



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Singing	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus*</i>	WB 150
	<i>Lord, I Want To Be a Christian*</i>	WB 444

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 3.3, 5-6, 13-17*

Leader: Jesus [said], "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom." "...Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom.

Piano Side: Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Offering Side: No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One.

Leader: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

All: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life.

Offering Side: God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world,

Piano Side: But that the world might be saved through him.

Singing *Joy to the World* WB 318
 When Peace, Like a River WB 336

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me** WB 439

Scripture Colossians 2.6-15

6 So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. 7 Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. 8 See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. 9 All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. 10 And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. 12 You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. 14 He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. 15 When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

Sermon *Why Did Jesus Die?*

Song *Amazing Grace*, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6 WB 143

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

Songs and Scriptures with an “*” are favorites of Louise Bowers, whose birthday we celebrate Saturday, Feb. 24.

Usher, Judy King

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Reader, Nancy Hostetler

Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Greeters Today, Liz Snyder, Barb & John Shilling

Next Sunday, Pete and Lou Erb

Worship Nursery, Sky Lofty

Next Sunday, Marilyn Kamp

Sunday School Nursery, Pete and Lou Erb

Next Sunday, Dan Jantzi

Sunday Morning Trustee, Stan Kamp

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. This Sunday we will begin two weeks of looking at the Atonement. The book is *Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does It Make?* by Michele Hershberger, professor at Hesston College. We will also include material from the book, *Who Was Jesus and What Does It Mean to Follow Him*, by Nancy Elizabeth Bedford. This latter book will not receive two weeks of its own, instead being used throughout to augment the other material.

Sermon Notes

Colossians 2.6-15 *Why Did Jesus Die?*

Be rooted, built up in Christ
Be established in faith in Christ
Overflow with thanksgiving in Christ

All the fullness of God dwells in Christ.
And you are filled with Christ.

Jesus submitted to our death so that we could participate in his resurrection.

There's a parade????

Announcements

Monday Meals. This past Monday, February 19, Martins Mennonite served 100 meals. This Monday, we will be serving chicken noodle soup with a bag of fresh veggies and a roll.

February/March Dollar 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. Thank you for your generosity.

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 **Sunday, March 10th.**

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.

Schedule At-A-Glance for February 25 – Mar 3, 2024

Sunday, February 25

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, February 26

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Friday – Saturday, March 1 & 2

Annual Conference Assembly at Sharon Mennonite Church

Sunday, March 3

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for Sunday, February 18, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,536.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$102.00

Looking Ahead

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

March 10 Daylight Saving Time
Monthly Carry-In Meal at OMC

March 13 2nd Wednesday Supper & Bible Study
at Crown Hill MC

March 24 Palm Sunday

March 28 Maundy Thursday Service

March 31

Easter Sunday

April 3

Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

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