



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

April 7, 2024

Welcome

Singing	<i>Christ Who Left His Home in Glory*</i>	WB 283
	<i>Blessed Assurance*</i>	WB 332

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 *The Lord's Prayer*

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name

Piano Side: Your kingdom come;

Offering Side: Your will be done;

All: On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

Piano Side: And forgive us our sins,

Offering Side: As we forgive those who sin against us.

Leader: And lead us not into temptation;

All: but deliver us from evil.

Leader: For yours is the kingdom,

Piano Side: Yours is the power

Offering Side: And yours is the glory,

All: For ever and ever. Amen.

Singing	<i>Oh Have You Not Heard*</i>	WB 606
	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*</i>	WB 589

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

WB 308

Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, My Coins Count and the April Dollar Project (Love INC of Wayne County)

Scripture Mark 1.14-17, 4.26-30

1.14 After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, 15 saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

16 As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.”

4.26 Then Jesus said, “This is what God’s kingdom is like. It’s as though someone scatters seed on the ground, 27 then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn’t know how. 28 The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. 29 Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it’s harvesttime.”

30 He continued, “What’s a good image for God’s kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? 31 Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it’s the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; 32 but when it’s planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade.”

Message *Jesus is Lord*

Hymn *Hey Ney Yana*

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Voices Together #836

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

Songs with an “*” are favorites of Sherman Amstutz, whose March 27 birthday we celebrate today.

Following Sunday School, please stay to pitch in so we can get the building ready for the 1:00 calling hour and 2:00 service this afternoon.

Greeters, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, John and Kara Shilling

Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Worship Nursery Care, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Next Sunday, Judy King

Sunday School Nursery Care, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Next Sunday, Sandy Miller

Sermon Notes, April 7, 2024

Return to the *Jesus Way* series --

What is the Kingdom of God and What Does Citizenship Look Like?

By César Garcia

Mark 1.14-17

- Kingdom comes in Jesus

Mark 4.26-30

- Kingdom is not enforced or imposed. It's reality is for those who receive it.
- The Kingdom grows, through service and shelter, not war and displacement.

Matthew 6.10

- *Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done....*

John 18.33-37

- God's Kingdom not from this world

What about the politics of this world?

Announcements

Monday Meals. No meal on April 8th.

Spring Congregational Meeting

Our spring meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, April 17th.

April Dollar Project begins today. Donations will go to Love INC of Wayne County. We welcome Laura Hofstetter for our Moment in Mission this morning.

2nd Wednesday Supper & Bible Study at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, April 10th, 6:30 pm

2nd Sunday Carry-In Fellowship Meal, April 14th

All are invited to stay for lunch! Please bring plenty of food and your own table service.

Hiatus for the Devotionals – a note from Bill. Thanks for your patience and understanding. I wasn't planning a devotion break for the Spring, but as I consider things, I am going to extend this devotion preparing break for the month, until after Gregory's wedding. So, there won't be devotions, even printed ones, until Monday, April 29.

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*. We resume the series today, with *What is the Kingdom of God and What Does Citizenship Look like?* By César Garcia.

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.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 7 – 14, 2024

Sunday, April 7

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Moment in Mission – Dollar Project for Love INC

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Calling Hour for Pete Erb at OMC, **1:00 pm**

Celebration of Life for Pete Erb at OMC, **2:00 pm**

Pie and ice cream following the celebration service

Wednesday, April 10

2nd Wednesday Supper and Bible Study

at Oak Grove MC, 6:30 pm

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 11

Elder Council, 3:15 pm

Sunday, April 14

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

2nd Sunday Carry-In Meal, **12 noon**

Offering Report for Sunday, March 31, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,499.55

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Central Christian School: \$100.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,000.00

Ohio Conference: \$500.00

Open Arms: \$150.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,000.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$100.00

Looking Ahead

April 26 Stand Up Comedy Show

Fundraiser for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

Grace Church in Berlin, Ohio

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