



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship

January 5, 2025

### Welcome and Lamp Lighting

Leader: We are not alone. You, Lord knit us together with Jesus followers everywhere, here and abroad. As we gather, we are light these lamps, mindful of our joys, our laments; grateful for your presence in and through us, trusting you for growth and for hope.

**Piano Side: We are a covenant people, called to God by God, generation through generation.**

*Offering Side: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our life to gain our life.*

***Together: We are a covenant people, called to church by the church, weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.***

**Piano Side: Renamed.**

*Offering Side: Reborn.*

***Together: Renewed. We gather ourselves in the community of believers. We gather ourselves unto you.***

**Gathering Songs**      *Here in This Place*  
                                         *Blessed Assurance*

WB 6  
WB 332

### Responsive Reading

Leader: Jesus is God's Incarnate Word.

**People:** No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus is the very image of God.

**People:** No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ. →

Leader: Jesus is God's Prophet, our Priest, our King.

**People:** No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus is God's Son, sent to save us from sin.

**People:** No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus is Lord.

**People:** No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**All: *Jesus is Lord***

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone Together</i>	(VT 389)	WB 43 on screen
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### **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.

### **Offering Prayer**

<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	WB 407
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Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, Dollar Project and My Coins Count.

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 3.1-11

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet. <sup>3</sup> Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual. When jealousy and fighting exist between you, aren't you unspiritual and living by human standards? <sup>4</sup> When someone says, "I belong to Paul," and someone else says, "I belong to Apollos," aren't you acting like people without the Spirit? <sup>5</sup> →

After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. <sup>9</sup> We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. <sup>11</sup> No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Message**

*We are People of the Word  
Renewal through Story*

**Benediction**

My siblings, as we end our worship together, let us keep our hearts turned to God. Have the mind of Christ, free to live in love.

Walk the Jesus way to cross dividing lines.

Live in love and peace in our fellowship in Jesus Christ.

May love and understanding be in our hearts and the world.

May peace and friendship be a place of refuge for us amid storms.

May we have the power to speak the truth, proclaim peace, and be compassionate.

May we experience inspiration in the Holy Spirit, blessings and love from God, and peace from Jesus Christ so that we can join in bringing righteousness, justice, and community to the world.

Amen.

**Sending song**

*For We Are Strangers No More*

WB 322

## **Sermon Response**

**Focus Question:** How have you experienced the faith of Anabaptists before you and how that has affected your faith.

## **Prayer Requests Announcements**

Greeters, Andreasen Family  
Usher, Ken Wenger  
PA Operator, Virgil Troyer  
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter  
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter  
Reader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi  
Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar  
Preschool SS Nursery, Sky Lofty  
Trustee (November), Stan Kamp

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

## **Announcements**

Celebration of Life service for Joyce Gerber is on Saturday, January 11, here at Orrville Mennonite. Calling hours from 9:00 - 11:00 am, service at 11:00 am and lunch to follow.

MennoTable, multilingual Bible Study with Elvis is January 12 at Martins Mennonite Church. Sunday afternoon from 5:00 -7:00 pm

## **2025 Sermon Series**

**Renewal – Learning from 500 Years of Anabaptism** -- January 5-19 and the 26<sup>th</sup>

A look at Story, Repentance, Trust and Yieldedness, and the Lord's Table through the eyes of our history.

This series culminates in a combined worship service and communion with Akron Swahili, Crown Hill, and Wooster Mennonite Churches at Wooster Mennonite on January 26 at 10:00 am with lunch to follow. Amy Gingerich, head of Menno Media, is our speaker for the day and she will address the 500<sup>th</sup> Anabaptist Anniversary, which is January 25.

**We'll have some focus questions for sharing in this series.**

**January 5 Focus Question:** How have you experienced the faith of Anabaptists before you and how that has affected your faith.

**Wait, God ... Really?!?**

**February 2 - March 2**

A five week look at some head-scratching and even scandalous things in the Bible and faith

1. God's role in our suffering
2. The difficulty of faith and prayer
3. Is it really only through Christ?
4. Scandal -- The treatment of women
5. Scandal -- The land promise and conquest and modern colonialism

**Widows' group will meet** at Orrville Mennonite Church on Wednesday, January 8, 1-2:30 pm. Bring your favorite teacup! This is a social group for any and all widows. Come join us! Questions contact Judy King, 330-201-2069 or Lou Erb, 330-317-0726.

**Extra copies of *Anabaptist World*, January 2025** are available in the coffee area for a donation of \$8. This special issue commemorates 500 years of Anabaptism.

## Sermon Notes

### **Schedule-At-A-Glance for January 5 – 12, 2025**

Sunday, January 5

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, January 6

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 9

Elder Council, 3:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 12

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

### **Looking Ahead**

January 12 Menno Table Bible Study with Elvis Otieno at  
Martins Mennonite Church

January 21 Ohio Conf Cluster Mtg at Crown Hill MC, 6:30 pm

January 26 Combined Worship Service at Wooster MC  
For 500<sup>th</sup> Anabaptist Anniversary Celebration  
Amy Gingerich, special speaker

### **Offering Report for December 29, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,512.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP (2024): \$3,555.00

Monday Meals: \$250.00

Central Christian School: \$50.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,100.00

Mennonite Mission Network: \$50.00

Ohio Conference: \$400.00

Open Arms: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,000.00

College Matching: \$200.00

Memorial Service (Joyce Gerber): \$49.11

### **January birthdays and anniversaries**

13	Penelope Andreasen	21	Sandy Sohar
20	Gregory Seymour	25	Louisa Pirozzi-Erb

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