



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

May 3, 2026

Welcome

Gathering Song *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* WB 7

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 *When We Walk with the Lord* WB 544

I am Weak and I Need Thy Strength WB 553

Responsive Reading 1 Peter 2.1-10

Leader: [As Kept people of God], get rid of all ill will and all deceit, pretense, envy, and slander. Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

All: Now [we] are coming to him as to a living stone.

Offering Side: Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. →

Piano Side: [We] ourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple.

All: *[We] are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Leader: Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.

Piano Side: So God honors [all] who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone.

Offering Side: This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall.

Leader: Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed.

All: *But [we] are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession.*

Leader: You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Offering and Birthday Celebration

Prayer for our offering and for Rita Wenger, whose birthday is today!

Singing *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

WB 565

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading

John 14.1-14

¹ "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ² My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? ³ When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴ You know the way to the place I'm going." →

Greeters, Norm and Sandy Sohar
Usher, Judy King
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler
Reader, Amber Andreasen
SS Preschool Hour & Nursery Care, Sandy Miller
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Virgil Troyer
May 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

Monday Meals served 197 meals last Monday. This Monday, we are making chicken and goop over noodles along with a vegetable and Oreo pudding for dessert.

Please stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary to sign up to be Sunday greeters and/or nursery volunteers.

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.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a Game Night in the fellowship hall on Friday, May 8th at 6:30 pm.

We will not be having a potluck meal following worship on May 10th which is Mother's Day.

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.

MCC Connections will celebrate its 25th anniversary from May 11-16! We are grateful to the community for supporting both the Thrift Shop and the Material Resources Center. Please join us **each** day for special sales, food trucks, drawings, and giveaways:

- **Monday** - Cloud 9 Food Truck*, 25 cent bracelets
- **Tuesday** - Happy birthday, MCC Connections! Blend of Grace*, 25% off thrift purchases, 1 free commemorative shopping tote with every purchase
- **Wednesday** - 25 cent necklaces
- **Thursday** - Free coffee and donuts, 25 cent scarves
- **Friday** - Free coffee and donuts, 25 cent mugs
- **Saturday** - Patio 114 food truck*, Ruby's Chipotle Bowls Food Truck*, free ice cream cup, free shopping tote with purchase, 25 cent flip flops

*All food truck purchases are 25% off and covered by MCC Connections. Limited menus will be provided by the food trucks.

Help make MCC kit bags: School kits and hygiene kits provide important supplies to children and families around the world. These supplies are packed in a useful, double-drawstring cloth bag, but we are running short on bags. MCC is in need of volunteers to sew these simple cloth bags. Fabric and drawstrings are available at the MCC Material

Resources Center (4080 Kidron Road in Kidron), or you can use your own sturdy cotton fabric. More information and sewing instructions at: mcc.org/kits/bags. Finished bags should be dropped off at the Material Resources Center. For questions, contact GLOhio@mcc.org or (234) 415-1036.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for May 3 – 10, 2026

Sunday, May 3

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, May 4

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6

Elder Council, 3:45 pm

Friday, May 8

Game Night in fellowship hall, 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 10

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Offering Report for April 26, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,714.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Boiler Inspection Reimbursement: \$226.50

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Rita Wenger

6 Mel Wenger

12 Jeanne Jantzi

17 LaVonne Amstutz

24 Violet Andreasen

27 Marianne Short

28 Roland/Jan Kauffman

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