



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship January 19, 2025

### Welcome

### Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting Proverbs 3:5–8

Leader: Gathered siblings, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

Offering Side: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.

**All: *We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.***

Leader: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

**Piano Side: For it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.**

Leader: Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our wisdom.

**Piano Side: We will trust in the Lord.**

*Offering Side: We will not be puffed up with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.*

**All: *Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened. Thanks be to God.***

Leader: So, light the lamps!

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

*Offering Side: We live in this broken world.*

Leader: Even so, our hope is in Christ.

**All: *Even so, our hope is in Christ!***

### Singing

When We Walk with the Lord  
*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

WB 544  
WB 12

**Responsive reading** Jeremiah 17:5–8 (CEB)

Leader: The LORD proclaims: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the LORD.

**Piano Side: They will be like a desert shrub that doesn't know when relief comes.**

*Offering Side: They will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives.*

Leader: Happy are those who trust in the LORD, who rely on the LORD.

**Piano Side: They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water.**

*Offering Side: They won't fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green.*

**All: They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>To God, With the Lamb</i>	WB 125
	<i>God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle</i>	WB 135

**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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**Scripture** John 15.1-10

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. <sup>2</sup> He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. →

Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. <sup>6</sup> If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

**Message**      Renewal through "Gelassenheit"

**Hymn of Response**    *I Bind My Heart This Tide*      WB 411

**Benediction**      Isaiah 55:10–11 (CEB)

God says: Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater, so is my word that comes from my mouth; it does not return to me empty. Instead, it does what I want, and accomplishes what I intend.

**Sermon Response**

**Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

Greeter, Kathy Troyer

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Virg Troyer

Song Leader, Bill Seymour

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Amber Andreasen

Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Worship Nursery, Liz Snyder, Kathy Troyer

Sunday School Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty

Trustee (January), Stan Kamp

## **Sermon Notes**

### **Announcements**

#### **Combined Service: Anabaptism at 500**

Join us on January 26 at Wooster Mennonite Church for a special Combined Worship Service at 10:30 AM as we celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. Together, we'll reflect on our rich heritage through inspiring worship, prayer, and the sharing of communion. The service will feature the Akron Swahili Mennonite Choirs, multilingual scripture readings, and a message from guest speaker Amy Gingerich. After the service, stay for a delicious meal provided by the Akron Swahili Mennonite Church. This meal will serve as a fundraiser to help them purchase new instruments for their worship choir, furthering their ministry through music.

**OMC family, thank you so much** for all your prayers, hugs, visits for Mom and Dad, and especially for each detail that was covered for Mom's celebration of Life Service. From the food to the table decor, to each person that directed guests on where to go and all those who helped behind the scenes, we are so grateful. Your love for Mom and Dad and all of us was felt and made the day special.  
~ Wayne & Beth, Jodi & Scott, Anita & Jeff

**Please check the bulletin board by mailboxes** to read a Christmas letter from John and Barbara Moyer Lehman!

**Welcome to Daryl and Sue Steiner!**

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**Be watching for John and Kathy Schmid's contact info soon!**

**Women's Breakfast.** The monthly women's breakfast at Lou Erb's house is back! The first one will be on January 25 with a celebration of Lou Erb's and Sandy Sohar's birthdays. It will begin at 8:30 and end whenever you leave. Lou will provide a breakfast casserole, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. You are not obligated to bring anything but if you want to contribute that's ok too. Bring a friend! Please let Lou know if you plan to be there. Hope to see you there!

**Monday Meals.** Last Monday we served 122 meals. This Monday Oak Grove Mennonite is preparing and serving the meal. Ham and scalloped potatoes.

**Amish-Mennonite Heritage Center (Behalt).** On January 21, 1525, a group of brave men and women gathered in a house in Zurich, Switzerland. The group discussed the call to follow Jesus and then rebaptized each other on their confession of faith. Most of them paid for this choice with their lives. But today, their vision lives on in the Amish, Mennonite, and other Anabaptist churches. In

commemoration of the five-hundredth anniversary of this event, we invite you to the Amish-Mennonite Heritage Center for a day of remembrance. We will be offering free tours of *Behalt* at the top of each hour from 10 AM to 3 PM. At 4:30 PM and again at 6:30 PM there will be a longer tour (75-90 minutes). These tours will concentrate on what led to that first baptism and how that impacted the world. Please join us for this special time. For more information, please call at 330-893-3192 or email [director@amheritagecenter.com](mailto:director@amheritagecenter.com).

### **Schedule-At-A-Glance for January 19-26, 2025**

Sunday, January 19

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

Worship, 9:30 am

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, January 20

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 25

Women's Breakfast at Lou Erb's, 8:30 am

Sunday, January 26

Combined Worship Service at Wooster MC, 10:30 am

500<sup>th</sup> 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 12, 2025**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,245.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$125.43

Offering Envelopes: \$3.00

# January birthdays and anniversaries

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

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