



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Gathering Songs *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him* SJ 3
If You Believe and I Believe SJ 32

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 *Now Thank We All Our God* WB 86
Brothers and Sisters of Mine WB 142

Responsive Reading Isaiah 55.1-3, 6-9, 11

and Love Step Prayer

Leader: All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

Piano Side: Why spend money for what isn't food, and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?

Offering Side: Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts.

Leader: Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live. Seek the Lord when he can still be found; call him while he is yet near. →

Piano Side: Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes.

Offering Side: Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them, to our God,

All: Because [God] is generous with forgiveness.

Leader: My plans aren't your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

Piano Side: Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways,

Offering Side: 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.

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 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* WB 96
*This year, My Coins Count will be raising funds for MCC's Food Program
(it's been Water Projects for many years)
in accordance with MCC's new schedule.*

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

³⁴ "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. ³⁵ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and →

you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' ⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

Message

God is revealed in actions

Rollin Mukanza

Song of Response *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* WB 369

Unison Benediction

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Sermon Response
Prayer Requests
Announcements

Greeters, Jan and Rollie Kauffman
Usher, Judy King
PA Operator, Virgil Troyer
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Sandy Miller
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell
Worship Nursery, Jan & Rollie Kauffman
Trustee (March), Ken Wenger

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 welcome Rollin Mukanza to OMC this morning. Rollin is originally from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and has lived in Akron since 1996. Married to his wife Caryn, two daughters, Claire and Lauren. He has a psychology degree from Congo (Universite Pedagogique National) and a Business Administration degree from Bluffton University and has spent many years serving the immigrant community in Akron. He spent 9 years working with the International Institute of Akron in the field of refugee resettlement. He is currently serving with Open Arms in Akron since October 2024.

Monday Meals served 144 meals on Monday. This coming Monday, March 24, Martin's Mennonite will serve goulash, a roll, green beans, an orange, and dessert.

Open Arms Banquet Fundraiser Event at Kidron Community Center, Thursday, March 27th, 6 pm. There will be a free will offering taken for Open Arms. RSVP to Jen at 330.988.5142 or open-arms.us

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 locked, ICE or other agents are not free to enter. They must have a judicial warrant, signed by judge, about a specific, named, person. Even when the door is cracked open to see who it is, they may enter. Those signs on the doors are there to remind anyone

in building of these rights should anyone come. Please check intent before opening a door for someone.

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 23 - 30, 2025

Sunday, March 23 **3rd Sunday in Lent**

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Rollin Mukanza preaching

Wild Church at Dan & Jeanne Jantzi's, 4 pm

Monday, March 24

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25

Open Arms Kids' Event at OMC

Saturday, March 29

Celebrate Norm Sohar's 70th, church fellowship hall, 1:30 – 3pm

Next Sunday, March 30 **4th Sunday in Lent**

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

Offering Report for March 16, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$6,125.79

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Monday Meals: \$2,000.00

Dollar Project (Bobcat Closet): \$24.00

Offering Envelopes: \$2.00

Anabaptist World subscriptions: \$176.00

Looking Ahead

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

Monday, Apr 7 – Birthday Party for James Owen (fellowship hall) 6-8 pm

Sunday, April 13 – 66th Annual MSN Community Concert at CCS, 3 pm

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

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 Squirrell	30	Han Erb
20	John Schmid		

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