



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Worship Order for October 29, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Songs

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him SJ 3

We Gather Together WB 17

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 37.1-8, 27, 30-31, 37-40

Leader: Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong, because they will fade fast, like grass; they will wither like green vegetables.

Piano Side: Trust the Lord and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfulness.

Offering Side: Enjoy the Lord, and he will give what your heart asks.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord! Trust him! [The Lord] will act and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like high noon.

All: Be still before the Lord, and wait for [God].→

Leader: Don't get upset when someone gets ahead— someone who invents evil schemes.

Piano Side: Let go of anger and leave rage behind! Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil.

Offering Side: Turn away from evil! Do good! Then you will live in the land forever.

Leader: The Lord loves justice. [The Lord] will never leave his faithful all alone.

Piano Side: The mouths of the righteous recite wisdom; their tongues discuss justice.

Offering Side: The Instruction of their God is in their hearts; they don't miss a step.

Leader: Observe those who have integrity and watch those whose heart is right because the future belongs to persons of peace.

Piano Side: But wrongdoers will be destroyed all together; the future of the wicked will be cut short.

Offering Side: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their refuge in times of trouble.

**All: The Lord will help them and rescue them—
rescue them from the wicked—and he will save them
because they have taken refuge in him.**

Singing	We Walk by Faith	WB 570
	Crown Him With Many Crowns	WB 116

Offering Prayer

Offering Song	How Firm A Foundation	WB 567
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Come forward during the offertory and place gifts
and offerings in vessels for regular offering
and My Coins Count.

Scripture Hebrews 5.9-14, 6.1-5, 9-12

9 After [Jesus] had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. 10 He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order →

of Melchizedek. 11 We have a lot to say about this topic, and it's difficult to explain, because you have been lazy and you haven't been listening. 12 Although you should have been teachers by now, you need someone to teach you an introduction to the basics about God's message. You have come to the place where you need milk instead of solid food. 13 Everyone who lives on milk is not used to the word of righteousness, because they are babies. 14 But solid food is for the mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil.

6.1 So let's press on to maturity, by moving on from the basics about Christ's word. Let's not lay a foundation of turning away from dead works, of faith in God, 2 of teaching about ritual ways to wash with water, laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment—all over again. 3 We're going to press on, if God allows it.

4 Because it's impossible to restore people to changed hearts and lives who turn away once they have seen the light, tasted the heavenly gift, become partners with the Holy Spirit, 5 and tasted God's good word and the powers of the coming age.

9 But we are convinced of better things in your case, brothers and sisters, even though we are talking this way—things that go together with salvation. 10 God isn't unjust so that he forgets your efforts and the love you have shown for his name's sake when you served and continue to serve God's holy people. 11 But we desperately want each of you to show the same effort to make your hope sure until the end. 12 This is so you won't be lazy but follow the example of the ones who inherit the promises through faith and patience.

Sermon *Better Things*

Song *Jesus Shall Reign*

WB 319

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

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 5-7

Babies drink “milk.”

Those who are mature eat “solid food.”

James 1.2-8, Romans 12.1-12, Colossians 3.12-17

Jesus is our High Priest

Do we need more teaching on the resurrection, or more teaching and practice on living in Resurrection power?

Schedule At-A-Glance for Oct 29 – November 5, 2023

Sunday, October 29

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour, preaching

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, October 30

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 1

Fall Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday, November 2

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Sunday, November 5

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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

Greeters, Danae King and Charles Bontrager
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA System Operator, Dan Jantzi
Worship Nursery, Sky Lofty
Sunday School Nursery, Danae King
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Louisa Pirozzi-Erb
Sharing and Prayer, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Offering Report for Sunday, October 22, 2023

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,408.00
Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,494.00
Compassion Fund: \$105.00
Open Arms: \$60.00
Austin Zuercher: \$40.00

Announcements

Lois Leidig misses being at church on Sundays. Being on oxygen 24/7 keeps her tied to her apartment most of the time and with her eyesight she cannot make calls without getting someone to dial the phone. She says, "I would so appreciate any calls or visits, the days and nights are long, and I miss chatting with people. I would love a call or visit anytime." She has someone that comes for an hour on Wednesday and Thursday to read to her right now... thank you so much.

Monday Meals. We served 200 meals on October 23rd. This Monday, October 30, we will serve chili with corn bread.

This Sunday, October 29th is our fourth of five **Fifth Sunday Mission Offering** opportunities for 2023. The offerings received will be given to our congregation's wider mission partners as each giver designates.

Fall Congregational Meeting. Our fall congregational meeting is this **Wednesday, November 1st at 7 pm**. Please plan to attend this important meeting of our congregation. We will hear some updates about some changes that have happened in this past year

and have a time of conversation about our future. The input of the congregation at these meetings and the participation in the voting is greatly appreciated.

OMC Church Directory Update. It's time for a pictorial church directory update! Please send any changes or corrections for your listed information and an updated photo! If you aren't currently listed in the directory, 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 is Nov. 30th.

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