



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
February 15, 2026

Welcome

Gathering Songs

In all of our singing and worship participation today, we invite you to sit or stand as you desire. We do ask that if you stand and the people behind you are sitting, that you maybe scooch over a little so that you aren't standing directly in front of them.

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

VT 95

Open My Eyes That I May See

VT 738

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting (borrowing from Ps. 146)

Leader: As we gather for worship, we light some lamps to remind us that we gather in context.

Piano Side: We have personal troubles and laments.

Offering Side: We also hold troubles and laments from the action of others and of our systems.

Piano Side: We have victories and joys.

Offering Side: We have brothers and sisters locally and around the world.

Piano Side: We have longings for our Orrville Mennonite Community to grow, spiritually and physically.

All: Lord, you are our hope, our light, our example, our strength. We trust you, Lord, for growing our community.

Leader: We come to worship you, the Lord, our God, who is maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Offering Side: Who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!

Piano Side: Who frees prisoners, makes the blind see, and straightens up those who are bent low.

Offering Side: Who loves the righteous and is faithful forever.

Piano Side: Who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows,

Offering Side: But who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn! who is faithful forever,

All: The Lord rules forever! Praise the Lord!

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| Singing | <i>Kyrie Eleison, Have Mercy</i> | VT 796 |
| | <i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i> | VT 754 |

Responsive Reading Judges 6.7-16

Leader: This time when the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, the Lord sent them a prophet, who said to them, “The Lord, Israel’s God, proclaims: I myself brought you up from Egypt, and I led you out of the house of slavery.

Piano Side: I delivered you from the power of the Egyptians and from the power of all your oppressors. I drove them out before you and gave you their land.

Offering Side: I told you, ‘I am the Lord your God; you must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.’ But you have not obeyed me.”

Leader: Then the Lord’s messenger came and sat under the oak at Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites. The Lord’s messenger appeared to him and said,

All: “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!”

Leader: But Gideon replied to him,

Piano Side: “With all due respect, my Lord, if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?”

Offering Side: Where are all his amazing works that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, ‘Didn’t the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’

All: But now the Lord has abandoned us and allowed Midian to overpower us.”

Leader: Then the Lord turned to him and said, “You have strength, so go and rescue Israel from the power of Midian. Am I not personally sending you? “But again Gideon said to him, →

All: *“With all due respect, my Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I’m the youngest in my household.”*

Leader: The Lord replied, “Because I’m with you, you’ll defeat the Midianites as if they were just one person.”

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Longing for Light

VT 715

Offering

Scripture Judges 8.22-28

²² Then the Israelites said to Gideon, “Rule over us, you and then your son and then your grandson, because you’ve rescued us from Midian’s power.”

²³ Gideon replied to them, “I’m not the one who will rule over you, and my son won’t rule over you either. The LORD rules over you.” ²⁴ But Gideon said to them, “May I make one request of you? Everyone give me the earrings from their loot”; the

Midianites had worn gold earrings because they were Ishmaelites.

²⁵ “We’ll gladly give them,” they replied. And they spread out a piece of cloth, and everyone pitched in the earrings from their loot.

²⁶ The weight of the gold earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold, not counting the crescents, the pendants, and the purple robes worn by the Midianite kings, or the collars that were on their camels’ necks.

²⁷ Gideon fashioned a priestly vest out of it, and put it in his hometown of Ophrah. All Israel became unfaithful there because of it, and it became a trap for Gideon and his household.

²⁸ So Midian was brought down before the Israelites and no longer raised its head. The land was peaceful for forty years during Gideon’s time.

Sermon

Gideon, a normal person like us?

Song of Response

With My Voice Alone

VT 800

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.

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer

Announcements

Greeter, Marilyn Kamp
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
PowerPoint Operator, Sandy Miller
Accompanist, Missy Short
Song Leader, Jeanne Jantzi

Reader, Lou Erb
Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Bev Squirrell
February Trustee, 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

We express our sincere sympathies to Amber and Bret Andreasen and Family in the passing of Margie Schrock, Amber's grandmother, who passed away Monday, February 9th. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Fund in Margie's memory.

Our Dollar Project is for Austin and Gris Zuercher's support as they begin another term with VidaNet in Honduras. Offerings given during

this \$ Project will be given as Orrville Mennonite's support of their ministry for 2026. Thank you for your generous offerings.

Monday Meals served 153 meals last Monday and contributed macaroni salad to lunch for 15 widows on Wednesday. Next Monday we are serving chili, cornbread, and pudding.

Join the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 12-14! This year we are gathering at the new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road). With the new location, the format will be a bit different with the event spread over three days. We still need volunteers for knotting and trimming comforters, along with sewists to bind and finish them. *See specific times below.* A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash or contact 234-415-1036 or GLOhio@mcc.org.

Dates: March 12-14, 2026 (*Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Please pack your own food for meals.*)

Thursday, March 12th

- * 8 am - 8 pm: Knotting
- * 4 pm - 8 pm: Trimming & Binding

Friday, March 13th

- * 8 am - 8 p: Trimming & Binding
- * Noon - 8 pm: Knotting

Saturday, March 14th

- * 8 am - 4 pm: Knotting, Trimming & Binding

Location: MCC Material Resources Center - 4080 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

On Saturday, February 21st there is a Weekend Group gathering at LincWay in Dalton (258 Kurzen Road N, Dalton) from 1 – 3 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy coffee and tea, games and puzzles!

Our church's group subscription to *Anabaptist World* is renewing in May 2026. If you would like to join the group subscription, now is the time. The cost is \$49 per year. Please let Jan know if you are interested. Payments will be due in April with checks made out to Orrville Mennonite Church. If you'd like to browse a copy, there are some issues by the mailboxes for you to borrow.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for February 15 – 22, 2026

Sunday, February 15

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, February 16

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 17

Pastor Peer Group at OMC, 12 noon

Thursday, February 19

K Ladies Lunch at LaVonne Amstutz's, 12 noon

Saturday, February 21

Weekend Group get-together at LincWay Cafe, 1 – 3 pm

Sunday, February 22

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church, 4:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Saturday, February 28 – Elder Retreat at Dan Jantzi's

Thursday – Saturday, March 12-14, MCC Comforter Bash
at MCC Material Resources Center

Offering Report for February 8, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,880.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Austin and Gris (February Dollar Project): \$8.00

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 3 | Ralph Rheinheimer | 20 | Jen Bixler |
| 5 | Jane Beyeler | 24 | Louise Bowers |
| 16 | Sharon Stutzman | 27 | Bill Seymour |

Sermon Notes

1. There is a continued human pattern, starting with Adam and Eve, of deciding for ourselves what is right. We are wired to do our own thing. This pattern leads into repeated cycles of failure, mercy, and faithfulness.
2. GOD drives mercy, not anyone's faithfulness.
3. Sin and the results of sin are not going to go away until the causes of sin are eliminated, and the cause of sin is our own selfishness.

Doubt and Skepticism

Gideon, a Regular Human

His story begins with skepticism that gives way to faithfulness, then skepticism, and more faithfulness. His story ends with his forgetfulness and failure. There were 40 years of peace with Gideon.

Judges 6.7-16

Skepticism and Faithfulness

Judges 8.22-29

I ~~DON'T~~ want to be your king

Trappings of success and popularity

Wives

An idol out of gold

Beware of Kings

After Gideon's death, the people forget him and don't honor him, even though he brought them peace for 40 years. And it just gets worse from here.

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