

from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,*

¹⁹ *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Singing *Let There Be Light* SJ 67

Moment in Mission Lou Erb
Red Lake Charter School – new Dollar Project

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *As I Went Down to the River* SJ 79

Offering

Scripture Isaiah 36.4-7

⁴ Then the field commander said to them, "Say to Hezekiah: Assyria's Great King says this: Why do you feel so confident? ⁵ Do you think that empty words are the same as good strategy and the strength to fight? Who are you trusting that you now rebel against me? ⁶ It appears that you are trusting in a staff—Egypt—that's nothing but a broken reed! It will stab the hand of anyone who leans on it! That's all that Pharaoh, Egypt's king, is to anyone who trusts in him. ⁷ Now suppose you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God.' Isn't he the one whose shrines and altars Hezekiah removed, telling Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship only at this altar'?"

Sermon *Jesus Community, Part 4,
Choosing Sides*

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

Greeters, Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Usher, Judy King

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Accompanist, Missy Short

Song Leader, Bill Seymour

Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty and Tim Short

Quiet Table, all ages welcome

Reader, Jen Bixler

Sharing & Prayer, Marion Beyeler

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 172 meals this week. This Monday, we will serve chicken and goop, a veggie, and pineangel cake. It's all yummiier than it sounds.

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Zimmerly's this afternoon at 4 pm. All are welcome!

Next Sunday, October 5th, we will have a carry-in fellowship meal following worship. Please bring food to share and your own table service. All are welcome! Invite a neighbor, friend or family member.

Also Next Sunday, October 5, The Wayne County Churches in our 7 Church Group are encouraging our members to go up to Akron in the afternoon to join in worship with Akron Swahili Mennonite Church. It is World Communion Sunday, and we aren't having a combined service, but are hoping a good group from Wayne County will go to Akron to join in their worship. They start officially at 12:30 pm, more fully at 1:00 pm, and go until 2:30 or 3:00. Their culture is such that coming into worship late is not an offense at all, and they know we can't get there on time.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for September 28 – October 5

Sunday, September 28

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church and Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, **4 pm**

Monday, September 29

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 5

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Carry-In Fellowship Meal, following Worship

Worship in Akron with Akron Swahili Mennonite –
when we can get there as close to 1:00 as possible.

Offering Report for September 21, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,855.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Compassion Fund: \$100.00

Dollar Project – MCC Meat Canning: \$88.00

Austin Zuercher: \$650.00

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Mim Wenger	16	Arthur Andreasen
4	Christopher Kalapodis		Stan/Marilyn Kamp
5	Sherm/LaVonne Amstutz	29	Dan Jantzi Daryl Steiner
13	Barb Shilling	31	Diane Hostetler
15	Missy Short		

Prayer List – September 28th

Happy Birthday to Megan Sohar (9/30), Mim Wenger (10/2) and Christopher Kalapodis (10/4) and Happy Anniversary to Bret and Amber Andreasen (9/29) and Sherm & LaVonne Amstutz (10/5)!!

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Sermon Notes

1 Corinthians 3.11, Luke 4.14-21, Isaiah 36.4-7
Against Christian Nationalism, Part 2

So far, we have identified:

1. We are a community of people wrapped around Jesus.
2. We use an Anabaptist Mennonite lens to understand Bible, faith, and action.
3. We care deeply about the Bible. The Bible is God's written Word for us and it is what God wants us to have. We refuse to be slaves to literalism, inerrancy, or other demands people place on the text. Ultimately, all of Scripture, God's written Word, bows down to God's living Word, Jesus, who is the perfect representation of the character of God.
4. We are committed to helping each other to grow in our faithfulness to Jesus and we work at faithfulness and accountability with love, not clubs.
5. We have a shared history and a recent story of healing and growth following a long period of confusion and decline.
6. And we have a renewed joy in our current Orrville Mennonite community.
7. We openly reject Christian Nationalism as being idolatrous, and rather than exploiting privilege, we identify and share power with the marginalized.

Today, we will take a second look at US Christian Nationalism.

A view of God as US favoring. At its root is the idolatry of power, using God or expressions of God and governmental power as the vehicle to gain white, male-centric, homogeneous dominating power.

Remember: Being theologically traditional or conservative is not the same thing as being Christian nationalist.

Kings and the Problem with Kings

Is the Church partnering with an Autocratic Leader to hate people?

Jesus Picked a Side

A Confessing Church