



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for November 19, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs

### 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.

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him</i>	SJ 3
	<i>Over My Head</i>	SJ 18
	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>	SJ 19

### Responsive Reading Isaiah 2.2-5

Leader: In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains.

**Piano Side:** It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it.

*Offering Side:* Many nations will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God..."

**All:** *So that [the Lord] may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths.*" →

Leader: Instruction will come from Zion; the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

**Piano Side: God will judge between the nations and settle disputes of mighty nations.**

*Offering: Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools.*

**All: Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.**

Leader: Come, house of Jacob, let's walk by the Lord's light.

<b>Singing</b>	<i>We Will Walk with God</i>	SJ 78
	<i>Longing for Light</i>	SJ 54

<b>Offering Prayer</b>	<i>O God in Heaven</i>	SJ 53
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**Offering Song**

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

**Scripture** Hebrews 11.1-3, 13-16, 33a, 36a, 38-40, 12.1-2, 28-29

1 Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. 2 The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

3 By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

13 All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. 14 People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. 16 But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.→

33a Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, [and many other things.]

36a But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped [and worse].

38 The world didn't deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground. 39 All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. 40 God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us.

12.1 So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, 2 and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe, 29 because our God really is a consuming fire.

**Sermon**            *A Better Country*

**Song**                TBA

**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 Song**

**Sharing, Caring, and Prayer/Announcements**

# **Sermon Notes**

Hebrews 11-12

**Faith**

**Another City**

**Focus, Focus, Focus**

**Gratitude**

See also Colossians 3.17

Greeters, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz  
Usher, Josiah Bixler  
PA System Operator, Dan Jantzi  
Worship Nursery, Judy King  
Sunday School Nursery, Sandy Miller  
Sunday Morning Trustee (November), Willie Miller  
Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi  
Reader, Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrel

## **Schedule At-A-Glance for November 19 – 26, 2023**

Sunday, November 19

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

Monday, November 20

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 21

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 23

**Thanksgiving Day**, Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**  
Worship Service, **9:30 am**  
Bill Seymour preaching  
Sunday School, **10:45 am**

## **Offering Report for Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,104.00

Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$107.00

Rejoice Subscription payment: \$35.54

T Lind Memorial donation: \$40.00

## **Announcements**

***Our Daily Bread.*** *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets for December through February are available by the mailboxes.

**November Dollar Project.** The dollar project is supporting the Orrville Salvation Army's Christmas Food Basket Drive.

**Monday Meals Announcement.** We served 205 meals on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will serve homemade meatballs with noodles and sauce (not sure if it will be gravy or red sauce), a vegetable, and garlic bread.

**Monday Meals will be taking the holiday season off and after this Monday,** we won't serve again until January 8, 2024. This decision was made by the Monday Meal leaders with the support of our OMC Elder Council. The primary reason is because we only have funding for a couple more meals at this time and want to allow some giving to come in. The holiday season is a good time for us to take off because there are so many other organizations giving away food and we feel like we can take a break now without causing distress for anyone.

**Winners of Emmett's Carry-In Dessert Contest!** Last Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at our monthly carry-in lunch, Emmett Andreasen sampled every single one of the plethora of amazing desserts! He did some sleuthing to figure out who made his top three desserts, and then announced the winners to the room. He asked if we could recognize the winners in the bulletin this Sunday so everyone could see whose desserts were the best ones. In order, his top 3 were: Peanut Butter Fingers by Jen Bixler, Apple Pie by Jeanne Jantzi, and Pumpkin Roll by Nancy Hostetler.

**Christmas Carols!!!!** You're invited to a Carol Sing at Orrville Mennonite Church, **Sunday, December 10** at 6pm, with cookies and cocoa afterward! A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Monday Meals program, which serves about 200 people per week. All ages and abilities welcome!

**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 designated Sunday mornings. 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.

**OMC Church Directory Update. It's time for a pictorial church directory update! \*If you'd like to have a picture taken following worship this Sunday, please meet at the front of the sanctuary after the sharing and prayer time.** Please send any changes or corrections for 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! 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 Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Looking Ahead – upcoming events with some questions that we will discuss after worship this Sunday:**

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| <b>December 3</b>  | First Sunday of Advent   |
| <b>December 10</b> | Carol Sing, Cookies and Cocoa at OMC, 6 pm<br><i>Do we still want to have a lunch carry-in?</i>  |
| <b>December 24</b> | Regular Worship Service, 9:30 am<br>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm<br>Evening Open House at the Seymour's, 7:15  |
| <b>December 31</b> | <i>Maybe we could have a later worship service (no Sunday School) with hymn sing and reflection time? Maybe Bill could make lunch?</i>                                   |
| <b>January 7</b>   | Combined Worship Service at Oak Grove, 10 am. Lunch following.   |
| <b>January 10</b>  | First of 5 monthly Wednesday suppers and Bible Studies with our Six Church Group. This first one is at Orrville Mennonite. They will be on the second Wednesdays of each |

month through May. More information will come next week.

**January 14**

Our normal worship, Sunday school, and carry-in meal.

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