



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
August 17, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him* SJ 3
Praise with Joy the World's Creator SJ 4

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

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

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

Women: 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*).

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

Men: 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 *Blessed Are You* VT 290

Responsive Reading Matthew 5.3-10 NIV*

All: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Women: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: Blessed are those who mourn,

Men: For they will be comforted.

All: Blessed are the meek,

Piano Side: For they will inherit the earth.

All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Offering Side: For they will be filled. →

All: Blessed are the merciful,

Women: For they will be shown mercy.

All: Blessed are the pure in heart,

Men: For they will see God.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,

Women: For they will be called children of God.

All: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Singing

Be Still and Know that I am God

VT 37*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VT 682*

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: Bless our relationships, old and new. Thank you for drawing us closer to Christ as we share and love together.

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

Offering Song

Longing for Light

VT 715*

Offering

Scripture

Matthew 5:11-16 NIV*

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. →

School hour. If you have been a nursery volunteer in the past, please consider continuing your relationship with the littles at this table.

Announcements

Monday Meals served 133 meals this week. This Monday, we will have a cold meal: pasta salad with salami or ham, a pea salad, and pudding.

Address Update: Andreassen Family, 4280 Clear Creek Valley Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

K Ladies Lunch at Louise Bowers' home on Thursday, August 21st. Bring a sack lunch. Louise will be providing dessert and drink.

School kit dollar project update - Next Sunday, August 24th is the final Sunday to contribute kits or money to this project. Your support has been wonderful! We currently have materials for 242 kits!! Youth from Sonnenberg and the Congolese church will assemble, check and pack the kits at the new Material Resource Center August 27th. Many thanks for your generous support.

Summer Communion

We will be participating in Communion (no foot washing) together on August 31, during worship.

Sermon Series – A Jesus Community

Note from Bill -- Over more than 35 years of pastoral ministry, I have been part of three congregations of people who worked at being church, living for Jesus together. There have been all manners of faults and foibles, disappointments, and failed expectations. At times I no longer wanted to be a part of a church community. At some point in the journey, I started wondering what sort of Jesus Community I could really be excited about.

A few years ago, I started to write down my thoughts, my observations, my hopes, and dreams – a vision for Jesus Community. I quickly realized that most of what I had written looked like Orrville Mennonite Church, or the trajectory we are

on, so I presented an early draft to the Elder Council for discussion, and they helped with development and discernment to arrive at a rough expression of Jesus Community – specifically the sort of Jesus Community the Elder Council and I see that Orrville Mennonite is already becoming and could continue to grow into. We shared parts of this with the congregation in the beginning of 2024 -- *Who We Are* and *How We Hold the Bible*, which led to some good conversations and even a couple of corrections.

The writing has continued and starting September 7, we will use this writing as a basis for a Six Week Sunday School and Sermon series. Sunday School classes have already agreed to use the curriculum. Topics will include sin, accountability and faithfulness, the Bible, identity, Christian Nationalism, Human sexuality, and brief discussion about immigration, abortion, and racism will be included as well – all in a way to coalesce a picture of what Jesus Community could be like.

At the end of the 6 weeks, we, the Elder Council, will ask the congregation, “What do you want us to do with this?” and will take our cues for next steps from the responses we hear.

Friends of SEMILLA would like to invite you to a “Meet and Greet” on Saturday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Heritage Building, 13777 Arnold Rd, Dalton, OH. Karla Cuca Vasquez will be here to share about the work of SEMILLA and CASAS. Karla is the current director of CASAS and recently appointed as SEMILLA Ambassador. SEMILLA, Latin American Anabaptist Seminary was founded in 1984 in Guatemala City and serves Central and South America. Steve Steiner ssteiner54@gmail.com 330-749-9965

Schedule-At-A-Glance for August 17 – 24, 2025

Sunday, August 17

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, August 18

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 19

Yoga Class in Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30

Wednesday, August 20

Men's Breakfast, 8 am

Thursday, August 21

K Ladies Lunch at Louise Bowers' home, 12 noon

Elder Council, 3:30 pm

Sunday, August 24

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

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Looking Ahead

Summer Communion on Sunday, August 31

Offering Report for August 3, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,200.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Dollar Project – MCC School Kits: \$94.00

Offering Report for August 10, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,818.82

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Dollar Project – MCC School Kits: \$422.00

Yoga Class Contribution (use of FH): \$41.00

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Ralph/Carol Rheinheimer

7 Amber Andreasen

9 Willie Miller

10 Carol Rheinheimer

 Kathy Troyer

15 John Shilling

- 17 Hank/Marilyn Rossiter
Virg/Kathy Troyer
- 20 Bill/Allison Seymour
- 22 Marilyn Kamp
- 25 Dale Hostetler
- 28 Wilma Eash

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