



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

Welcome

Gathering Songs

Here in This Place

VT 10

We Praise Thee, Oh God

VT 91

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

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.

Singing

Spirit of God, Descend vs 1,3,4

VT 557

We Dream of Turning

VT 209

Responsive Reading

1 Peter 1.13-23

Leader: Therefore, 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.

Piano Side: Don't be conformed to your former desires, those that shaped you when you were ignorant.

Offering Side: But, as obedient children, you must be holy in every aspect of your lives, just as the one who called you is holy. →

Leader: It is written, You will be holy, because I am holy. 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.

Piano Side: 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.

Offering Side: Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb.

All: Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time.

Leader: This was done for you, who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

All: So now, [our] faith and hope should rest in God.

Leader: As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.

All: [We] do this because [we] have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

Offertory Prayer

Offering Song

To God Be the Glory

VT 84

Offering

Scripture Acts 2.36-41

³⁶ “Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, **“Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** ³⁹ This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, →

“Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted Peter’s message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

Sermon

Live in Fear!!!!

Song of Response *There’s A Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

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, Bev Squirrel
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
PowerPoint Operator,
Song Leader, Jeanne Jantzi

Readers, Danae King
and Charles Bontrager
Preschool/Nursery, Marilyn Kamp
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Megan Sohar
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

Monday Meals served 150 meals last Monday. This Monday, we will be serving chicken alfredo pasta.

Spring Congregational Meeting following worship today. We'll have some light sandwiches available for those who need some sustenance.

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne's next Sunday, April 26th

Lunch with Bill for Summer Sermon Shaping

From July 12 through September 20, I'd like to turn the sermon time into monologues from Bible characters. There are loads of Bible characters, so I'm asking for help. What Bible characters might you want to hear from? What aspect of their lives intrigues you? Come have lunch with me on May 3, in the coffee area. My hope for that time is to arrive at 11-12 Bible characters to focus on for the summer. We have some women actors in our congregation, so female characters work, too. Don't worry, Bill won't be doing a Ruth monologue.

Open Arms, in partnership with MMN, is sponsoring a "Christ at the Borders/Just Peace Pilgrimage" to the US-Mexico border October 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 Stand Up Comedy Show Benefit Tuesday, April 21st at 7 pm at Fairlawn Mennonite Church.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 19 – 26, 2026

Sunday, April 19

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Spring Congregational Meeting followship worship service

Monday, April 20

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 26

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church, 4 pm at Dan and Jeanne’s

Offering Report for April 12, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,413.82

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Compassion Fund: \$5,100.00

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 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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