



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship October 20, 2024

### Welcome

#### Gathering Songs

*We Praise Thee, O God*

WB 99

*Sing to the Lord of the Harvest*

WB 98

### Lamp Lighting

We are not alone. You, Lord knit us together with Jesus followers everywhere, here and abroad. As we gather, we are mindful of the problems and challenges of this world. We are also mindful and grateful for your presence and love. Our hope is in you alone, God. Thank you for our Orrville Mennonite community. We pray that you would send others to be a part of us and we a part of them. Grow us, Lord.

### Love Step Prayer (unison)

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.

### Singing

*Praise With Joy the World's Creator*

SJ 16

*O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God*

SJ 46

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 104.1-9, 20-28, 31-34

**All: Let my whole being bless the Lord! Lord my God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!**

*Offering Side: You wear light like a robe; you open the skies like a curtain. →*

**Piano Side: You build your lofty house on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot, going around on the wings of the wind.**

Leader: You make the winds your messengers; You make fire and flame your ministers. You established the earth on its foundations so that it will never ever fall.

**Piano Side: You covered it with the watery deep like a piece of clothing; the waters were higher than the mountains!**

*Offering Side: But at your rebuke they ran away; they fled in fear at the sound of your thunder. You set a boundary they cannot cross so they'll never again cover the earth.*

**Piano Side: You bring on the darkness and it is night, when every forest animal prowls.**

*Offering Side: The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.*

Leader: When the sun rises, they gather together and lie down in their dens. Then people go off to their work, to do their work until evening.

**All: Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations!**

Leader: And then there's the sea, wide and deep, with its countless creatures— living things both small and large.

**Piano Side: There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!**

*Offering Side: All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.*

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

**All: Let the Lord's glory last forever! Let the Lord rejoice in all [the Lord] has made!**

Leader: [God] has only to look at the earth, and it shakes. God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive. Let my praise be pleasing to him; I'm rejoicing in the Lord!**

## Offering Prayer

### Offering Song

*When Long Before Time*

SJ 25

vv. 1, 3, 5, 6

Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, Dollar Project and My Coins Count.

### Scripture Psalm 91

- 1 Living in the Most High's shelter,  
camping in the Almighty's shade,
- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold!  
You are my God—the one I trust!"
- 3 God will save you from the hunter's trap  
and from deadly sickness.
- 4 God will protect you with his pinions;  
you'll find refuge under his wings.  
His faithfulness is a protective shield.
- 5 Don't be afraid of terrors at night,  
arrows that fly in daylight,
- 6 or sickness that prowls in the dark,  
destruction that ravages at noontime.
- 7 Even if one thousand people fall dead next to you,  
ten thousand right beside you—  
it won't happen to you.
- 8 Just look with your eyes,  
and you will see the wicked punished.
- 9 Because you've made the Lord my refuge,  
the Most High, your place of residence—
- 10 no evil will happen to you;  
no disease will come close to your tent.
- 11 Because he will order his messengers to help you,  
to protect you wherever you go.
- 12 They will carry you with their own hands  
so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.
- 13 You'll march on top of lions and vipers;  
you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot.
- 14 God says, "Because you are devoted to me, →

I'll rescue you.

I'll protect you because you know my name.

15 Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.

I'll be with you in troubling times.

I'll save you and glorify you.

16 I'll fill you full with old age.

I'll show you my salvation."

**Message**

*Nothing Will Happen To Me?*

**Hymn of Response**

*Trust and Obey*

WB 544

**Benediction**

**Sermon Response**

**Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

Greeters, Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Usher, Ken Wenger

PA Operator, Virgil Troyer

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Reader, Sandy Miller

Sharing and Prayer, Hank Rossiter

Worship Nursery, Judy King

Sunday School Nursery, Sky Lofty

Trustee (October), Stan Kamp

**Sermon Notes**

Psalm 91

Refuge in the Lord

## Protection

Matthew 4.5-6

Luke 4.10-11

Luke 10.17-24

## Salvation

### **Anabaptist Community Bible**

The Anabaptist Community Bible invites you to read Scripture with fresh eyes and to discover how key Anabaptist themes are woven throughout the stories of the Bible and your own life. Using the Common English Bible translation (same as Bill uses for preaching), with more than 7,200 marginal notes alongside the biblical text featuring commentary from Anabaptist scholars, historical notes from the tradition, and the insights of nearly 600 Bible study groups. This pairing of notes and introductions alongside the biblical text commemorates the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism by modeling a community-based approach to reading Scripture and calling readers to follow Jesus in word and deed.

