



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

March 16, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Joy to the World</i>	WB 318
	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	WB 319

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	<i>O, Holy City Seen of John</i>	WB 320
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Responsive Reading and Love Step Prayer

from John 17.11b-22

Leader: Holy Father, watch over [those you have given me] in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled.

Piano Side: Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy.

Offering Side: I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. →

Piano Side: I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one.

Offering Side: They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world.

All: *Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.*

Leader: "I'm not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

Piano Side: I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.

Leader: I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one.

Offering Side: Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

All: *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

Seek Ye First

WB 324

Scripture

Hebrews 11.11-16

¹¹ By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. ¹² So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and →

welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. ¹⁴ People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. ¹⁶ But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

Message *Why do we insist on building kingdoms?*

Song of Response *Beyond A Dying Sun*

WB 323

Benediction

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High; walk in faith,
knowing Christ walks with you. Amen. (VT #1065)

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests

Announcements

Greeters, Mark and Jen Bixler
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Virg Troyer
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Sandy Sohar
Sharing and Prayer, Mark Bixler
Preschool Nursery, Sky Lofty
Worship Nursery, Marilyn Kamp
Trustee (March), Ken Wenger

Sermon Notes

The Scandal and Lure of Colonialism and Christian Nationalism

Joshua 1

(Harkening back to Genesis 12.1-3)

Reiteration of Land gift by God to the Israelites, even though others already lived there. Indication that the sword is a good accountability tool.

Matthew 28.16-20

Go and make disciples of all people groups

We tend to interpret the Kingdom of God and evangelism through the lens of Joshua rather than the lens of Jesus. Stop it.

Matthew 6.19-21

Build treasures not of the earth, but in heaven

Acts 1.1-8

... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Hebrews 11.11-16

All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them.... They are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. God... has prepared a city for them.

John 17.9-19

We are one. We belong to Jesus. We are in the world, but not of the world, just as Jesus does not belong in this world.

Matthew 16:24-26, Luke 14.25-33

We are not told by Jesus to conquer. We are told to survive with our faith intact, even when we are killed for our faith.

Announcements

We express sincere sympathies to Missy, Tim, Marianne and Rose Short in the passing of Missy's father, Paul Thomas, on March 11th. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Paul's memory.

Monday Meals served 122 meals on Monday. This coming Monday, March 17, we'll have sausage spinach cream soup. We could use a few carrot and potato peelers and cutters at 3.00 pm.

Menno Table is Today.

Menno Table will meet at Salem Community Church on Back Orrville Road Sunday at 5:00 pm. We are joining with Salem to participate in an event they planned for songs and stories revolving around Black History. Supper will be served, as well, some Latinx food, some North American food, some Indian food, and some Congolese food.

Men's Breakfast is this coming Wednesday, March 19th, 8:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Bill will be providing breakfast.

K Ladies' Lunch. Marilyn Kamp will host the K Ladies in her home on Thursday, March 20th at noon. Each woman should bring a sack lunch to share with another woman. We will exchange lunches. You will find a bag in your mailbox in which to place the lunch. Marilyn will provide drink and dessert.

Come celebrate Norm Sohar's 70th! Our family is having a party in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 29th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm to celebrate Norm turning 70. We would love to have you drop by to wish him a happy birthday! Cards would be wonderful, please no gifts.

A Statement about the immigration signs on our doors as you exit the building:

While we do not have any recent immigrants with us on Sunday morning, Open Arms does host people here and there is tutoring from time to time. When our doors are unlocked, ICE or other

agents are free to enter and talk to people. When our doors are unlocked, ICE or other agents are not free to enter. They must have a judicial warrant, signed by judge, about a specific, named, person. Those signs on the doors are there to remind anyone in building of these rights should anyone come.

Orrville Mennonite Church has a group subscription to *Anabaptist World*. We are coming up on our yearly renewal (May is our expiration date.). If you would like to join (\$44 per year), please let Jan know and she will add you to our group subscription.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for March 16 – 23, 2025

Sunday, March 16

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, March 17

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 19

Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am

Thursday, March 20

K Ladies' Lunch at Marilyn Kamp's, 12 noon

Next Sunday, March 23

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Rollin Mukanza preaching

Offering Report for Feb 16, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,080.00

Weekly Amount Needed \$3,367.00

Compassion Fund: \$700.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$148.00

Offering envelopes: \$1.00

Offering Report for Feb 23, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,926.06

Weekly Amount Needed: \$3,367.00

Compassion Fund: \$455.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$60.00

Offering Report for March 2, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,969.55
Weekly Amount Needed:\$3,367.00
Compassion Fund: \$300.00
Anabaptist Bible: \$40.00
Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$15.00
Dollar Proj - Bobcat Closet:\$176.00

Offering Report for March 9, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,585.00
Weekly Amount Needed:\$3,367.00
Monday Meals: \$15.00
Zuerchers: \$500.00
Dollar Proj (Bobcat Closet): \$84.00

Looking Ahead

March 21 to 27 – Bill and Allison in Buffalo over spring break

Sunday, March 23 – Rollin Mukanza preaching

Wednesday, March 26 – Open Arms Spring Kids’ Event at OMC

Sunday, May 4 – Combined Worship with guest speaker, Ann Graber Hershberger, Executive Director for MCC US

March birthdays

9	Danae King	26	Norm Sohar
13	Kathy Schmid	27	Sherm Amstutz
16	Bev Squirrel	30	Han Erb
20	John Schmid		

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