



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Welcome

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him</i>	SJ 3
	<i>When Long Before Time</i>	SJ 25

The lamps will be lit during the opening songs.

Lighting these lamps, we remember:

- Our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- Our laments.
- Our thanksgivings.
- The hope we have together in Christ.

### Responsive Reading

Leader: This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**Piano Side: In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains.**

*Offering Side: It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it.*

Leader: Many nations will go and say,

**Piano Side: "Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God**

*Offering Side: So that [God] may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths."*

Leader: Instruction will come from Zion; the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

*Offering Side: God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations.*

**Piano Side: Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. →**

**All: Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.**

Leader: Come, house of Jacob, let's walk by the Lord's light.

**All: Come, let us walk by the Lord's light.**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>The Word of God is Solid Ground</i>	WB 314
	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	SJ 95

### **Offering Prayer**

All are invited to come forward with gifts and offerings as we sing.

Regular Offering

My Coins Count (water projects around the world)

<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Longing for Light</i>	SJ 54
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**Scripture** Genesis 1.27-31, Revelation 21.9-12, 18, 21-27

<sup>27</sup> God created humanity in God's own image,  
in the divine image God created them,  
male and female God created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." <sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. <sup>30</sup> To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

<sup>9</sup> Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues spoke with me. "Come," he said, "I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." <sup>10</sup> He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> The city had God's glory. Its brilliance was like a priceless jewel, like jasper that was as clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great high wall with twelve gates. →

<sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass. <sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made from a single pearl. And the city's main street was pure gold, as transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup> I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

**Sermon**            *A Vision for Peace*

**Song**                Congregation picks

**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**

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Virgil Troyer

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Sandy Miller

Sharing and Prayer, Barb Shilling

Greeters Today, Amber Andreasen and Children

Worship Nursery, Judy King

Sunday School Nursery, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Sunday Morning Trustee, Ken Wenger

## Sermon Notes

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- Isaiah 2.1-5    Many nations will come to the Lord  
Swords made in plowshares  
No one will learn war any more
- Isaiah 9.1-11    A child to rule.  
Endless peace, sustained with justice and  
righteousness  
God's zeal will make this happen.
- Isaiah 11.1-7    The wolf will live with the lamb.  
leopard and a young goat  
calf and young lion  
A little child will lead them  
cow and bear  
lion will eat straw  
children play near snakes  
v. 9 They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my  
holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with  
the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers  
the sea.
- Isaiah 35        God will save. God will rescue. God will make right.  
So, do not fear. Instead, strengthen your drooping  
hands and your weak knees. (see also Hebrews  
12.12)

## **Shalom**

A vision from the Bible of harmony, reflecting the situation in the Garden before the Fall, where people live in peace with God, with themselves, with each other, the earth, and the rest of creation. Martin Luther King, Jr. probably had this in mind as he talked about **Beloved Community**, a vision of a society where everyone has opportunity and everyone lives in peace.

## **Two handed Non-Violence**

From Barbara Deming, paraphrased in HyungJin Kim Sun in *Who Are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them?* pp. 29-30

One hand held up toward the enemy, signaling them to stop, indicating that I will oppose you in every way I can except with violence. The other hand reached out in love, saying I will not give upon you, that you are valuable.

## **Reconciliation**

Requires admission of wrongdoing and confession. Without this, it is violence, not peace. Trying to smooth something over, attempts at message control, and saying something like, "I'm sorry you took it that way" are tools of power, not reconciliation. And it may even require reparations.

## **Announcements**

**Worship and Fellowship Series – *The Jesus Way*.** Along with Oak Grove, Crown Hill, and Wooster Mennonite Churches, we are in a sermon series called, *The Jesus Way*, looking at Anabaptist Faith and Practice. Herald Press has a series of 10 books, focused around questions of faith and practice, called *The Jesus Way, Little Books of Radical Faith*. This Sunday concludes the focus on “Who are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them?”

**Monday Meals.** This past Monday, March 11, Oak Grove Jr. Youth helped us serve 195 meals! This Monday, we’ll serve shredded, savory pork with dressing and gravy, a vegetable, and dump cake for dessert.

**MCC Comforter Bash – Thank You for making the 2024 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a great success!** We surpassed our goal and knotted a total of 308 comforters thanks to the help of more than 400 volunteers on Friday and Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world.

