



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for May 21, 2023

### Welcome

**Gathering Songs**      *Praise God From Whom*      WB 118\*  
   *Jesus Stand Among Us*      WB 25

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 Ecclesiastes 12.1-7\*  
   and 2 Corinthians 4.16-18\*

Leader: Remember your creator in your prime, before the days of trouble arrive, and those years, about which you'll say, "I take no pleasure in these" —

*Coffee Side: It is good to remember our Creator before the sun and the light grow dark, the moon and the stars too, before the clouds return after the rain;*

**Piano Side: It is also good to remember our Creator on the day when the housekeepers tremble and the strong men stoop;**

*Coffee Side: And when the women who grind stop working because they're so few, and those who look through the windows grow dim;*

**Piano Side: We remember our Creator when the doors to the street are shut, when the sound of the mill fades, the sound of the bird rises, and all the singers come down low;**

**All: We remember our Creator when people are afraid of things above and there are terrors along the way; →**

Leader: Remember your Creator when the almond tree blanches, the locust droops, and the caper-berry comes to nothing;

**All: *We remember our Creator when the human goes to the eternal abode, with mourners all around in the street;***

Leader: Remember the Creator as we near the time when the silver cord snaps and the gold bowl shatters; as we near the time when the jar is broken at the spring and the wheel is crushed at the pit;

**All: *We remember our Creator before our dust returns to the earth as it was before and before our life-breath returns to God who gave it.***

Leader: So we aren't depressed as we age and grow nearer to the grave.

**Piano Side: Even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day.**

*Coffee Side: Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison.*

Leader: Remembering our Creator, don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen.

**All: *We praise Creator God, Redeemer of all things, and we know that things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal.***

Singing *In the Bulb* WB 614\*

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song** *For the Beauty of the Earth* WB 89

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

**Scripture** 1 Peter 3.1-9

3 Wives, likewise, submit to your own husbands. Do this so that even if some of them refuse to believe the word, they may be won without a word by their wives' way of life. 2 After all, they will have observed the reverent and holy manner of your lives. →

3 Don't try to make yourselves beautiful on the outside, with stylish hair or by wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Instead, make yourselves beautiful on the inside, in your hearts, with the enduring quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This type of beauty is very precious in God's eyes. 5 For it was in this way that holy women who trusted in God used to make themselves beautiful, accepting the authority of their own husbands. 6 For example, Sarah accepted Abraham's authority when she called him master. You have become her children when you do good and don't respond to threats with fear.

7 Husbands, likewise, submit by living with your wife in ways that honor her, knowing that she is the weaker partner. Honor her all the more, as she is also a coheir of the gracious care of life. Do this so that your prayers won't be hindered.

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, sympathetic, lovers of your fellow believers, compassionate, and modest in your opinion of yourselves. 9 Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing in return. You were called to do this so that you might inherit a blessing.

**Message**      *Life Witness*

**Singing**      *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*      WB 5

**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 LaVonne Amstutz’s favorites. We celebrate her birthday today, which was Wednesday.

Greeter, Nancy Hostetler  
Usher, Josiah Bixler  
Nursery Care (Worship), Judy King  
Nursery Care, (Sunday School), Danae King  
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler  
Reader, Sandy Miller  
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrel

## **Announcements**

**Monday Meals.** We served 150 tomato soup meals on Monday, May 15. This coming Monday, we are serving chicken and rice casserole, with carrots, and homemade desserts from the Andreassen’s, in honor of Violet’s birthday.

**It’s Banner Painting Day!!!!** This Sunday, May 21, we will start making 2 banners for Pentecost. Your part is placing a handprint on the banners. We’ll have a couple stations ready for you to dip your hand in paint and place it on a banner and then wipe your hand off. We’ll do it again on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – before worship – and will hoist the banners during worship on May 28, which is Pentecost.

**Copies of *Our Daily Bread*** for June, July and Augusts are available by the mailboxes.

**Axis Youth Group.** We are going to serve with SWAP this summer at the Kimball location, where Peg and Lee Martin are Site Coordinators. We will be leaving on Monday, July 3 and will return for Sunday morning worship on July 9. Final plans for Sunday worship are still in the making. Thank you for prayers for health, safety, and transformation.

## **Offering Report for May 14, 2023**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,244.00

Monday Meals: \$35.00

Ohio Conference: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$100.00

MCUSA Peace & Justice: \$50.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$29.00

Anabaptist World: \$39.00

Beth Owolabi Memorial Meal: \$165.00

## **Schedule At a Glance for May 21 – 28, 2023**

Sunday, May 21

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, May 22

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 23

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 24

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Open Arms Kids' Camp Volunteer Meeting, 7 pm

Sunday, May 28

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

## **Coming Events:**

July 3 – 9      Axis Youth Group serving with SWAP, Kimball, KY

July 9          Worship (Axis Youth share about mission trip)

July 7,8        Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope (new location!)

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