



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Singing *Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song* WB 29
 Come, Now is the Time to Worship SJ 10

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 Matthew 5.1-8, 13a, 38-39, 42-48

Leader: "Happy are people who are hopeless,

Piano Side: because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Leader: "Happy are people who grieve,

Offering Side: because they will be made glad.

Leader: "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

All: "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

Offering Side: "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

Men: "Happy are people who have pure hearts,

Women: because they will see God.

All: "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

Leader: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? →

Piano Side: “You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Offering Side: But I say to you that you must not oppose those who want to hurt you. If people slap you on your right cheek, you must turn the left cheek to them as well.

All: Give to those who ask, and don't refuse those who wish to borrow from you.

Leader: “You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

All: But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven.

Leader: [God] makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Piano Side: If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?

Offering Side: Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same?

All: Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

Singing	<i>Faith of the Martyrs</i>	WB 413
	<i>And is the Gospel Peace and Love</i>	WB 406

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, Thou Dost Love, vs 1 and 4* WB 387

Scripture Luke 9.23-27

23 Jesus said to everyone, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. 24 All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. 25 What advantage →

do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. 27 I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see God's kingdom."

Sermon *Enemies and Protection*

Song A Hymn for Loving Those Who Hate Us
 Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us
 Words in bulletin

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, Josiah Bixler

PA Operator, Virgil Troyer

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Rollie Kauffman

Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Greeters Today, Bev Squirrel, Mark & Jen Bixler

Next Sunday, Amber Andreasen and Children

Worship Nursery, Sky Lofty

Next Sunday, Judy King

Sunday School Nursery, Kathy Troyer

Next Sunday, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Sunday Morning Trustee, Ken Wenger

Sermon Notes, March 10, 2024

Enemies and Protection

*Proverbs 3.5-6, Matthew 5, Luke 9.23-27; 12.2-3, Romans 5.8-10
Joshua 1:9, Ecclesiastes 12.13-14*

Enemies

We were once God's enemies, and God chose to love us.
Romans 5.10

Loving enemies requires a vision greater than our reality.
Hebrews 11

Loving enemies requires trust in God.
Proverbs 3.5-7, John
14, 17, Hebrews 11

Loving Enemies pushes evil into the light, so the light can
consume it.
Luke 12.2-3,
Colossians 2,
Matthew 5, John 1

Loving Enemies doesn't need to "work."
Joshua 1.9,
Ecclesiastes 12.13-14

Announcements

We express sincere sympathies to Tim, Missy, Marianne and Rose, in the passing of mother and grandmother, Charlene Short. A donation has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Charlene's memory.

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*. This Sunday we begin a couple of weeks with the question, "Who are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them?" We'll include information from the book of the same name by Hyung Jin Kim Sun.

Monday Meals

This past Monday, March 4, we served 113 meals. This Monday, March 11, Oak Grove's Jr. Youth will help us to prepare and serve fajitas. However, they won't be here in time to cut up all the peppers. We could use 3 people to help. If you would like to chop, but can't come in the early afternoon Monday, Bill has some peppers in the church building that you can bring home to cut up – returning them to church by 1:00 pm on Monday.

Monthly Carry-In Meal. All are welcome to stay for the carry-in meal following Sunday School today!

Women's Breakfast at Lou Erb's. Women's Breakfast is coming up **Saturday, March 23rd, 8:30 am** at Lou Erb's. French Toast casserole will be served. Please let Lou know if you can make it. You are encouraged to bring a friend along who doesn't attend OMC.

February/March Dollar Project. Today is the final Sunday for the \$Project giving to Austin and Griselda Zuercher. Thank you for your generosity. **The next Dollar Project, which begins April 7th will be for Love INC.** Stay tuned for more information.

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.

Combined Palm Sunday Service. Akron Swahili, Crown Hill, Orrville, and Wooster Mennonite Churches will gather on March 24 for a combined Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 am in Wooster. The service will include singing, prayer, and scripture in English and Swahili. A carry-in meal will follow the service in the fellowship center. Wooster Mennonite Church will provide chicken and red potatoes. Other participants are encouraged to bring side dishes. Here is the YouTube link for the service: <https://youtube.com/live/7dpCrERa8Dc>

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. We will have our next prayer time sometime after Easter.

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.

Schedule At-A-Glance for March 10 – 17, 2024

Sunday, March 10 **4th Sunday of Lent**

Prayer Time, **8:45 am**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

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

Monday, March 11

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13

Axis Youth Group, 7:00 pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite

2nd Wednesday Supper & Bible Study at Crown Hill MC

Sunday, March 17 **5th Sunday of Lent**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for Sunday, March 3, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,801.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$169.59

Looking Ahead

March 20 Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am

March 21 K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon

Elder Council Meeting, 3:30 pm

March 24 **Palm Sunday** – combined service
at Wooster Mennonite at 10:30 am

Pastor Benaya, from Akron Swahili

Mennonite Church, will be preaching

March 27 **Maundy Thursday**, 6 pm

Soup Supper and footwashing/communion

March 31

Easter Sunday

7:00 am; Sunrise Service at Ramseyer Farm

8:00 am; Breakfast here at Orrville Mennonite

9:30 am; Worship

April 3

Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

April 10

2nd Wednesday Supper & Bible Study at Oak Grove

A Hymn for Loving Those Who Hate Us
Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Christ, your words of love confound us,
even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem
so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us?
How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us?
How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action,
not a feeling that uplifts. In each daily situation,
love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person
who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption;
love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us,
make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless
but to stand with dignity.
Lord, when others are demanding,
may we know they matter more than
our money or possessions. →

May we share, not keeping score.
If we love just those who love us,
where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even sinners try to do this;
they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, Lord, unto others
as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action.
May we love, and make things new.

Biblical Reference: Luke 6:27-38; Matthew 5:38-48; I Corinthians 13

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Luke 6:27

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