



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship January 12, 2025

Welcome and Lamp Lighting

from Mark 1:14–15 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 (CEB)

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying: “Now is the time.”

Piano Side: Now is the time?

Leader: “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives.”

Offering Side: Change our hearts and lives?

Leader: Yes. Repent, and come clean with what you’ve done wrong and the sin that weighs you down.

All: And this is good news?

Leader: Absolutely! God said, “If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

All: Ah, this is good news! God’s kingdom is now.

Offering Side: Now is the time to humbly pray, seek God’s face, and turn from our wicked ways.

Piano Side: Then we will be forgiven and our land will be healed.

Leader: So, light the lamps!

Piano Side: While we celebrate our standing as God’s children

Offering: We live in this broken world.

Leader: Even so, our hope is in Christ.

All: Even so, our hope is in Christ!

Singing

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

WB 8

WB 13

Responsive reading Revelation 3:14–22 (CEB)

Leader: “Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea:

Piano Side: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot.

Offering Side: So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I’m about to spit you out of my mouth. After all, you say, ‘I’m rich, and I’ve grown wealthy, and I don’t need a thing.’ You don’t realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked.

Piano Side: My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that your nakedness won’t be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see.

Offering Side: I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives.

All: *Look! I’m standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.*

Leader: If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Singing	<i>God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle</i>	WB 135
	<i>O Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	WB 577

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

Offering Song	<i>In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting</i>	WB 526
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Scripture 2 Chronicles 7:12–22

¹² Then the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place as my house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I close the sky so that there is no rain or I order the locusts to consume the land or I send a plague against my people, ¹⁴ if my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. ¹⁵ From now on my eyes will be open and my ears will pay attention to the prayers offered in this place, ¹⁶ because I have chosen this temple and declared it holy so that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. ¹⁷ As for you, if you will walk before me just as your father David did, doing all that I have commanded you and keeping my regulations and case laws, ¹⁸ then I will establish your royal throne, just as I promised your father David: You will never fail to have a successor ruling in Israel. ¹⁹ But if any of you ever turn away from and abandon the regulations and commands that I have given you, and go to serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰ then I will uproot you ^[c] from my land that I gave you, and I will reject this temple that I made holy for my name. I will make it a joke, insulted by everyone. ²¹ Everyone who passes by this temple—so lofty now—will be shocked and will wonder, Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and temple? ²² The answer will come, Because they abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt. They embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them. This is why God brought all this disaster on them.

Message *Renewal through Repentance*

Hymn of Response *Open Lord, Thy Inward Ear* (VT 548) on screen

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Greeter, Liz Snyder
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Marilyn Kamp
Sharing and Prayer, Lou Erb
Worship Nursery, Sandy Miller
Trustee (January), Stan Kamp

Nursery Note. There are no volunteers assigned for the Sunday School 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.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

We extend sincere sympathies to Larry Gerber and daughters, Beth (Wayne), Jodi (Scott) and Anita (Jeff) and their families in the passing of Joyce on December 2, 2024. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Joyce's memory.

Boxes of offering envelopes are available at the church mailbox locations. Please sign your name on the numbered card and place it in the box.

\$ Project for the Zuerchers: This focus will give opportunity for Austin and Gris's support through the second Sunday of February.

MennoTable, multilingual Bible Study with Elvis is this evening, January 12, 5 – 7 pm at Martins Mennonite Church.

2025 Sermon Series

Renewal – Learning from 500 Years of Anabaptism -- January 5-19 and the 26th

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 & she will address the 500th Anabaptist Anniversary, which is Jan. 25th.

Mennonite Arts Weekend: Join us at Mennonite Arts Weekend, February 7-9, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. Presentations by musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for Pre-K children through high school are planned throughout the weekend. A nursery will be available. Find the list of presenters and registration and location information at <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org>.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for January 12 – 19, 2025

Sunday, January 12

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Menno Table Bible Study with Elvis Otieno at
Martins Mennonite Church, **5 – 7 pm**

Monday, January 13

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15

Men's Breakfast at OMC, 8:00 am

Thursday, January 16

Koinonia Ladies Lunch at Marilyn Kamp's, 12 noon

Next Sunday, January 19

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

Worship, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Looking Ahead

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

January 26 Combined Worship Service at Wooster MC
For 500th Anabaptist Anniversary Celebration
Amy Gingerich, special speaker. Lunch will be
prepared by the Akron Swahili Mennonite Church. They
are raising funds for new instruments for their church.

Offering Report for January 5, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$437.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP (2025): \$3,367.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$16.00

Anabaptist World donations (anniversary edition): \$16.00

January birthdays and anniversaries

13 Penelope Andreasen

21 Sandy Sohar

20 Gregory Seymour

25 Louisa Pirozzi-Erb

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