



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for November 26, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs

What is This Place

WB 1

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy WB 145

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 Selections from Hebrews

Leader: In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways.

Offering Side: In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him.

All: God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword.

Leader: It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions.

All: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts. →

Leader: Jesus was made like his brothers and sisters in every way. This was so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in things relating to God, in order to wipe away the sins of the people.

Piano Side: Jesus is able to help those who are being tempted, since he himself experienced suffering when he was tempted.

Women: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts

Men: Let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

Women: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts.

Leader: And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds.

Piano Side: Don't stop meeting together with other believers.

Offering Side: Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

Leader: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts.

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

Offering Side: 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.

All: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts

Women: Strengthen your drooping hands and weak knees!

Men: Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts

Leader: Pursue the goal of peace along with everyone—and holiness as well, because no one will see the Lord without it.

All: Make sure that no one misses out on God's grace.

Today, if you hear his voice, don't have stubborn hearts

Leader: Keep loving each other like family.

All: We must pay more attention to what we have heard, or else we may drift away from it. Today, we hear God's voice. We won't have stubborn hearts.

Singing

What Wonderful Love is This

WB 530

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

WB 151

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Lord of All Good

SJ 60

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

Scripture Hebrews 12.1b-2, 13.11-16

12.1b Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, 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.

11 The blood of the animals is carried into the holy of holies by the high priest as an offering for sin, and their bodies are burned outside the camp. 12 And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy with his own blood.

13 So now, let's go to him outside the camp, bearing his shame.

14 We don't have a permanent city here, but rather we are looking for the city that is still to come.

15 So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. 16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Sermon

Shame

Song

Shepherd Me, O God

WB 519

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

Hebrews 13.20-21

Sharing, Caring, and Prayer/Announcements

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 13

Today, we finish our quick walk through the Book of Hebrews.

In this book, we are told to strengthen our drooping hands and weak knees, to remember who Jesus is, to remember who we are, and to “get back in the game” – to throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and to fix our eyes on Jesus. God is serious and we are to help each other along the way to be faithful. God has given everything to provide for us because God loves us and fights for us. And God expects us to be faithful. This all happens in Jesus, who is the way God speaks to us now, is the perfect representation of God, is God, is the everything. So, no more slacking. Get moving.

Greeter, Jan Kauffman

Usher, Judy King

PA System Operator, Virgil Troyer

Worship Nursery, Marilyn Kamp; SS Nursery, Jan and Rollie Kauffman
Sunday Morning Trustee (November), Willie Miller
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Rollie Kauffman
Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 182 meals on November 20th and gave 4 more away on Tuesday. Monday Meals will be taking the holiday season off, and we won't serve again until Jan. 8, 2024.

Short-term mission project. Marion and Jane Beyeler will be participating in a short-term mission project in Texas from November 27 – December 17. They will be on a farm near San Antonio where two immigrant families live. They will be working on some construction and painting projects, putting together nature backpacks, building an outdoor weaving loom, and getting upstairs bedrooms ready for more transient immigrants.

Advent begins on December 3. We will be using the Advent-Epiphany materials from *The Leader*, our Anabaptist worship magazine. This year's series focuses on the question, "How will we know?"

Women's Pancake Breakfast. Lou Erb is hosting the breakfast at their home on Saturday, December 9th at 8:30 am. All women are invited, and you can bring a friend. You are welcome to bring a little something to add to the breakfast. Please let Lou know if you are planning to come.

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!

The November Dollar Project supports the Orrville Salvation Army's Christmas Food Basket Drive. This dollar project concludes today, and the next dollar project will begin in January.

January 2024 Worship and Fellowship Series. Beginning January 7, with a combined worship service at Oak Grove Mennonite, we will be in a series call, ***The Jesus Way***, looking at Anabaptist Faith and Practice. Herald Press has a series of 10 books, focused around questions of faith and practice, called *The Jesus Way, Little Books of Radical Faith*. There will be a printed insert in the bulletins this Sunday. An order sheet for the books is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Schedule At-A-Glance for Nov 26 – Dec 3, 2023

Sunday, November 26

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Wednesday, November 27

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 3 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Coffee time before worship

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for Sunday, November 19, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,975.00

Compassion Fund: \$100.00

Austin Zuercher: \$540.00

Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$75.61

Looking Ahead

- December 9** Women's Pancake Breakfast at Lou Erb's, 8:30 am
- December 10** Carol Sing, Cookies & Cocoa at OMC, 6 pm
- December 24** Regular Worship Service, 9:30 am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm
Open House at the Seymour's, 7:15 pm
- December 31** Brunch at 9:15am
Worship and hymn sing at Maple Terrace, 10:45 am
- January 7** Combined Worship Service at Oak Grove, 10 am. Lunch following.
- January 10** 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.
- January 14** Our normal Worship, Sunday School, and Carry-In meal.

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