



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for February 11, 2024

Welcome

Singing

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

WB 582

Could It Be That God is Singing

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Voices Together #42

The lamps will be lit during the opening songs.

Lighting these lamps, we remember:

- Our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- Our laments.
- Our thanksgivings.
- The hope we have together in Christ.

Responsive Reading

John 1.1-10, 14, 18

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

Piano Side: and the Word was with God

Offering Side: and the Word was God.

All: The Word was with God in the beginning.

Leader: Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.

Piano Side: What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

Offering Side: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

Leader: A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that ... everyone would believe in the light. [John] wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

Piano Side: The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. →

Offering Side: The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his home among us.

All: *We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

Leader: No one has ever seen God.

All: *God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.*

Scripture Hebrews 1.1-3

1 In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. 2 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. 3 The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty.

Singing *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need** WB 589
 *Teach Me Thy Truth** WB 548

Receiving Skylar Lofty into Membership

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 (Austin and Griselda Zuercher)

Offering Song *Lord of All Good* SJ 60

Scripture Colossians 1.15-17

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,
 the one who is first over all creation,

16 Because all things were created by him:

 both in the heavens and on the earth,

 the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. →

Worship Nursery, Jeanne Jantzi
Next Sunday, Judy King
Sunday School Nursery, Kathy Troyer
Next Sunday, Jan and Rollie Kauffman
Sunday Morning Trustee (2/11), Stan Kamp

Announcements

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 church – a gathered community of Jesus followers who spur one another on to good works and are used by God to bless the world. This Sunday, February 11, we begin two weeks of looking at the Bible. We'll follow material from the book, *What is the Bible and How Do We Understand It?* By Dennis R. Edwards.

Wednesday Supper and Bible Study, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Wednesday, February 14. Wooster Mennonite Church

From Pastor Jacob Dodson:

Join us on Feb. 14 for a meal, Bible Study, and panel discussion on interpreting scripture featuring pastors Doug, Bill, Dan, and Thomas. We'll reflect on how the Jerusalem Council navigated tradition vs. new realities, the weight given to scripture passages, and how Acts 15 informs our approach today.

There will be time for small group Bible study on questions like:
What role does the Holy Spirit play in guiding interpretation?
How do we balance historical context with modern application?
What pitfalls should we avoid when using the Bible for decisions?
How can the Church ensure interpretations are faithful yet relevant?

Come share your questions, insights and concerns as we explore together the implications for Christian faith and practice. All are welcome!

This morning we are very thankful to be receiving Skylar Lofty into our church membership!

Also, this Sunday, February 11th is our monthly carry-in Sunday.

Please bring plenty of food to share and your own table service. Please plan to stay to discuss and provide feedback regarding the draft of Ohio Conference's Strategic Plan (see announcement below).

Monday Meals. This past Monday, February 4, we served 149 meals. This week, February 12, we will serve roast pork loin and mashed potatoes. We'll need two or three potato peelers again this Monday, at 2:00 pm.

February/March Dollar Project. The \$Project for the month of February and the first two Sundays of March will support Austin and Griselda Zuercher in God's ministries in Honduras. This is the second year of our commitment to this couple in ministry there. We are committed to \$500, and anything given above that amount will also go to them for their financial support.

Lunch and Conversation – Sunday, February 11, 2024. Our Ohio Conference has been working on a strategic plan for the last couple of years. Each congregation is being asked to discuss the plan and give feedback before our Ohio Conference gathering on March 1-2. We will use our monthly carry-in meal for our feedback session. Copies of these documents are in your church mailboxes.

Women's Breakfast – Saturday, February 17th. Women's breakfast at Lou Erb's will take place on February 17, starting at 8:30. Some kind of egg casserole will be served. Feel free to add to the meal or not. Please let her know if you can make it and if you are bringing a guest. Hope to see you there!

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 8:45am 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 is this **Sunday, February 25th.**

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.

Offering Report for Sunday, February 4, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,085.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Dollar Project (Austin and Griselda Zuercher): \$33.00

Dollar Project (Severe Weather Shelter): \$100.00

Schedule At-A-Glance for February 11 – 18, 2024

Sunday, February 11

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monthly Carry-In Meal, **12 noon**

Conversation about Ohio Conference Strategic Plan

Monday, February 12

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 14 **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday Supper & Bible Study

at Wooster Mennonite Church, 6 – 8 pm

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 15

K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon at LaVonne Amstutz's

Saturday, February 17

Women's Breakfast at Lou Erb's, 8:30 am

Sunday, February 18

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

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Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Looking Ahead

March 1 & 2 55th Ohio Annual Conference Assembly
at Sharon Mennonite Church

March 8 & 9 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash
at Fairlawn Mennonite Church

April 3 Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

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