

# **Orrville Mennonite Church**

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# Worship Order for April 30, 2023

Welcome

**Gathering Songs** Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken WB 619\*

I Stand Amazed in the Presence WB 528\*

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** from John 3.3-17\*

Leader: Unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see

God's kingdom.

Piano Side: How can we be reborn?

Coffee Side: Surely we can't go back into our mother's womb? Leader: To enter God's Kingdom, we must be born of both water

and the Spirit.

**Piano Side:** Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Coffee Side: Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Leader: We must be born anew. God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. We hear its sound, but we don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

All: This is so hard to understand.

Leader: Jesus is the one who says, ..."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."  $\rightarrow$ 

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. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Singing When We Walk with the Lord WB 544\*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee WB 565\*

Mission Moment Open Arms Kathy Troyer and

Pablo Delgado

Offering Prayer Lord of All Good STJ 60
Offering Song

Today is a Fifth Sunday Missions Offering opportunity.

Come forward during the offertory and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering and My Coins Count and the Dollar Project.

#### Scripture Luke 24.13-35

13 On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. 15 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. 16 They were prevented from recognizing him.

17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

18 The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

19 He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. 20 But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. →

22 But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. 26 Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

33 They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" 35 Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

MessageWe Had HopedDanae KingSingingThine Be the GloryWB 269

#### 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 some of Larry Gerber's favorites. We celebrate his birthday today, which was Friday.

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Nursery Care (Worship), Rose Short
Nursery Care, (Sunday School), Kathy and Virg Troyer
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Reader, Megan Sohar
Sharing and Prayer, Marion Beyeler

#### **Announcements**

**Monday Meals.** We served 219 meals last week. Tomorrow, Monday, May 8, we will be serving chicken fajitas. We could use 4-6 people in the afternoon to prepare the sour cream, cheese, salsa, and tortillas.

Axis Youth Group. We are going to serve with SWAP this summer – still at the Kimball location, where Peg and Lee Martin are Site Coordinators. We are currently evaluating our budget and will plan another fundraiser or two between now and then. We will be leaving on Monday, July 3 and will return for Sunday morning worship on July 9, which we are hoping is a 6 Church picnic day, hosted by Salem Wooster. Thank you for prayers for health, safety, and transformation.

**Fifth Sunday Mission Offering.** This Sunday, April 30, the offerings received will be given to our congregation's wider mission partners as each giver designates. This is the **second of five Sunday offerings** this year (2023) that have been dedicated to empowering others to do mission on our behalf. As of the beginning of January 2023 we gave approximately \$3,985.00 to the wider missions of the Mennonite Church (MMN, MCC, Ohio Conference, Open Arms, etc.) and the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund through our offerings. In addition, we gave \$50.00 to Central Christian School's Fair Balance Tuition Fund.

Thank you for making the 2023 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a great success! We surpassed our goal and knotted a total of 220 comforters thanks to the help of 240 volunteers on Friday and 135 volunteers on Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world. Save the date for next year's event on March 8-9, 2024, at a new location at Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek.

#### Offering Report for April 23, 2023

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,178.00

Compassion Fund: \$250.00

Axis Fundraiser Meal: \$1,270.00

Axis Youth Group: \$70.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$332.00

## Schedule At a Glance for April 30 – May 7, 2023

Sunday, April 30

Worship, 9:30 am

Danae King preaching

Moment in Mission – Pablo Delgado and Kathy Troyer Sunday School, **10:45 am** 

Monday, May 1 Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

# Tuesday, May 2 Memorial Service for Elizabeth Owolabi at OMC, 5 pm

Wednesday, May 3
Elder Council, 3:45 pm via Zoom
Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 4
Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Saturday, May 6
Elder Retreat at Lou Erb's

Sunday, May 7 Worship, **9:30 am** Sunday School, **10:45 am** 

# **Coming Events:**

July 3 – 9
 July 9
 6-Church Worship/Picnic to hear from Axis Youth
 July 7,8
 Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope (new location!)

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