



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
August 24, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Songs *God Himself is With Us* MH 7
 O Come, Loud Anthems Let Us Sing MH 14

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*).

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

Offering 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 *This is My Father's World* WB 154*

Responsive Reading John 10.11-18

Leader: [Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away.

Offering Side: That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his.

Piano Side: So, the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

Leader: "I am the good shepherd. →

Piano Side: I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

Offering Side: I give up my life for the sheep.

Leader: I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

Offering Side: "This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again.

Piano Side: No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to.

Leader: I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

Singing *Amazing Grace, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6* WB 143*

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* WB 150*
Offering

Scripture Psalm 23*

¹ The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. NKJV

Sermon *On Being Sheep*

Song of Response *When We Walk with the Lord* WB 544*

Love Step Prayer and Benediction

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: Send us, Lord, in your love and in your joy.

All: Help us to see that as we walk with people and share your love together that we are growing closer to Christ.

Leader: Go. Be Jesus' Love. Be Jesus' Peace.

All: Amen.

Sermon Response

Turn off YouTube Live

Prayer Requests and Prayer Announcements

*Songs and Scriptures with an * are some of Wilma Eash's favorites whose August 28 birthday we celebrate today.*

Greeters, Arthur Andreasen and Family
Usher, Judy King
PA Operator, Virgil Troyer
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Preschool/Nursery, Kathy Troyer
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Readers, Danae King and Charles Bontrager
Sharing & Prayer,
Trustee (August), Mark Bixler

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

Monday Meals served 163 meals this week. This Monday, we will be serving some soups made from our leftovers. Chicken noodle and some sort of beefy soup.

Thank you for your generous response to the Dollar Project through the month of August which provides MCC School Kits to youth all over the world!

We will be having Communion together during the worship service next Sunday, August 31st.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering is next Sunday, August 31st. Please check your mailbox for more information.

Over more than 35 years of pastoral ministry, I (Bill) 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.

MCC Canning for Relief for 2025 will take place in the Gerber Building behind Central Christian School from October 20 – 23. Times of operation are to be decided. During last year’s canning, 22,000 pounds of pork was processed. The pork was all eventually sent to Ukraine except for 1,000 pounds retained here for local distributions. Total costs for Canning were about \$54,000. This year’s upcoming event will be an even greater exercise in faith due to the current lack of significant funds. Thankfully, MCC Akron will be providing an operational loan for Canning in Kidron so that it can happen as scheduled. Please call/text Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 to schedule a time for your group to come. Walk ins are always welcome.

Mennonite Disaster Service. *The August edition of On the Level is now available online. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the impact of Katrina, 20 years ago this month; we also celebrate this year’s cohort of year-long volunteers; and you’ll meet two pillars of faith in action, celebrating 14 years of MDS service.* Go to this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3UFiw2x>

Schedule-At-A-Glance for August 24 – 31, 2025

Sunday, August 24

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, August 25

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 31

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

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Communion

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

Offering Report for August 17, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,155.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Dollar Project – MCC School Kits: \$1.00

Austin Zuercher: \$500.00

Other (reimbursement): \$41.61

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

5	Ralph/Carol Rheinheimer	17	Hank/Marilyn Rossiter
7	Amber Andreasen		Virg/Kathy Troyer
9	Willie Miller	20	Bill/Allison Seymour
10	Carol Rheinheimer	22	Marilyn Kamp
	Kathy Troyer	25	Dale Hostetler
15	John Shilling	28	Wilma Eash

Mennonite Mission Network – MMN requests prayer for the Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world, which offers diverse medical specialties and advanced technologies across multiple campuses. Pray that MCH’s commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities will continue to offer well-being to all of Taiwan’s people.

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Sermon Notes

Images from Psalm 23 (and echoes)

Abraham, Moses, David

YHWH is my Shepherd – That's all I need – I will dwell with my Shepherd – forever.

John 10.1-18

Jesus in Psalm 23

I am the Good Shepherd

I am =

How are we at being sheep?

Do we work at knowing God?

Do we trust God for rest, provision, safety?

Do we trust God's guidance?

Do we pay attention to God's correction?

Do we see God with us when we get ourselves into dark places?