

Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for October 22, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs

What Is This Place? Holy, Holy!

WB 1

WB 120

Lighting of the Lamps

- We light one lamp because we are part of a larger gathering of Mennonite Churches, working together for peace, and we are all part of a larger, diverse, worldwide Christian family.
- We light one lamp because we walk with our brothers and sisters of Upanga Mennonite Church in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- We light one lamp to lament. Division and discord, war, brokenness, racism, violence, injustice.
- We light one lamp for hope. Hope in Christ Jesus -- for wholeness, peace, justice, healing.

Responsive Reading Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord! Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

Piano Side: Let's come before him with thanks! Let's shout songs of joy to him!

Offering Side: The Lord is a great God, the great king over all other gods.

Leader: The earth's depths are in his hands; the mountain heights belong to him; the sea, which [God] made, is [God's] along with the dry ground, which his own hands formed.

Offering Side: Come, let's worship and bow down!

Piano Side: Let's kneel before the Lord, our maker! →

Offering Side: He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands.

Leader: If only you would listen to his voice right now!

Offering Side: "Don't harden your hearts like you did at Meribah," Piano Side: ["Don't harden your hearts] like you did when you were at Massah, in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me and scrutinized me, even though they had already seen my acts.

Leader: For forty years I despised that generation; I said, 'These people have twisted hearts. They don't know my ways.' So in anger I swore: 'They will never enter my place of rest!'"

Singing God is Here Among Us WB 16

Fairest Lord Jesus WB 117

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 4.1-3a, 8-16

^{4.1} Therefore, since the promise that we can enter into rest is still open, let's be careful so that none of you will appear to miss it. ² We also had the good news preached to us, just as the Israelites did. However, the message they heard didn't help them because they weren't united in faith with the ones who listened to it. ³ We who have faith are entering the rest. As God said, *And because of my anger I swore:*

"They will never enter into my rest!"

⁸ If Joshua gave the Israelites rest, God wouldn't have spoken about another day later on. ⁹ So you see that a sabbath rest is left open for God's people. ¹⁰ The one who entered God's rest also rested from his works, just as God rested from his own. ¹¹ Therefore, let's make every effort to enter that rest so that no

one will fall by following the same example of disobedience, 12 because God's word is living, active, and \rightarrow

sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. ¹³ No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer.

¹⁴ Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; ¹⁵ because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

¹⁶ Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

Sermon Hold On and Draw Near

Song God, Who Stretched WB 414

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, Caring, and Prayer/Announcements

Greeter, Sandy and Norm Sohar Usher, Judy King PA System Operator, Dan Jantzi Worship Nursery, Marilyn Kamp Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Rossiter Song Leader, Jane Beyeler Reader, Sandy Miller Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Sermon Notes - Hebrews 3 and 4

Quick Tally through Hebrews 1-2

Who Jesus is:

Son, Heir of everything, through whom world was created, light of God's glory, imprint of God's being, maintainer of everything, the one who carried out the cleansing of sin. Sits at the right side of God. Better than the angels, Suffering Sacrifice, our Great High Priest

Who We Are:

Stubborn

Confidence

The ones who are the recipients of the message and salvation of Jesus, the ones whom angels are sent to "serve," accountable to God, made a little lower than the angels, the ones who will inherit salvation through Jesus, children of God, sharing flesh and blood and inheritance with Jesus, susceptible to temptation

In Danger			
Therefore			

Schedule At-A-Glance for Oct 22 – 29, 2023

Sunday, October 22
Worship Service, **9:30 am**Bill Seymour preaching
Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, October 23 Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 24 REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 25
Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 29
Worship Service, **9:30 am**Bill Seymour preaching
Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Coming Events:

November 1 – Fall Congregational Meeting, 7 pm November 12 – Danae King, preaching (Bill and Allison at Pastor-Spouse Retreat); Monthly Carry-In Meal, 12 noon December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Offering Report for Sunday, October 15, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,944.00

Monday Meals: \$50.00

Rejoice subscription: \$35.54 Axis Youth Group: \$125.00

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 208 meals on October 16th. We ended up serving chicken and goop instead of baked potatoes. This coming Monday, October 23, we will serve those baked potatoes,

with sour cream, cheese, butter, broccoli, and BBQ chicken for toppers. We could use some **Monday morning** potato washers, stabbers, and wrappers. 6-8 **people** at 9:00 am. Let Bill know if you can help.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering. Next Sunday, October 29th is our fourth of five Fifth Sunday Mission Offering opportunities. Please look for more information early next week showing giving to missions thus far in 2023.

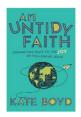
Fall Congregational Meeting, Wednesday, November 1st
Please check your email or church mailbox for the annual report
booklet which includes the minutes from the 2022 congregational
meeting and the agenda for the upcoming meeting on November
1, 2023 at 7pm. Also, look for the 2024 Proposed Ministry
Spending Plan with cover letter. Please review the materials
ahead of time and plan to attend the meeting!

Read A Couple Books



Bill Recommends These Two books. One copy of each is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

The Ballot and the Bible – Kaitlyn Shiess
A good look at how we use the Bible in our politics and some ways to do it better. This is really worth your time as a contentious election draws near.



An Untidy Faith – Kate Boyd

This is a Herald Press book. The author speaks to those disenchanted by Christians behaving badly and offers a way to hold on to Jesus and real faith, while "disentangling" ourselves from the ways Christians have mistreated people and the Bible.

Fall Sermon Series – HEBREWS. Our series resumes this week, on October 22, with chapters 3 and 4. In these two chapters, we are told three times not to be stubborn, warned about the danger of not entering God's rest, and then told to approach God confidently. We'll wrestle with this on Sunday.

OMC Church Directory Update. It's time for a pictorial church directory update! Please send any changes or corrections to your listed information and an updated photo! If you aren't listed in the directory yet, please send me a photo and your information to be included in this update! If you need someone to take your picture, please let us know and we can do that for you! You can send updates and photos via email to omcjan@gmail.com or by giving the information and photo to Jan in person. Deadline 11/30

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