



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
June 8, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Let There Be Light, Lord God</i>	SJ 67
	<i>Longing for Light</i>	SJ 54

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

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

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

Piano 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*).

Offering Side: As we gather, we wonder who else could bless us and be blessed by becoming a part of us.

Piano Side: We trust you, Lord, for growing our community (one lamp is lit).

All: Lord, because you are our hope we come to worship together. You are our light, so we learn together. You are our example, so we serve together. You are our strength, so we stand together (final lamp is lit).

Singing	<i>I Am Leaning on the Lord</i>	WB 532
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Responsive Reading from Acts 2.1-21

Leader: When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Piano Side: They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them.

Offering Side: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. →

Leader: The gathered people from all over the world were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages.

Offering Side: "What does this mean?"

Piano Side: "They're full of new wine!"

Leader: Peter stood with the other eleven apostles.

Piano Side: "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words!

Offering Side: These people aren't drunk. This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

Leader: In the last days, God says,

Offering Side: I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your elders will dream dreams.

Piano Side: Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Offering Side: I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

Piano Side: Blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

Leader: The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

All: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Song *Holy Spirit, Come With Power*

WB 26

Offering and Love Step Prayer

Leader: We offer the Lord gifts -- financial support, time, effort, attitude, and relationship.

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.

Leader: This is but one offering we give.

All: Help us to see how you are working in our relationships and how you are leading us to be closer to Christ. →

Leader: Bless all these gifts, including this financial offering we give you now. Amen.

Offering Song *Open My Eyes, That I May See* WB 517
Offering

Scripture Mark 12.28-34

²⁸ One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* ³⁰ *and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* ³¹ The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these."

³² The legal expert said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, "You aren't far from God's kingdom." After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Message *One on One with Jesus, Part 5.2*
 An Expert in the Law of God

Song of Response *Renew Your Church* WB 363

Benediction

Sermon Response, Prayer Requests and Announcements

Greeters, Tim and Missy Short
Usher, Jo Bixler
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

SS PreK/Nursery, Sandy Miller
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Reader, Amber Andreasen
Sharing & Prayer, Tim Short
Trustee (June), Ken Wenger

The "Quiet Table" is available in the coffee area during the worship services at Orrville Mennonite. People of all ages are welcome to come to do quiet hands-on activities as a way of listening and focusing during the worship time. This area works best if there are equal numbers of adults and children sitting together. If you are someone who enjoys listening while creating, maybe this area will be your new regular pew! Our youngest children will "graduate" to this area after their nursery Sunday School hour. If you have been a nursery volunteer in the past, please consider continuing your relationship with the littles at this table.

Sermon Notes

Jesus and a Scribe/Legal Expert

Mark 12.28-34

Love the Lord your God...

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Why is this the greatest commandment?

Mark 12.38-40

Watch out for legal experts. Many are interpreting God's rules to cheat widows (and people in need), forcing them into poverty.

Mark 12.41-44

A widow's faithful, sacrificial offering – to the Temple system that supports the Scribes.

Announcements

Open Arms Kids' Camp is happening on Wednesdays throughout the months of June and July here at OMC! It was such a blessing to see all the smiling faces of the kids as they arrived!! Please keep the children, the leaders and the many volunteers in your prayers throughout the summer months.

Widows' group will meet at Orrville Mennonite Church on Wednesday, June 11 from 1-2:30 pm. This is a social group for any and all widows. Come join us! Questions contact Lou Erb, 330-317-0726 or Judy King, 330-201-2069.

Please join Jeanne and Dan on Sunday afternoon, June 22 to celebrate and to bless the future forest! Come any time and bring food for a potluck picnic and your chairs. Wild Church will begin at 4:00 with prayers for the trees and the returning insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals. Wild Church will include time to wander and wonder in the woods and future forest on your own to listen to God in silence. We'll plan to share our potluck at the campfire at 6:00 and have time before and after to play in the creek, enjoy the beauty of being outside with friends, or talk about land, people, and forests. Our address is 6426 Chippewa Rd, Orrville.

New Elder(s)

Our constitution calls for a minimum of three elders to serve with the pastor. We are finding that it would be very beneficial to have more than three. We aren't sure if we need one or two more, but we are asking the congregation to pray and consider whom you'd

like to see as an elder. We'll have nomination forms available in a couple of weeks. To keep a good rotation, the new person(s) would be filling a term(s) that will end in August 2026, eligible for renewal into a normal 4-year term. So, if you feel like you are being nudged, there is only a 15-month initial commitment. Currently, Dan Jantzi's term is completed in August 2026 and Bev Squirrel and Lou Erb's terms complete in August 2028.

Friends, we are still in need of people to greet our church family as well as guests each Sunday morning. We need at least 2 people to be able to cover both doors. Would you kindly consider adding your name to the list of those willing to greet? If you have questions, or are hesitant, please give Bev a call or text at 330-845-3732. We are happy to provide chairs if that would make it easier for you to serve in this way. Thanks for helping to make our church a welcoming place of worship.

True North Vacation Bible School – Are you tired of the summer heat and ready for a wild Alaskan Adventure? Then come on over to **Sonnenberg Mennonite Church** as we explore this wild world and find our True North, Jesus. All students going into grades K-6 are invited to join us June 26-29 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Call 330-857-8222 or stop by to pick up a flyer.

You're invited to Vacation Bible School! Join us June 23–27 from 5:45 to 8:00 PM at **Oak Grove Mennonite Church**, 7843 Smucker Road, Smithville. Children who have completed preschool through 5th grade are welcome! Call 330-669-2697 for more information.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for June 8 – 15, 2025

Sunday, June 8

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wednesday, June 11

Open Arms Kids' Camp at OMC, 9 am – 3 pm

Widows' Group, 1 – 2:30 pm

Sunday, June 15

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Offering Report for June 1, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,595.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Monday Meals: \$850.00

June birthdays and anniversaries

8	Tim Trapp	20	Mark/Jen Bixler
11	Emmett Andreasen	21	Ken/Rita Wenger
14	Maggie Hartzler	24	John/Kathy Schmid
15	Bernita Wade		
18	Willie/Sandy Miller		

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