

Leader: Of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them,

All: *because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God.*

Offering Side: I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me.

Piano Side: But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Singing	<i>If the War Goes On</i>	VT 794
	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	VT 797

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3.10b-14,

^{10b} Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. ¹¹ No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² So, whether someone builds on top of the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, or hay, ¹³ each one's work will be clearly shown. The day will make it clear, because it will be revealed with fire—the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴ If anyone's work survives, they'll get a reward.

Singing	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	VT 397
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Offering Prayer

Offering Song	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
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Offering

Scripture Philippians 2.3-11

³ Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. ⁵ Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

⁷ But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave →

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human, ⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon *Against Christian Nationalism*

Song of Response *Sing a New World into Being* VT 809

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

Prayer Requests, Prayer Announcements

Greeter, Bev Squirrel

Usher, Jen Bixler

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

PowerPoint Operator, Sandy Miller

Accompanist, Missy Short

Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty, Liz Snyder

Quiet Table, all ages welcome

Reader, Amber Andreasen

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—Martins Mennonite Church served 134 meals this week. This Monday, we will serve a beef stew and a pork stew, using leftovers.

Today is the final Sunday for the Relief Canning Dollar Project. Thank you for your faithful giving that helps purchase meat for our local meat canning in October. Your help to volunteer for the actual canning, October 20-23 is also needed and greatly appreciated.

From Mennonite Central Committee - Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 25,000 school kits for the 2025 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed 29,639 school kits! Each of the 29,639 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

The Koinonia Sunday School class will be meeting at Stu and Charlene Newcomer's farm for Stu's award-winning chili lunch after church next Sunday, September 28th. Details will follow.

MCC webinar: Detained and imprisoned - Immigration and mass incarceration in the U.S.: On September 30, from 1:00-2:15 p.m. EDT, MCC will host a webinar to discuss the overlapping systems of immigrant detention and mass incarceration. Through guided panel conversation, speakers will consider the shared historical underpinnings, current manifestations, and spiritual ramifications of our approach to enforcement in the U.S. Join this free webinar to learn why solidarity with affected communities is important and how you can get involved in interrupting systems of harm. More information and registration: mcc.org/solidarity-webinar

Schedule-At-A-Glance for September 21 – 28, 2025

Sunday, September 21

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, September 22

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 25

Elder Council, 3:30 pm

Sunday, September 28

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

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Looking Ahead

September 28 – Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi’s, 4 pm

October 5 – Carry-In Fellowship Meal following worship

October 18 – Camp Luz Fall Festival, 4 – 8 pm

October 20-23 – MCC Meat Canning at Gerber Bldg in Kidron

October 31 – November 2 – Camp Luz Men’s Retreat

November 2 – Fall Congregational Meeting following worship

Offering Report for September 14, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,468.82

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Dollar Project – MCC Meat Canning: \$527.00

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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2. Jesus didn't push people or seek to control people.
3. Jesus lifted people.
4. **God's power is not in controlling; God's power is RESURRECTING what is dead.**

1 Corinthians 3.11

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