



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship November 10, 2024

Welcome

Gathering Songs

Come, Now is the Time to Worship SJ 9
Here in this Place WB 6

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

The God of Abraham Praise WB 162
When Morning Gilds the Skies WB 644

Responsive Reading

Psalm 121, 133

Leader: I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Piano Side: Where will my help come from? →

Offering Side: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

Piano Side: No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests!

Offering Side: The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you.

Leader: The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.

Piano Side: The Lord will protect you from all evil;

Offering Side: God will protect your very life.

Leader: The Lord will protect you on your journeys— whether going or coming-- from now until forever from now.

All: Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!

Leader: It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard—Aaron's beard!—which extended over the collar of his robes.

All: It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* WB 343

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

Scripture Exodus 3.1-6

3 Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. ²The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. ³Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. →

⁴ When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!”

Moses said, “I’m here.”

⁵ Then the Lord said, “Don’t come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground.” ⁶ He continued, “I am the God of your father, Abraham’s God, Isaac’s God, and Jacob’s God.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Message *Moses on a Holy Ground* Elvis Otieno

Hymn of Response *Fire of God, Undying Flame* WB 129

Benediction Psalm 134

All you who serve the Lord: bless the Lord right now! All you who minister in the Lord’s house at night: bless God! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the Lord! May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Greeters, Wilma Eash, Emmett Andreasen

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Virg Troyer

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Bill Seymour

Sermon Response and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Kamp

Trustee (November), Mark Bixler

Sermon Notes

Announcements

We welcome Elvis Otieno as he shares God's word with us this morning.

We express sincere sympathies to Bret and Amber Andreasen and their children in the unexpected passing of Bret's grandmother, Ann Richner. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Fund in Ann's memory.

Nursery Note. There are no volunteers assigned for the Worship nursery this morning. Please feel welcome to stay with your children in the nursery or in the play area at the back of the sanctuary anytime during the service.

Monday Meals. We served 135 meals on November 4th. This Monday, November 11, we'll be serving cheeseburger soup with a cookie, some crackers, and some fresh veggies.

Our Annual Fall Congregational Meeting AND CARRY-IN is coming up on Sunday, November 17th.

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. 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 are in mailboxes **this Sunday, November 10th.**

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.

The Cantate Singers present *Paukenmesse – Mass in Time of War* by Joseph Haydn today, Sunday, November 10th at 4:30 pm at Orrville Missionary Alliance Church, 300 S. Walnut Street, Orrville.

Sonnenberg Station has two concerts today:

- First Presbyterian Church, Wooster, Sunday, November 10th, 3 – 4 pm
- First Moravian Church of Dover, Sunday, November 10th, 7 – 8 pm

Schedule-At-A-Glance for November 10 – 17, 2024

Sunday, November 10

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Elvis Otieno preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, November 11

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, November 17

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Carry-In Meal, **12:00 pm**

Fall Congregational Meeting, following lunch

Looking Ahead

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

November birthdays and anniversaries

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

Offering Report for November 3, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,269.55.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$62.00

Garage Sale: \$50.00

I.W. Royer Fund: \$100.00

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