Preorder pricing is available through October 31, 2024. That's \$15 off the hardcover, and \$20 off the leather or soft touch cover. Preorders placed through MennoMedia will ship on or before January 2025. You can place your own order, or you can sign up in back of the Sanctuary and we can order together.

## **Announcements**

**Monday Meals.** We served 185 meals on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Oak Grove will be preparing and serving the meal – au gratin potatoes, ham, green beans, and a muffin.

**Election Day Communion.** We will be hosting a communion service on November 5, at 7:00 pm, for our 7 Church group and any who wish to participate. We will worship and participate in the Lord's supper as the polls close. We do this not to pray for our candidate to win, and certainly not to suggest that one or the other side is more aligned with God. We do this because Communion helps us to remember that we are citizens of Heaven and are looking for something beyond the powers and principalities of this world.

**Please Note! Our Annual Fall Congregational Meeting AND CARRY-IN has been RESCHEDULED to Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** We'll have lunch together and then have our meeting. Going forward, due to the increasing numbers of us who avoid driving at night, we will have our annual congregational meetings on a Sunday (in April and November) following worship.

## **Christmas is Coming, and we need your help for TWO things --- Shoes and Stories**

**Shoes** – Our Advent worship theme this year will be focused on the idea of journey, particularly walking. For decorations, Nancy would like shoes. Many shoes. Not just any shoes – OUR shoes. There will be a box up by the offering area. Please bring a shoe from your closet and loan it to us through the end of December. We would prefer a shoe that you actually wear and can do without for a couple of months. We won't damage or alter the shoes. Don't worry about how clean or dirty they are, either. Thanks for your help!

**Stories** – As part of the Advent them of walking together, we'd like to hear a short story/testimony/memory from one or two people each Sunday. Stories on these topics:

- A time when you remember feeling particularly close with God.
- A time when you remember responding to God's Spirit, feeling the Spirit leading you along the way.
- A time when you walked with marginalized people.
- A time when you were the one being walked with.
- A time when someone helped you to see God.
- A story of a spiritual mentor you have had.

Please let Bill or Jan know if you are interested.

## **Schedule-At-A-Glance for October 20 – 27, 2024**

Sunday, October 20

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, October 21

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Friday, October 25

Game Night at OMC

Next Sunday, October 27

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Wild Church at Dan & Jeanne Jantzi's, **4:00 pm**

## **Looking Ahead**

November 5 Election Day Communion Service at OMC, 7pm

November 17 **Fall Congregational Meeting** & Carry-in meal

December 1 **First Sunday of Advent**

**Offering Report for October 13, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,599.86

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Monday Meals: \$500.00

Dollar Project (Open Arms): \$33.65

Family Donation (funeral meal): \$225.00

**November birthdays and anniversaries**

3	Mark Bixler	19	Tim Short
9	Virgil Troyer	24	Norm/Sandy Sohar
15	Jared Shilling	30	Hank Rossiter



**Mennonite Mission Network** – Praise God for continually carrying Laura Schlabach, of MMN, through challenging situations in Mongolia, while she serves outside of her comfort zone on JCS International’s three-person executive director team — which is looking for a third person. Pray that JCS will find a full-time executive director and that Laura will find time for rest and renewal.

**Mennonite Education Agency – Central Christian School.** Pray as we welcome more than 70 pastors who will visit our campus on our annual Pastors Appreciation Day, Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Standing Prayers**

**Upanga Mennonite Church**

**Culture of Violence** – so prevalent in society, domestically, economically, politically, socially, even churches -- Let’s pray for a reversal in our time and place from a culture of violence and power to a culture of safety and care.

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