



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for September 3, 2023

### Welcome

**Gathering Songs** *You Are Holy, You are Whole* (on screen)  
*Voices Together, #61*  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* WB 327

The lamps will be lit during the opening songs.

- As we light this lamp, we remember:
- Our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- Our laments.
- Our thanksgivings.
- The hope we have together in Christ.

**Responsive Reading** A weaving of Psalm 119.33-41 and  
Romans 13.8-14

Leader: We read together, back and forth, words from Psalm 119 (piano side) and from Romans 13 (offering side).

**Piano Side: Lord, teach me what your statutes are about,  
and I will guard every part of them.**

*Offering Side: Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the  
obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has  
fulfilled the Law.*

**Piano Side: Help me understand so I can guard your instruction  
and keep it with all my heart.**

*Offering Side: The commandments, Don't commit adultery, don't  
murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have, and any other  
commandments, are all summed up in one word: You must love  
your neighbor as yourself.*

**Piano Side: Lead me on the trail of your commandments  
because that is what I want. Turn my heart to your laws, not to  
greedy gain. →**

*Offering Side: Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.*

**Piano Side: Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Make me live by your way.**

*Offering Side: As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith.*

**Piano Side: Confirm your promise to your servant—  
the promise that is for all those who honor you.**

*Offering Side: The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light.*

**Piano Side: Remove the insults that I dread because your rules are good.**

*Offering Side: Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.*

**Piano Side: Look how I desire your precepts! Make me live by your righteousness.**

**All: Lord, let your faithful love come to me—**

**let your salvation come to me according to your promise—**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Spirit, Working in Creation</i>	SJ 10
	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	SJ 43

### **Offering Prayer**

<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Longing for Light</i>	SJ 54
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Come forward during the offertory – this week we set out only the basket for our regular offering.

### **Scripture**

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. 22 Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, →

scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you." 23 But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me.

25 All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. 26 Why would people

gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? 27 For the Human One is about to come

with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. 28 I assure you

that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

**Sermon**                      *God's Thoughts and My Life*

**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.

**Song**                      *Faith Begins By Letting Go*                      (on screen)  
*Voices Together, #585*

**Benediction**

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

Greeters, John and Barb Shilling

Usher, Ken Wenger

PowerPoint Operator, Bev Squirrell

Worship and SS Nursery, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Song Leaders, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi and Bill Seymour

Reader, Danae King

Sharing and Prayer, Hank Rossiter

## Sermon Notes

Matthew 16.21-28

Matthew 16.13-20

Peter says, "*Jesus, you are the Messiah!!*"

Matthew 16.21

Jesus begins telling the disciples that he must be killed and be raised from the dead.

Matthew 16.22

Peter refuses to accept this.

Matthew 16.23

Jesus says.... Wait. What??

God's Thoughts

Human Thoughts

Saying No

Saying Yes

Life

## **Schedule At-A-Glance for September 3 – 10, 2023**

Sunday, September 3

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:30 am**

Monday, September 4 Labor Day (office closed)

Wednesday, September 6

Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:30 pm

Axis Youth meet at/with Sonnenberg MYF, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 7

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Sunday, September 10

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Affirmation of Ministry Team appointments

Sunday School, **10:30 am**

### **Coming Events:**

**September 17** – Pizza Party lunch for all at noon after Worship and Sunday School

**September 28** – Ohio Conference Fall Cluster Meeting for delegates at Wooster, MC

**October 1** – World Communion Sunday, combined worship with Crown Hill & Akron Swahili Mennonite Church

**October 15** – Peace Sunday, Special Speaker: Eric Kurtz, Great Lakes Executive Director for MCC

### **Offering Report for Sunday, August 27, 2023**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,295.00

Compassion Fund: \$60.00

Open Arms: \$100.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$100.00

Austin and Griselda Zuercher: \$40.00

## **Announcements**

**Monday Meals.** We served 199 meals this week, ran out, and turned about 10 cars away. We do not serve a meal on Labor Day, September 4, and Oak Grove Mennonite will prepare and serve the meal on September 11.

**Ministry Spending Plan update.** God has a mission and we are all a part of it through Orrville Mennonite Church. We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship and in response to God's overflowing generosity to us. Our tithes and offerings support the programs of the church through general giving and our congregation's ministries such as the Compassion Fund, Monday Meals, and Dollar Projects.

The one area in particular where giving is falling (or "has fallen") behind our ongoing needs is the general offering (non-designated giving) that supports our church operational expenses.

Please remember that even when you are traveling or not able to be present for our worship times, these programs and ministries require continued support.

Please remember God's mission and your part of that during the summer months!

**Ministry Appointments for 2023-2024.** Please check your email and/or your church mailbox for the list of ministry appointments for 2023-2024. Next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a time of affirmation and thanks for those who continue to serve and for those who are accepting new assignments.

**Canning for Relief.** Canning will take place at the Gerber Building behind Central Christian School in Kidron this year on October 13, 14 & 16 from 5:00 am to 8-10 pm. An ambitious amount of turkey is hoped to be canned and sent for relief around the world. Your help is needed. Call/text Trent @ 330-465-4191.

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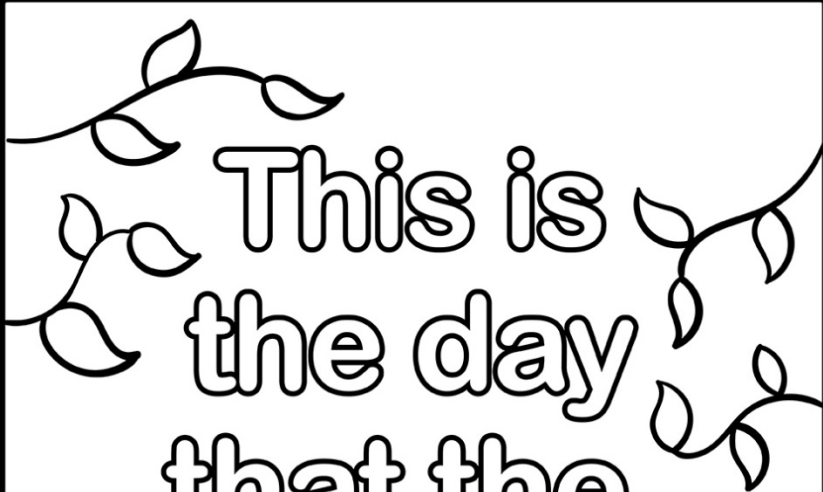
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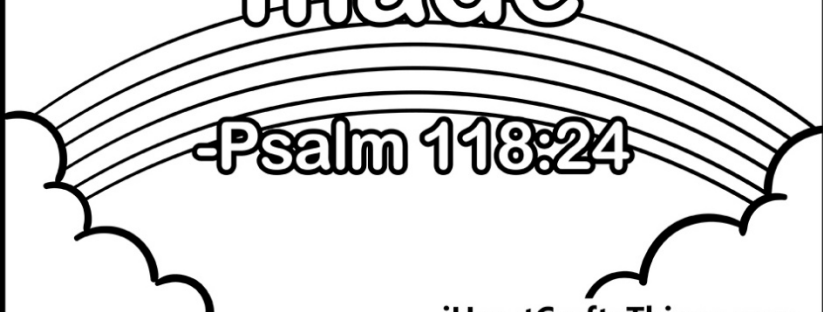
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This is  
the day  
that the  
Lord has  
made



-Psalm 118:24