



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for January 28, 2024

### Welcome

<b>Singing</b>	<i>I Owe The Lord A Morning Song</i>	WB 651
	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	WB 366

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                      1 Corinthians 12.12-27

Leader: Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many.

**All: *We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.***

Leader: Certainly the body isn't one part but many. "If the foot says,

**Piano Side: "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand,"**

Leader: does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says,

**Offering Side: "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye,"**

Leader: does that mean it's not part of the body?

**Piano Side: If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing?**

**Offering Side: And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? →**

Leader: But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body?

**All: ...There are many parts but one body.**

*Offering Side: So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."*

**Piano Side: Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary.**

*Offering Side: The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most.*

**Piano Side: The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity.**

Leader: The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this.

**All: But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor**

Leader: so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other.

**All: If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. 27 [We] are the body of Christ and parts of each other.**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Rain Down</i>	SJ 49
	<i>One is the Body</i>	SJ 72

### **Offering Prayer**

All are invited to come forward with gifts and offerings as we sing.

Regular Offering

My Coins Count (water projects around the world)

Dollar Project (Salvation Army Severe Weather Shelter)

<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	WB 311
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**Scripture** Acts 2.38-47

38 Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away→

—as many as the Lord our God invites.” 40 With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Those who accepted Peter’s message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. 42 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. 43 A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything. 45 They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. 46 Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. 47 They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

**Sermon**                      *Practice, Practice, Practice*

**Song**                              *Beloved, God’s Chosen*                              SJ 38

**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**

Usher, Judy King  
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi  
Song Leader, Jeanne Jantzi                              Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter  
Reader, Lou Erb  
Sharing and Prayer, Barb Shilling  
Greeters Today, Lois Yoder      Next Sunday, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz  
Worship Nursery, Danae King                              Next Sunday, Sandy Miller  
Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Kamp                              Next Sunday, Kauffmans  
Sunday Morning Trustee (January), Stan Kamp

## Sermon Notes

### What is the Church and Why Does It Exist?

1. Genesis 1                      God's Creation. Unity
2. Genesis 11                     Scattered, numerous people, disunity
3. Genesis 12.1-3                A people of God, through whom  
God will bless the world.
4. Matthew 16.16-19            Built On the Rock of the Christ, the  
Risen Savior of the World.
5. Acts 2.1-4, 42-47             Spirit Led, engaging in practices
6. 1 Cor. 12.12, 14, 27         Parts of Each Other
7. Ephesians 2.11-22            A People of God, welcoming people  
from the scattered, chaotic, world.

The Church, The Gathered Community of Jesus Followers, Engages together in **Practices**

**Acts 2.38-47**

**Hebrews 10:25**

**Why?**

## Announcements

**Offering Envelopes available by mailboxes.** Please sign your name on the yellow card and put it in the box.

**2023 year-end giving statements** are in your church mailboxes.

**Updated OMC Church Directories** are in your church mailboxes. Let Jan know if you need extra copies!

### **Worship and Fellowship Series – *The Jesus Way***

Along with Oak Grove, Crown Hill, and Wooster Mennonite Churches, we are in a sermon series called, *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*. Last week, we took a look at the Trinity. This Sunday, January 28, we will look at – *What is the Church and why does it exist?* The next Wednesday Supper and Bible Study will be at **Wooster Mennonite Church from 6-8 pm, February 14.**

**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 times will be 8:45 a.m. every other Sunday.** 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 Prayer in action. The next prayer time will be **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**An invitation!** Please consider parking on the side of the church and entering through the front door of the church if you are willing and able. It's another way to make the front of our building more open and inviting to our community.

**Coffee time!** Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available upstairs in the church beginning at 9:00 am. Please consider coming earlier than 9:30 so you have some time to sit and enjoy a cup before the service begins at 9:30. There will be a place for coats in the overflow in addition to the row of hooks near the elevator and the coat rack near the library.

**Monday Meals.** This past Monday, January 22, we served 110 meals. This week, we will serve chicken and goop over noodles, with a vegetable and a cherry panic cake.

**January's Dollar Project.** Today is the last Sunday for giving to our January project which will be directed to the Wooster Severe Weather Shelter. The shelter is headed by the 501c3 organization called Homeward Bound. Pete and Lou Erb have volunteered for the past 2 years at the shelter. Donations are needed for the shelter rent as well as for necessary items like gloves, hats, hygiene kits, and socks.

## **Schedule At-A-Glance for January 28 – Feb 4, 2024**

Sunday, January 28

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, January 29

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 1

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Sunday, February 4

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

## **Offering Report for Sunday, January 21, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,949.00

Compassion Fund: \$150.00

Monday Meals: \$4,100.00

Open Arms: \$60.00

Austin Zuercher: \$40.00

Dollar Project (Wayne Co Shelter): 96.00

Miscellaneous: \$92.00

## **Looking Ahead**

**February 11** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Carry-In Lunch following Sunday School

**February 14** 6:00-8:00 pm – Six Church Supper and Bible Study  
at Wooster Mennonite Church

**March 1 & 2** 55<sup>th</sup> Ohio Annual Conference Assembly, Sharon MC

**March 8 & 9** Ohio MCC Comforter Bash, Fairlawn MC

**April 3** Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

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