



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

February 2, 2025

New Sunday Morning Timing starts this week!!

9:00 am – Coffee

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Welcome

Gathering Song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* WB 12*

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

Leader: We come to worship this morning with all of who we are.

Piano Side: Our troubles and laments (*one lamp is lit*).

Offering Side: Our victories and joys (*one lamp is lit*).

Leader: We come to worship this morning as part of a community of Jesus followers here and all over the world (*one lamp is lit*).

All: We come to worship together, Lord, because you are our hope. You are our strength. You are our everything, and we are grateful (*final lamp is lit*).

Singing *For the Beauty of the Earth* WB 89*

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly WB 514*

Responsive reading Proverbs 3.1-6*

Leader: [The Lord says], don't forget my instruction. Let your heart guard my commands,

Piano Side: Because they will help you live a long time and provide you with well-being.

Offering Side: Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Bind them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. →

All: Then you will find favor and approval in the eyes of God and humanity.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence.

All: Know [the Lord] in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight.

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Be Thou My Vision

WB 545*

Scripture

1 Samuel 8.1-20

¹Now when Samuel got old, he appointed his sons to serve as Israel's judges. ²The name of his oldest son was Joel; the name of the second was Abijah. They served as judges in Beer-sheba. ³But Samuel's sons didn't follow in his footsteps. They tried to turn a profit, they accepted bribes, and they perverted justice.

⁴So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." ⁶It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the Lord.

⁷The Lord answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. ⁸They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. ⁹So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them."

¹⁰Then Samuel explained everything the Lord had said to the people who were asking for a king. ¹¹"This is how the king will rule over you," Samuel said:

"He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. ¹²He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be →

perfumers, cooks, or bakers. ¹⁴ He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the Lord won't answer you."

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us ²⁰ so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles."

Message *What difference does Anabaptism make?*

Song of Response *God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle* WB 135

Love Step Prayer and Benediction (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.

Open my eyes to see where you send me, Lord, that I may offer the hope and joy we have at Orrville Mennonite to someone who needs it.

Send us, Lord. Amen.

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Songs and Scriptures with an "" are favorites of Ralph Rheinheimer, whose February 3 birthday we celebrate today*

Greeters, Liz Snyder, Stan and Marilyn Kamp
Usher, Ken Wenger
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Sandy Miller
Sharing and Prayer, Mark Bixler
Preschool Nursery, Sky Lofty
Worship Nursery, Marilyn Kamp
Trustee (February), Mark Bixler

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Please take note! The church elevator is temporarily out of service.

Monday Meals. We served 190 meals this week. Monday, February 3, we will serve leftovers in the form of taco casserole, chicken noodle casserole, and anything else in our freezer that we can casserole.

We will not have a congregational fellowship meal in February.

We encourage even those who don't drink coffee to use our *Gathering and Coffee Time* at 9 am on Sunday mornings for fellowship and connection with others at Orrville Mennonite. Stay tuned for March fellowship plans.

Volunteer help needed at new MCC material resources building

in Kidron: We are excited that construction on the new MCC Material Resources Center is nearing completion! Volunteers are needed to help deep clean the building to prepare for moving in. (Bonus: You can get a sneak peek while you're there!) Cleaning times will take place throughout the afternoon and evening on Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6. Small groups, adult Sunday School classes or individuals can come help for a few hours to clean the building. To register for a time slot and learn more go to mcc.org/kidron-mr-cleaning or reach out to Sarah Doerksen at 330-201-4515. Thanks for your help! Josiah, Bill, and Sonnenberg youth group are probably helping to clean on Wednesday.

MennoTable Event with Elvis

Sunday, February 9, in Akron 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Trinity UCC on North Main St. We will listen to the story of our Congolese friends, how they started their journey from their home in Congo to a refugee camp in Tanzania and finally to Ohio. It's not an easy story to tell so let's keep them in prayers and come ready to witness an amazing Grace of God in their lives.

Winter/Spring Sermons

Wait, God ... Really?!?

February 9 - March 9

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

Separation from the World in 2025

March 16, 23, 30, April 6

2 Cor 5-7, including banning, shunning, and separation

Schedule-At-A-Glance for February 2-9, 2025

Sunday, February 2

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, February 3

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 4

Elder Council meeting

Next Sunday, February 9

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Looking Ahead

February 21 – OMC Game Night

Feb 28 – Mar 1 – MCC Comforter Bash at Fairlawn Mennonite

March 7, 8 – Ohio Annual Conference Assembly @ Berlin MC

Sunday, May 4 – Combined Worship with guest speaker Ann

Graber Hershberger, Executive Director for MCC US

Offering Report for January 26, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,105.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Everence CC earnings: \$87.95

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$125.00

February birthdays and anniversaries

2	Joshua Squirrel		Joshua Cooper
3	Ralph Rheinheimer	23	Larry/Joyce Gerber
5	Jane Beyeler	24	Louise Bowers
16	Sharon Stutzman		Dawn Campbell
20	Jen Bixler	27	Bill Seymour

Mennonite Mission Network – Would you like to help Mennonite youth learn more about their Anabaptist heritage? There are still two weeks to register for Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture “Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back to See the Future” trip this summer. Pray that the next generation of Mennonite leaders will be shaped by the rich diversity of the global Mennonite church during this once-in-a-lifetime encounter in Germany and Switzerland.

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