



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship November 3, 2024

### Welcome

<b>Gathering Songs</b>	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>	SJ 19
	<i>The Love of God</i>	SJ 44

### 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.

<b>Song</b>	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	WB 538
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### Responsive Reading            John 11.17-27

Leader: When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, →

**Piano Side:** “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

Leader: Jesus told her,

*Offering Side:* “Your brother will rise again.”

Leader: Martha replied,

**Piano Side:** “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

Leader: Jesus said to her,

*Offering Side:* “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Leader: She replied,

**All:** “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

**Song**                      *I Am the Bread of Life*                      WB 472

**Moment in Mission**                      Salvation Army  
Nik McFarren, Director

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song**                      *Take My Life*                      WB 389

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

**Scripture**                      John 11.28-44a

Leader: After [Martha’s confession], she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb. When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,  
*Offering Side:* “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.” →

Leader: When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked,

**Piano Side: "Where have you laid him?"**

Leader: They replied,

*Offering Side: "Lord, come and see."*

Leader: Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said,

**All: "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"**

Leader: Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said,

**Piano Side: "Remove the stone."**

Leader: Martha ... said,

**All: "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."**

Leader: Jesus replied,

**Piano Side: "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?"**

Leader: So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice,

**All: "Lazarus, come out!"**

Leader: [And] the dead man came out...

**Message**      *It's Gonna Smell!!!*

**Hymn of Response**      congregation picks

**Benediction**

**Sermon Response**

**Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

Greeters, Liz Snyder, Nancy Hostetler  
Usher, Ken Wenger  
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi  
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler  
Readers, Amber Andreasen and Family  
Sharing and Prayer, Kathy and Virgil Troyer  
Worship Nursery, Liz Snyder, Sandy Miller  
Sunday School/Preschool Nursery, Sky Lofty  
Trustee (November), Mark Bixler

## **Sermon Notes**

Remove the Stone

It's going to smell!

"Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?"

But....

## **Announcements**

**We welcome Nik McFarren** from Salvation Army to share with us during our moment in mission. Our Dollar Project through the month of November will go towards Salvation Army's ministries.

### **Thank you notes:**

- From Open Arms: Orrville Mennonite Church, thank you for your ongoing support, in so many ways, for our office, your prayers, your volunteers, your advice, your financial support. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us accomplish a great impact in the Hispanic families. *"The foreigner among you, must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself."*  
Pablo Delgado, Director of Open Arms.
- From MCC Meat Canning: Thank you to donors, prayer groups, many hands of volunteers, businesses and churches! *Food for Relief...In the Name of Christ*. Number of units/cans – 14,578 (21,867 # of boneless pork meat processed).
- From the Conrad Family: Thank you for placement of money in the Royer Scholarship Fund on behalf of our mother, Ruth. She enjoyed the pastoral visits during her years at Maple Terrace. We are grateful for the precious memories we have of Mom and can imagine her worshipping in song with her beautiful soprano voice. Thank you again. Sincerely, Ruth Conrad Family

**Election Day Communion.** We are hosting a communion service this Tuesday, 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.

**Monday Meals.** Martins Mennonite served 176 meals on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This Monday, November 3, we'll be serving chicken and goop over noodles, a vegetable, and a roll or dessert.

**Please Note! Our Annual Fall Congregational Meeting AND CARRY-IN has been RESCHEDULED for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The annual report booklet for 2023-2024, the proposed 2025 Ministry Spending Plan, the meeting agenda and the minutes of last April's congregational meeting will be in mailboxes on **Sunday, November 10<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 theme 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 November 3 – 10, 2024

Sunday, November 3

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, November 4

Elder Meeting, 3:30 pm

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day Communion Service at OMC, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6

Mission and Service meeting in library, 1:00 pm

Next Sunday, November 10

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

**Elvis Otieno preaching**

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

## Looking Ahead

November 17

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

December 1

**First Sunday of Advent**

## Offering Report for October 27, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,115.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Dollar Project (Open Arms): \$81.00

I.W. Royer Fund: \$50.00

## November birthdays and anniversaries

3 Mark Bixler

19 Tim Short

9 Virgil Troyer

24 Norm/Sandy Sohar

15 Jared Shilling

30 Hank Rossiter