the Spirit of grace?

30 We know the one who said,

Judgment is mine; I will pay people back.

And he also said,

The Lord will judge his people.

31 It's scary to fall into the hands of the living God!

32 But remember the earlier days, after you saw the light. 39

...We aren't the sort of people who timidly draw back and end up being destroyed. We're the sort of people who have faith so that our whole beings are preserved.

Sermon *What Sort of People Are We?*

Song *Beyond a Dying Sun*

WB 323

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, Caring, and Prayer/Announcements

Greeter, Sky Lofty

Usher, Ken Wenger

PA System Operator, Virgil Troyer

Worship Nursery, Kara and Barb Shilling

Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Kamp

Sunday Morning Trustee (November), Willie Miller

Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Reader, Hank Rossiter

Sharing and Prayer, Jane and Marion Beyeler

Sermon Notes --- Hebrews 8, 9, 10

A Word of Caution:

It is pretty easy to read Hebrews 8-10 to say that the Mosaic Law and Covenant are replaced by Jesus and has no more relevance or value. The big, fancy word for this is [supersessionism](#), and such thinking can and has led to some pretty serious atrocities against Jews in our world.

Translators and scholars regularly argue over how to render key places in Hebrews 8-10, particularly 8.13 ("obsolete" in the CEB), and 10.9 ("puts an end to" in the CEB). The Greek words here are ambiguous. For a start, think "fulfill" or "explain" rather than "obliterate" or "replace."

A good, short, article on this:

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/fourth-sunday-of-advent-3/commentary-on-hebrews-105-10>

To help avoid the problem of supersessionism, consider that the author of Hebrews is placing Jesus into the Jewish Scriptures, not using Jesus to obliterate them. After chapter 10, attention turns to Old Testament people and stories not to cancel them, but to find in them encouragement for faithfulness to God. This does not seem to support a sense of replacing or getting rid of the old, especially when considering Paul's words in Romans 9-11.

For Some Afternoon Fun, Compare:

Hebrews 10.26-31

Romans 8.32-39

1 John 1.5-2.6

How are they similar? Where they are different, how do they interpret each other and work together?

Schedule At-A-Glance for November 5 – 12, 2023

Sunday, November 5 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour, preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, November 6

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 7

Caring Team meeting at church, 9 am

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 8

Elder Council, time & place tbd

Friday – Sunday, November 10-12

Bill & Allison at Pastor Spouse Retreat @ Deer Creek State Park

Sunday, November 12

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Danae King preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monthly Carry-In Meal, 12 noon

Coming Events:

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

December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Offering Report for Sunday, October 29, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$759.55

Compassion Fund: \$200.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,050.00

Mennonite Mission Network: \$50.00

Ohio Conference: \$250.00

Open Arms: \$100.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,000.00

College Matching: \$200.00

Austin Zuercher: \$300.00

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 182 meals on October 30th. This Monday, November 6th we will serve corn dog casserole.

The Caring Team is meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, 9 am at the church.

Women's Bible Study reminder. The last two Bible study dates will be on November 8 (studying Thread 11) and November 15 (studying Threads 12 and 13).

Prayer Time. Church Growth – The elders invite you to a time of prayer, specifically for our church to grow. Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20-21. As we

come together, in faith, we will discover how nothing is impossible for our Lord. Prayer time will be 8:45 am on November 5, 19 and 26. We will meet in the room under the balcony... If you are unable to attend in person, perhaps you can commit to spending time in prayer asking our Lord to open our doors for others to walk through so that they will know the love of our Lord and experience our Love Step in action.

2nd Sunday of the Monthly Carry-In. The November carry-in is Sunday, November 12th following Sunday School. Bring plenty of food to share and your own table service.

The November dollar project will be to support the Orrville Salvation Army's Christmas Food Basket Drive. Our congregation has been asked to provide 100 or more cans of ready-to-eat soups. Financial gifts may also be given to support the more than 100 Christmas food baskets to be distributed in the community. This dollar project will conclude November 26th and the next dollar project will begin in January.

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