



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

February 23, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	WB 170*
	<i>For God So Loved Us</i>	WB 167*

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*).

Song	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	WB 165*
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Responsive reading Romans 8.1-4*

Leader: So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Piano Side: The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Offering Side: God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness.

Piano Side: God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin.

Offering Side: [God] did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. →

All: Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness.

Song *As We Rise, O God to Meet You* VT 39

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *They That Wait on the Lord* WB 584*

Scripture John 14.1-7

¹ “Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ² My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? ³ When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴ You know the way to the place I’m going.”

⁵ Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

Message *Only Jesus?*

Song of Response *Nothing Can Separate Us* VT 171

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.

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Songs and Scriptures with an “*” are favorites of Louise Bowers, whose February 24 birthday we celebrate today.

Greeters, Mark and Jen Bixler

Usher, Judy King

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

PowerPoint Operator, Sandy Miller

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Louisa Erb

Sharing and Prayer, Hank Rossiter

Preschool Nursery, Sky Lofty

Worship Nursery, Sandy Miller

Trustee (February), Mark Bixler

Sermon Notes – Exclusivity of Christ

First Commandment – **Deuteronomy 5.6-10**

You shall have no other gods before me...

Sh'ma – **Deuteronomy 6.4-9**

Hear, o Israel.... Love the Lord your God with....

Jesus at Temptations in the Desert – **Mark 4.10/Luke 4.8**

(quoting **Deuteronomy 6.13**, which builds on **Exodus 20.3**)

You are to worship the Lord your God and serve only him

Jesus on the Greatest Commandment – **Matthew 22.36-40**

(reiterating and expanding **Deuteronomy 6.4-9**)

Love God with all your...

Love your neighbor as love yourself.

All the commandments hinge on these.

Jesus on relationship with God – **John 14.6-7**

(building on **Deuteronomy 5.6-10, 6.13**, and **Exodus 20.3**)

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

To know me is to know the Father.

Jesus on Relationship with humans – **John 14.3b**

(building on **Deuteronomy 5.6-10** and **Isaiah 9.7**)

I will come to get you so that you may be where I am

Jesus on Faith and Doing – **John 3, Matthew 25**

Rebirth in the Spirit, not just believe.

Three stories about active faith and trust

A thought from CS Lewis:

The inside is bigger than the outside

on the door to “heaven” in *The Last Battle*

Announcements

Monday Meals served 94 meals on Monday. This coming Monday, February 24, we are serving something yummy (haven't decided by press time).

Winter/Spring Sermons

Wait, God ... Really?!?

February 9 - March 9

A look at some head-scratching 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, conquest and modern colonialism

Sonnenberg Station is joining Summit Choral Society in their concert on Sunday, March 2, 4 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron. We'll do 4 songs combined with the Summit men, and two of our own songs.

Love INC is seeking a Connection Center Coordinator for Wayne County Love In the Name of Christ. This is a paid staff position. Our Connection Center is located at 3984 Kidron Road. The center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to noon. Interested? Details? Please call Janet at 330.203.1823.

Love INC Wayne County is offering *Wheels of Love* Training on Tuesday, February 25, 12 – 1:30 pm at Love INC office: 3987 Kidron Road. To register, call 330.391.4802 or email info@loveincwayne.org

Jan will be working remotely (from Indiana) the week of **February 24-28**. Feel free to contact her via email or cell phone. You can also leave a voicemail on the church phone and your message will be received by Jan via email.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for February 23 – March 2, 2025

Sunday, February 23

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne's, 4:00 pm

Monday, February 24

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Friday-Saturday, February 28 & March 1

MCC Comforter Bash at Fairlawn MC

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Looking Ahead

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

March birthdays

3 Kathy Schmid

9 Danae King

16 Bev Squirrell

20 John Schmid

26 Norm Sohar

27 Sherm Amstutz

30 Han Erb

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