



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
July 6, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	WB 332*
	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	WB 336*

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 *Rock of Ages* (lyrics printed in bulletin)*

Responsive Reading Psalm 23:1-4, James 5:10-11, Col. 3:15-17*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters;

Piano Side: He keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

Offering Side: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they protect me. →

Leader: Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of patient resolve and steadfastness.

Piano Side: Look at how we honor those who have practiced endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job.

Offering Side: And you have seen what the Lord has accomplished, for the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Leader: The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

All: Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Song

Over My Head

SJ 18

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
Offering**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WB 37

Scripture Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being praise the Lord!

² I will praise the Lord with all my life;

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

³ Don't trust leaders;

don't trust any human beings—

there's no saving help with them!

⁴ Their breath leaves them,

then they go back to the ground.

On that very same day, their plans die too.

⁵ The person whose help is the God of Jacob—

the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—

is truly happy!

⁶ God: the maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

God: who is faithful forever,

⁷ who gives justice to people who are oppressed,

who gives bread to people who are starving!

The Lord: who frees prisoners.

⁸ The Lord: who makes the blind see.

The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.

The Lord: who loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord: who protects immigrants,

who helps orphans and widows,

but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

¹⁰ The Lord will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the Lord!

Sermon *God: Who is Faithful Forever*

Megan Sohar

Song of Response *O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God* SJ 46

Benediction

Sermon Response, Prayer Requests, Announcements

*Songs & Scriptures with an * are favorites of Lois Yoder
whose birthday we celebrate today.*

Greeters, LaVonne and Sherm Amstutz
Usher, Ken Wenger
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
YouTube Operator, Amos Bixler
Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Reader, Amber Andreasen
Sharing & Prayer, Marion Beyeler
Trustee (July), Stan Kamp

Rock of Ages

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which
flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me
pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou
alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting
breath,
when mine eyes shall close in
death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment
throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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.

Announcements

Thank you to Megan Sohar for sharing the sermon with us this morning.

Bill is out of town on vacation right now. Next week, July 8 – 12, he will be attending MCUSA Convention, and then he will finish up with a few more days of vacation at home.

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 are completed in August 2028.

Follow Jesus 25 – MC USA Convention, July 8-12. If you'd like to follow convention happenings, look up *Grits and Bits* daily news online at the following link: convention.mennoniteusa.org

Relief Sale – July 11 and 12. The Relief Sale is an auction and festival located in Mount Hope, Ohio. Funds raised benefit Mennonite Central Committee Come, enjoy the fun!

Monday Meals Update – Mondays Meals is still on a hiatus until July 14. Oak Grove will serve on July 14, and our regular crew will be back for July 21. We are very thankful for the monetary donations we have been receiving and for our new volunteer Development Officer, John Zimmerly, from Crown Hill Mennonite!

Sculpture unveiling and dedication at MCC Connections and MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron: Join us as we unveil a new sculpture by artist Emma Zuercher acknowledging our partnership

as we support MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ around the world. There will be a short dedication ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12 in the parking lot in front of MCC Connections (4080 Kidron Road).

MCC Connections Thrift Shop in Kidron is hiring a Staff Assistant to join our team in late August. This is a part-time, paid position (three days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday/Saturday). The role provides vital support in both the donation area and the retail store. The ideal candidate will support the mission of MCC, be flexible and willing to learn, and have strong people skills. Applications will be processed as received. Apply online at www.mccconnections.com or request an application by calling 330-857-7802, ext. 1# or send an email to Michael@MCCconnections.com

Schedule-At-A-Glance for July 6 – 13, 2025

Sunday, July 6

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Megan Sohar preaching

Tuesday, July 8 – Saturday, July 12

Follow Jesus 25 – MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC

Wednesday, July 9

Open Arms Kids' Camp

Friday - Saturday, July 11 – 12

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale at Mount Hope Event Center

Sunday, July 13

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Marilyn Rossiter preaching

Offering Report for June 22, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,365.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Compassion Fund: \$150.00

Offering Report for June 29, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$820.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Monday Meals: \$500.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,050.00

Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00

Ohio Conference: \$250.00

Open Arms: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,000.00

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

6	Lois Yoder	25	Nancy Hostetler
7	Rose Short	27	Dan/Jeanne Jantzi
10	Sky Lofty	29	Judy King
12	Tim and Missy Short	30	Monica/Tim Trapp
19	Stan Kamp		

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