



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

April 12, 2026

Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday – “Solidarity”

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.

Welcome

Welcome to you...

Welcome to you who are poor in spirit!

Welcome to you who mourn!

Welcome to you who hunger and thirst for justice!

Welcome to you who are peacemakers!

Welcome to you who suffer and bear what is unbearable in the name of Jesus Christ!

God, in Jesus, welcomes each one of you.

It is he who wants to bear with us the burdens of these days.

Let us open ourselves to his presence, and may his joy grip us this morning

By the grace of his Spirit!

—Nathalie Werner in “Words and prayers for worship” (Editions Mennonites)

Gathering Songs	<i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i>	WB 420
	<i>You're Not Alone</i>	VT 779

Candle Lighting – Highlighting Continents of the World

Singing	<i>We Will Follow (Somlandela)</i>	VT 566
	<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	WB 307

Offertory Prayer and Prayer for Carol Davis

Offering Song

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

WB 71

We celebrate Carol Davis's birthday today.

Carol's birthday was April 8th.

Offering

Scripture Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

²⁷ He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*"^[a]

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

³⁷ Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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.

Blessing

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer Announcements

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
PowerPoint Operator, Sandy Miller
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Readers, Marilyn Kamp & Sky Lofty
Scripture Readers, Mark Bixler, Tim Short
Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Lou Erb
April Trustee, 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

We welcome Henry Beun to our worship service this morning. Thank you for sharing the sermon as we commemorate Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday.

All are invited to join us for an international potluck meal following the worship service.

Monday Meals was off this week. This Monday, we will be serving leftovers – a variety of soups and casseroles.

Cantate Singers Concert, *Let Justice Roll Down Like Water*, today, April 12, 4 pm – Cornerstone Community Church, 18600 Davis Road, Dalton.

OMC Spring Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, April 19th following the worship service.

Over the last three weeks, we accepted straw poll input regarding the three statements proposed by the Elder Council. This poll was not a vote. It was a snapshot of how people were thinking when they filled out the sheet, but it does give us some information.

Here are the results:

Poll results- 41 total participants

13 agree-32%

10 agree with reservations-25%

6 stand aside-15%

10 oppose-25% (2 responses opposed due to what they perceive to be a "qualified" statement rather than a full, explicit statement which might mislead those in the broader community)

We do not feel that this points clearly enough at a consensus to take a vote on April 19.

At our Spring Congregational Meeting on April 19 at 11:30 am, we will have discussion around these questions:

A. What are you hearing from these results?

B. What are your questions now that you hear the results?

C. What would you like the Elders to do next?

Open Arms, in partnership with MMN, is sponsoring a "Christ at the Borders/Just Peace Pilgrimage" to the US-Mexico border Oct. 11-18, 2026. Limit is 10 persons, and there are reservations available. The Mission and Service Committee has grant funds of \$500/person available for those who might wish to take part. See Jan in the church office for an application form.

Summer IS coming! Time to think about church camp! The Mission and Service Committee has funds available that help defray the cost for campers. See Jan in the church office for a camp scholarship form.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Fundraiser

- **What:** Stand Up Comedy Night Fundraiser
- **When:** Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00PM
- **Where:** Fairlawn Mennonite Church
- **Details:** A fun, family-friendly evening of comedy to support the work of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

This event is an opportunity for fellowship and a meaningful way to support ministry to Hispanic families in our area. Your help in sharing this with your congregation would be a great blessing.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 12 – 19

Sunday, April 12 **Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday**

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Henry Beun, guest speaker

International Potluck Meal following worship

Monday, April 13

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 18

Memorial Service for Ralph Rheinheimer, **11 am**

Sunday, April 19

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Spring Congregational Meeting, following worship service

Offering Report for April 5, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,250.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Compassion Fund: \$3,950.00

Monday Meals: \$4,000.00

Zuerchers: \$100.00

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	Marion Beyeler	22	Kara Shilling
4	Liz Snyder	23	Dale/Nancy Hostetler
5	Marilyn Rossiter	26	Marion/Jane Beyeler
6	James Owen	28	Larry Gerber
8	Carol Davis		Jan Kauffman
12	Sandy Miller		

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