**Input on Dollar Projects.** The Mission and Service Committee would like to invite congregational input on Dollar Projects. What ideas do you have and what projects would you like to support, locally or internationally? Give your ideas to a member of the committee: Kathy Troyer, Marilyn Kamp, or Hank Rossiter. And thank you!

**April Dollar Project** begins April 7th and donations will go to **Love INC of Wayne County**. Stay tuned for more information.

**Open Arms Stand Up Comedy Show Fundraiser.** On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm at Grace Church, 5850 Co Hwy 77, Millersburg OH, 44654. The comedy show features two Christian comedians, Brett Hollis and Bob Mortimer. Bring the whole family! Desserts and appetizers provided. A free will offering will be taken for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.

**Partnering to Rescue Those Trapped in Addiction.** Join us for a night of stories about transformed lives, music by *Hometown*, and great food – March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 8 pm at the Kidron Community Center. This event will culminate with an opportunity to help financially support the work of rescuing those in Wayne County devastated by addiction through the work of *Really Recovered*. Food served from 5:30-6:30 Need more information 330-749-9965.

**Men's Breakfast at OMC.** Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am, in the OMC fellowship hall. Amstutz's will be providing breakfast.

**K (Koinonia) Ladies** are meeting at noon on Thursday, March 21, at the Seymour's house for lunch prepared by Bill.

**Women's Breakfast at Lou Erb's** is this Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 am at Lou Erb's. French Toast casserole will be served. Please let Lou know if you can make it. You are encouraged to bring a friend along who doesn't attend OMC.

**Fifth Sunday Mission Offering coming up March 31.** On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the offerings received will be given to our congregation's wider mission partners as each giver designates. This is the first Fifth Sunday offering for this year (2024) which will be dedicated to empowering others to do mission on our behalf.

**Coffee time!** Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available upstairs in the church beginning at 9:00 am. Please consider coming earlier than 9:30 so you have some time to sit and enjoy a cup before the service begins at 9:30. There will be a place for coats in the overflow in addition to the row of hooks near the elevator and the coat rack near the library.

**An invitation!** Please consider parking on the side of the church and entering through the front door of the church if you are willing and able. It's another way to make the front of our building more open and inviting to our community.



**March 24 Combined Palm Sunday Service at Wooster MC  
10:30 am**

Pastor Benaya, from the Akron Swahili Mennonite Church, will be preaching. A carry-in meal will follow the service in the fellowship center. Wooster will provide chicken and red potatoes. The rest is a side dish carry-in.

**March 27 Maundy Thursday, 6 pm**  
Soup Supper and Footwashing/Communion at OMC

**March 31 Easter Sunday**

**7:00 am** Sunrise Service at Ramseyer Farm

**8:00 am** Breakfast here at Orrville Mennonite (just OMC)

**9:30 am** Worship Service

**10:45 am** Coffee and Fellowship together  
instead of Sunday School

**Prayer Time.** Church Growth – The elders invite you to a time of prayer, specifically for our church to grow.

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matthew 17:20-21. As we come together, in faith, we will discover how nothing is impossible for our Lord. **Prayer times will be 8:45am every other Sunday.** We will meet in the room under the balcony... If you are unable to attend in person, perhaps you can commit to spending time in prayer asking our Lord to open our doors for others to walk through so that they will know the love of our Lord and experience our Love Step Prayer in action. The next prayer time will be in April sometime after Easter.



## **Schedule At-A-Glance for March 17 – 24, 2024**

Sunday, March 17 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, March 18

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20

Men's Breakfast at OMC, 7:30 pm

Axis Youth Group, 7:00 pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite

Thursday, March 21

Koinonia Women's Lunch, 12 noon

Elder Council, 3:30 pm

Saturday, March 23

Women's Breakfast at Lou Erb's, 8:30 am

Sunday, March 24 **Palm Sunday**

Combined Palm Sunday Service

at Wooster Mennonite, 10:30 am

Carry-In Lunch following Worship

(chicken and red potatoes provided)

### **Offering Report for Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$416.00

Monday Meals: \$2,500.00 (MCC Connections)

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$662.00

Anabaptist World group subscription: \$39.00

### **Looking Ahead**

**April 3** Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

**April 10** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Supper & Bible Study at Oak Grove



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ENEMIES  
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TO THEM  
THAT  
HATE YOU

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