



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

April 14, 2024

Welcome

Singing

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

WB 582

*This is My Father's World**

WB 154

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, 5-8, 13-16*

Proverbs 3.5-6*

Leader: Jesus [said], "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

All: "... unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom.

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

Piano Side: Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.'

Offering Side: God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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

Piano Side: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up. →

Offering Side: 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.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence.

All: Know [the Lord] in all your paths, and [God] will keep your ways straight.

Singing *When We Walk With the Lord* WB 544

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?* WB 307

Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, My Coins Count and the April Dollar Project (Love INC of Wayne County)

Scripture Romans 12.14 - 13.7

14 Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. 16 Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. 17 Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

18 If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. 19 Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. 20 Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head. 21 Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

13.1 Every person should place themselves under the authority of the government. There isn't any authority unless it comes from God, and the authorities that are there have been put in place →

by God. 2 So anyone who opposes the authority is standing against what God has established. People who take this kind of stand will get punished. 3 The authorities don't frighten people who are doing the right thing. Rather, they frighten people who are doing wrong. Would you rather not be afraid of authority? Do what's right, and you will receive its approval. 4 It is God's servant given for your benefit. But if you do what's wrong, be afraid because it doesn't have weapons to enforce the law for nothing. It is God's servant put in place to carry out his punishment on those who do what is wrong. 5 That is why it is necessary to place yourself under the government's authority, not only to avoid God's punishment but also for the sake of your conscience. 6 You should also pay taxes for the same reason, because the authorities are God's assistants, concerned with this very thing. 7 So pay everyone what you owe them. Pay the taxes you owe, pay the duties you are charged, give respect to those you should respect, and honor those you should honor.

Message *Faith and Politics (yikes!)*

Singing *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** WB 285

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 Song *Praise God From Whom** WB 118

**Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring
Announcements**

Songs with an "*" are favorites of John Kauffman,
whose April 8 birthday we celebrate today.

Greeter, Mark Bixler
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Readers, Virg and Kathy Troyer
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrel

Worship Nursery Care, Judy King
Next Sunday, Sky Lofty
Sunday School Nursery Care, Sandy Miller
Next Sunday, Kathy Troyer

Announcements

Monday Meals. We are back in action this week, Monday, April 15. We'll be serving chicken and broccoli cheesy casserole. So far, in 2024, we have averaged 140 meals per Monday over 11 Mondays. This is down from the average of 169 in the first quarter of 2023.

Spring Congregational Meeting is this Wednesday, April 17th. Please prepare by reading the minutes from the Fall Congregational Meeting and the Agenda for April 17. Hope to see you there!

April Dollar Project. This month's Dollar Project donations will go to **Love INC of Wayne County.**

2nd Sunday Carry-In Fellowship Meal, today! All are invited to stay for lunch!

The Cantate Singers present *Show Me the Way*, Sunday, April 14th, 4 pm. All are welcome to attend *Show Me the Way* at Kidron Mennonite Church, 3987 Kidron Road, Apple Creek, Ohio. The Cantate is directed by Laurel M. Labbe; accompanied by Ken Shafer; Cello, Max Miyashita; Flute, Cara & Kyle Krstolic. OMC folks Marilyn & Hank Rossiter, and Jane Beyeler are participating.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, April 17th in OMC Fellowship Hall,
7:30 am

K Ladies Lunch, Thursday, April 18th 12:00 noon

Hiatus for the Devotionals. Devotions will return on Monday,
April 29.

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, April 14th, we continue the series with *What is the Kingdom of God and What Does Citizenship Look like?* By César Garcia.

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 April 14 – 21, 2024

Sunday, April 14

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monthly Carry-In meal, **12:00 pm**

Monday, April 15

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Wednesday, April 17

Men's Breakfast at OMC, 7:30 am

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Spring Congregational Meeting, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 18

K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon

Thursday – Sunday, April 18 – 21

Bill and Allison out of town for Gregory and Chelsea's wedding

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Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for Sunday, April 7, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,364.55

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund (Pete Erb memorials): \$250.00

Dollar Project (Love INC): \$40.00

Looking Ahead

April 26 Stand Up Comedy Show Fundraiser for Open Arms
Hispanic Ministry at Grace Church in Berlin, 7 pm

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Romans 12.9 - 13.10

Faith and Politics (double yikes!!)

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Defeat evil with good (12.21)

Hate evil and hold on to what is good (12.10)

Feed your hungry enemy (12.20)

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