



Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 W. Market St. Orrville Ohio 44667

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Worship Order for September 17, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	WB 212
	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	WB 237

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 from Hebrews 11.1-12.3, 1.1-3

Leader: Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

Piano Side: By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

Offering Side: By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain, which showed that he was righteous, since God gave approval to him for his gift. Though he died, he's still speaking through faith.

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Piano Side: By faith Enoch was taken up so that he didn't see death, and he wasn't found because God took him up. He was given approval for having pleased God before he was taken up.

Offering Side: It's impossible to please God without faith because the one who draws near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards people who try to find him.→

Dedication of School Kits

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

My Life Flows On

WB 580

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

Scripture Hebrews 12.7, 11, 12-17

7 Bear hardship for the sake of discipline. God is treating you like sons and daughters! What child isn't disciplined by his or her father? 11 No discipline is fun while it lasts, but it seems painful at the time. Later, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

12 So strengthen your drooping hands and weak knees! 13 Make straight paths for your feet so that if any part is lame, it will be healed rather than injured more seriously. 14 Pursue the goal of peace along with everyone—and holiness as well, because no one will see the Lord without it. 15 Make sure that no one misses out on God's grace. Make sure that no root of bitterness grows up that might cause trouble and pollute many people. 16 Make sure that no one becomes sexually immoral or ungodly like Esau. He sold his inheritance as the oldest son for one meal. 17 You know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected because he couldn't find a way to change his heart and life, though he looked for it with tears.

Sermon *Step It Up!*

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 *Congregation Picks*

Benediction

Sharing, Caring, and Prayer/Announcements

Sermon Notes

Hebrews Overview

Step It Up!

Hebrews – a letter or a sermon?

Jesus

Hebrews 1.1-3

You are Slackers

Hebrews 5.11-14, 12.12

But You Weren't Always

Hebrews 6.9, 10.32-39

Step it up

Hebrews 6.1-3, 12.1-2, 13.1-17

Jesus

Hebrews 13.12-13

Greeter, Nancy Hostetler
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA System Operator, Dan Jantzi
Worship Nursery, Sandy Miller
Sunday School Nursery, Jan and Rollie Kauffman
Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi
Reader, Mark Bixler
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Schedule At-A-Glance for September 17 – 24, 2023

Sunday, September 17

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

MCC School Kit Dedication

Sunday School, **10:30 am**

Pizza Party, 12 noon

Monday, September 18

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 19

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 20

Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am

Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm

Axis Youth Group

Thursday, September 21

K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon

Sunday, September 24

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Coming Events:

September 24 – Fall Festival Fundraiser at Camp Luz, 3 pm

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

October 1 – World Communion Sunday, combined worship at Crown Hill MC with Akron Swahili MC and OMC; Fundraiser Lunch with proceeds going to Monday Meals

October 8 – Open Arms Songs and Salsa at Salem (Kidron) MC

October 13, 14 and 16 – MCC Meat Canning at Gerber Building

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

Offering Report for Sunday, September 10, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,117.00

Monday Meals: \$5,000.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$50.00

Ohio Conference: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$100.00

Donation from Terry Lind Family: \$200.00

Announcements

Pizza Party! Plan to stay for pizza, salad, and mixed fruit for lunch today to celebrate meeting the challenge set before us to donate 50 SCHOOL KITS to MCC through our dollar project giving. We almost tripled the number of kits given. THANK YOU! We also speak gratitude on behalf of the children who will receive these precious school kits. The kits will be dedicated during the worship service and then taken to Mennonite Resource Center in Kidron to be sent on to Akron, Pennsylvania to be distributed in countries around the world.

Monday Meals. Oak Grove Mennonite made ham and scalloped potatoes Monday, serving 180 meals. This Monday, September 18, we will have tomato and pork based leftover soup or casserole. It's clean out the freezer day at Monday Meals!

Fall Sermon Series – HEBREWS. Starting today, September 17, and finishing just before Advent, we will walk through the book of Hebrews during Sunday morning worship. This New Testament letter has a lot to say about Jesus and how Jesus fits in the established theology of the Old Testament and the whole of Scripture. It also has a lot to say about suffering and faith. This week, we'll do a quick overview and look at a couple of key passages.

Men's Breakfast. Wednesday, September 20th, 7:30 am. Breakfast provided by Hank Rossiter and his mother-in-law, Ruth Amstutz.

K Ladies Lunch. Thursday, September 21st, 12:00 noon at Jane Beyeler's house (424 Cedar Cove, Orrville, OH). Bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided.

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