

Piano Side: Twenty-four thrones, with twenty-four elders seated upon them, surrounded the throne.

Leader: In the center, by the throne, were four living creatures covered with eyes on the front and on the back. The first was like a lion; the second like an ox.

All: *The third had a face like a human being.*

Leader: And the fourth was like an eagle in flight. Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and each was covered all around and on the inside with eyes. They never rest day or night, but keep on saying,

All: *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is coming.”*

Leader: Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, who lives forever and always, the twenty-four elders fall before the one seated on the throne.

Men: They worship the one who lives forever and always.

Women: They throw down their crowns before the throne...

All: *“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you created all things. It is by your will that they existed and were created.”*

Singing *Each Morning Brings Us*

WB 645

Offering

Moment in Mission for Meat Canning

Prayer

Offering Song *What Gift Can We Bring* v 1,2,4 WB 385

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Scripture 1 Peter 1.13-21

¹³Therefore, once you have your minds ready for action and you are thinking clearly, place your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ¹⁴Don't be conformed to your former desires, those that shaped you when you were ignorant. But, as obedient children, ¹⁵you must be holy in every aspect of your lives, just as the one who called you →

is holy. ¹⁶ It is written, *You will be holy, because I am holy.* ¹⁷ Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. ¹⁸ Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. ¹⁹ Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. ²⁰ Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, ²¹ who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

Sermon Jesus Community, part 1:
Faithfulness and Accountability Together

Love Step Prayer

*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.
Amen.*

Song of Response *Heart with Loving Heart United* WB 420

Benediction

Send us, Lord, in your love and in your joy.
Go. Be Jesus' Love. Be Jesus' Peace.
All: Amen.

Sermon Response

**Prayer Requests, Prayer
Announcements**

Greeters, Lou Erb, LaVonne Amstutz
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Preschool/Nursery, Liz Snyder, Kathy Troyer
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Reader, Virgil Troyer
Sharing & Prayer, Megan Sohar

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 were off for Labor Day this week. This Monday, we will serve mac and cheese with ham, a veggie, and a dessert made by Maria Zehr and one of her nephews as their Central Christian School Community Service Day project.

Sermon Series – A Jesus Community – starts today!

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.

Our new Dollar Project for the next three Sundays, September 7, 14 & 21 will be financial support for the purchase of meat for the MCC Relief Meat Canning which will take place in Kidron, October 20-23rd. Last year \$54,000 was needed to purchase the meat, the cans and the fuel needed to can 22,000# of meat. Donations have been down this year so funds are still needed to purchase the meat for the October canning. ~ Missions Ministry

Your help is needed to fund MCC meat canning in Kidron: We are grateful for the volunteers who will help can 30,000 pounds of turkey in the Gerber Building behind Central Christian School from October 20-23. However, we are struggling to raise the necessary funds to pay for the canning. While we were able to secure a loan

from MCC that enables the canning to move forward without delay, we need to raise \$40,000 to repay the cost of the meat and canner operations. Please consider supporting this important project, helping people in need around the world, providing important nutrients through canned meat.

Checks payable to: Relief Canning, Inc, Kidron EIN #34-1325825
Mail to: Ben Froese, Treasurer, PO Box 157, Kidron, OH 44636
-or- 12828 Church Rd., Orrville, OH 44667

Schedule-At-A-Glance for September 7 – 14, 2025

Sunday, September 7

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, September 8

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 9

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

Sunday, September 14

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

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Offering Report for August 31, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,515.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,000.00

Ohio Conference: \$650.00

Open Arms: \$50.00

Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,000.00

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

5	Jaydon Nissley	19	John/Barb Shilling
	Josiah Bixler	26	Roland Kauffman
8	Sue Steiner	29	Bret/Amber
9	Amos Bixler		Andreasen
16	Alexander Seymour	30	Megan Sohar

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John 3.16, Galatians 5.13-26, Philippians 2.3-11, 1 Peter 1.14-16

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Matthew 23:13-36

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