



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship September 1, 2024

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	WB 150*
	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	WB 154*

Lamp Lighting (unison)

Lighting these lamps,

- We remember our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- We consider our laments.
- We offer our thanksgiving.
- We rejoice in the hope we have together in Christ.
- We pray for others to join us in our congregation so that we may grow together.

Responsive Reading 1 Peter 2.1-5, 9-10a, 21b-25

Leader: ...Get rid of all ill will and all deceit, pretense, envy, and slander. Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Piano Side: ... [We] are coming to [Christ] as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable.

Offering Side: [We] are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. [We] are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader: [We] have become this people so that [we] may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called [us] out of darkness →

into his amazing light. Once [we] weren't a people, but now [we] are God's people.

Piano Side: [Christ] left [us] an example so that [we] might follow in his footsteps.

Offering Side: He committed no sin, nor did he ever speak in ways meant to deceive.

Piano Side: When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. ... Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

Offering Side: He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed.

Leader: [Christ] did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin.

All: By his wounds [we] were healed. Though [we] were like straying sheep, [we] have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] lives.

Songs	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us</i>	WB 355
	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	WB 599

MCC School Kit Dedication

Offering Prayer

Offering Song	<i>Amazing Grace, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6</i>	WB 143*
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Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering and My Coins Count.

Scripture Psalm 23* (CEB)

23 The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

2 He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

3 he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me. →

5 You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!
6 Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house
as long as I live.

Message *Psalm 23 Through the Lens of Jesus*

Song *We Shall Walk Through the Valley* WB 412

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 *Praise God From Whom* WB 118*

**Sharing and Prayer Requests
Announcements**

*Songs and Scripture with an * are some of Wilma Eash's favorites and we are using them today in honor of her birthday on August 28th.*

Greeter, Liz Snyder
Usher, Ken Wenger
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
Song Leader, Bill Seymour
Reader, Sandy Miller
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell
Worship Nursery, Judy King
Sunday School Nursery, tbd

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 191 meals on Monday. We will not be serving a meal on Labor Day. Back again on September 9th.

MCC School Kit Dedication. Orrville Mennonite people contributed school supplies and funds to put together 113 school kits this year! Thanks, everyone!

New Church Year (2024-2025) Next Sunday, September 8th there will be a time during the worship service when the congregation can affirm the list of appointments for the new church year 2024-2025. The printed Discernment Committee report is in your church mailbox today.

Elder Council Clarification. A couple of weeks ago, we announced in person that we would be discerning a new elder, because Dan's term was completed. We double checked our documents and found that we were wrong. It is Louisa whose term ends this month (2024). Lou has agreed to re-up. Her second term will end in 2028. Dan is on his second and final term, and it ends in 2026. Bev's first term ends in 2026.

NEW!!!

Community Cooking Classes

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Starting This Thursday, September 5

Through **Monday Meals**, we are teaming up with the Ohio State Extension Office to offer some simple cooking and food health classes on Thursdays from September 5 through October 10 – 10:00 am in our Fellowship Hall. The first three weeks will be led by the Extension Office. September 26 and October 3 and 10 will be led by us. We will offer the participants one on one mentoring to make a few simple dishes using simple, healthy, and inexpensive ingredients and cooking methods. Bill will lead the overall effort on those three days, but we need volunteers to be the mentors/partners to work one on one with participants. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please see Bill. It is possible that the one-and-one mentoring can be done at other times, if you are interested and cannot do it in the day time.

Canning For Relief for 2024 will happen in the Gerber Building in Kidron Monday October 14 through Friday October 18. Because we will be limited to 10-hour work days daily start times may vary. With the potential to do up to 32,000 pounds your help and support is needed. Call/Text Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 and schedule a time to come.

Carry-In on Sunday, September 8th. Our monthly carry-in meal is coming up next Sunday. Please bring plenty of food to share and your own table service.

Offering Report for August 25, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,909.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

College Matching Fund: \$200.00

Miscellaneous: \$50.00

Looking Ahead

September 8

Second Sunday Carry-In

September 15

Peace Sunday

September birthdays and anniversaries

5	Josiah Bixler
9	Amos Bixler
16	Alexander Seymour
19	John/Barb Shilling
26	Roland Kauffman
29	Bret/Amber Andreasen
30	Megan Sohar

Schedule-At-A-Glance for September 1 – 8, 2024

Sunday, September 1

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

MCC School Kit Dedication

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, September 2 Labor Day (office closed)

Thursday, September 5

Cooking Class, 10 am at OMC

Sunday, September 8

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Discernment Affirmation Sunday

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Carry-In Lunch following Sunday School, **12 noon**

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