

Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship April 21, 2024

Welcome

Singing	Let There Be Light*	WB 371
	Spirit of the Living God*	WB 349

The lamps will be lit during the opening songs.

Lighting these lamps, we remember:

- Our sisters, brothers, friends, partners.
- Our laments.
- Our thanksgivings.
- The hope we have together in Christ.

Responsive Reading Psalm 32

Leader: The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

Piano Side: The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—that one is truly happy!

Offering Side: When I kept quiet, my bones wore out; I was groaning all day long—every day, every night! —because your hand was heavy upon me.

All: My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. Selah! Leader: So, I admitted my sin to you; I didn't conceal my guilt. "I'll confess my sins to the Lord," is what I said.

All: Then you removed the guilt of my sin. Selah Leader: That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times, so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

Piano Side: You are my secret hideout!

Offering Side: You protect me from trouble. All: You surround me with songs of rescue! Selah → Leader: I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.

Piano Side: Don't be like some senseless horse or mule, whose movement must be controlled with a bit and a bridle.

Offering Side: Don't be anything like that!

Leader: The pain of the wicked is severe, but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord.

All: You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad! All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

Singing Be Thou My Vision*

WB 545

Offering Prayer

Offering Song When We Walk with The Lord WB 544 Come forward during the song and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering, My Coins Count and the April Dollar Project (Love INC of Wayne County)

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:13-21

13 If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake. 14 The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. 15 He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

16 So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! 18 All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 19 In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. 20 So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's → representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" 21 God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

Message Christ's Ambassadors

SingingWe Are People of God's PeaceWB 407

Love Step Prayer (standing if able)

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.

Benediction

Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring Announcements

Songs with an "*" are favorites of Marion Beyeler, whose April 3 birthday we celebrate today.

Greeters, Liz Snyder, Virgil and Kathy Troyer Usher, Ken Wenger PA Operator, Dan Jantzi Song Leader, Jane Beyeler Reader, Rollie Kauffman Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Worship Nursery Care, Sky Lofty Next Sunday, Jan and Rollie Kauffman Sunday School Nursery Care, Kathy Troyer Next Sunday, Marilyn Kamp

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Thank you to Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi for sharing God's message with us this morning.

Monday Meals. We served 135 meals on Monday. This Monday, April 22, Oak Grove Mennonite is preparing and serving the meal.

Hiatus for the Devotionals. Devotions will return on Monday, April 29.

Worship and Fellowship Series – *The Jesus Way.* Along with Oak Grove, Crown Hill, and Wooster Mennonite Churches, we are in a sermon series called, *The Jesus Way*, looking at Anabaptist Faith and Practice. Herald Press has a series of 10 books, focused around questions of faith and practice, called *The Jesus Way, Little Books of Radical Faith*. Next Sunday, April 28, we will finish looking at The Kingdom of God with *What is the Kingdom of God and What Does Citizenship Look like?* By César Garcia.

An invitation! Please consider parking on the side of the church and entering through the front door of the church if you are willing and able. It's another way to make the front of our building more open and inviting to our community.

Stand Up Comedy Show benefiting Open Arms Hispanic Ministry, **Friday, April 26 at 7 pm.** Featuring Brett Hollis & Bob Mortimer. Grace Church 5850 Co Hwy 77, Millersburg, OH 44654. Bring the whole family! Desserts provided. There will be a free will offering taken for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 21 – 28, 2024

Sunday, April 21 Coffee Time, **9:00 am** Worship Service, **9:30 am** Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi preaching Sunday School, **10:45 am** Monday, April 22 Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24 Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Friday, April 26 Stand Up Comedy Show Fundraiser for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry at Grace Church, outside of Berlin, 7 pm

Sunday, April 28 Coffee Time, **9:00 am** Worship Service, **9:30 am** Bill Seymour preaching Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Offering Report for Sunday, April 14, 2024

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,400.00 Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00 Compassion Fund: \$1,000.00 Monday Meals: \$1,000.00 I.W. Royer (Pete Erb memorial): \$50.00 Dollar Project (Love INC): \$30.00 Anabaptist World subscriptions: \$78.00

Looking Ahead

May 5	Debbie Murray, guest speaker
May 8	2 nd Wednesday Supper and Bible Study, 6:30 pm
	(location to be announced)
June 24-27	Vacation Bible School at Oak Grove MC
July 10-19	Youth Group Service Trip to Costa Rica
July 12-13	MCC Ohio Relief Sale in Mount Hope
July 21	Alysa Short, guest speaker

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