



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship

April 28, 2024

### Welcome

### Singing

*O Worship the Lord\**

WB 124

*For the Beauty of the Earth\**

WB 89

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

John 3.16-21\*

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

**Piano Side: So that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life.**

*Offering Side: God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

Leader: Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged,

**Piano Side: Because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.**

*Offering Side: "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil.*

Leader: All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light.

**All: Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."**

**Singing**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy\**

WB 145

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song**

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

WB 151

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**

Matthew 4.12,17 and 5.3-13a

Leader: 4.12 Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. 17 From that time Jesus began to announce,

**All: "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"**

Leader: 5.3 "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

4 "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

5 "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

**All: 6 "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.**

Leader: 7 "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

8 "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

9 "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

10 "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

11 "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. 12 Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth.

**All: We are the salt of the earth**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	WB 226
<b>Message</b>	<i>Kingdom of God, a Fourth Look</i>	
<b>Singing</b>	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus*</i>	WB 150

**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 Larry Gerber, whose birthday is TODAY!

Greeters, Norm and Sandy Sohar

Usher, Judy King

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Readers, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Worship Nursery Care, Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Next Sunday, Jeanne Jantzi

Sunday School Nursery Care, Marilyn Kamp

Next Sunday, Kathy Troyer

## **Announcements**

**Monday Meals.** Oak Grove Mennonite Church served 154 meals on Monday. This Monday, April 29, we will be serving BBQ beef sandwiches with cold pasta salad and baby carrots.

**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*. This 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.

**May 19 Worship at Maple Terrace!** May 15 is Ruth Conrad's birthday. On May 19, we'll be bringing our worship service to Maple Terrace in order to include Ruth. We will worship there at 9:30 am, in their basement area. We can come back to Orrville Mennonite for Sunday schools if desired, with each class deciding and communicating on their own.

**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.

## **Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 28 – May 5, 2024**

Sunday, April 28

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, April 29

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Axis Youth Group at MCC Building for MCC Kit packing  
with Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and MYF

Thursday, May 2

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Sunday, May 5

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Debbie Murray, guest speaker

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

### **Offering Report for Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,111.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Compassion Fund: \$100.00

Monday Meals: \$2.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$100.00

Dollar Project (Love INC): \$142.00

Other: \$120.00

### **Looking Ahead**

May 5 Debbie Murray, guest speaker

May 19 Worship service at Maple Terrace, 9:30 am

May 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Supper and Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
probably here at Orrville Mennonite Church

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

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## **Sermon Notes, April 28, 2024**

Matthew 4.17 — Change your hearts lives! Here comes the Kingdom of heaven!

### **The Means Matter**

#### **Power Under – the means of Exile Politics**

Matthew 5.3-13a

The markers of successful Christian living

Luke 22.25-27

Jesus practiced power under

Acts 2.41-47

A natural outgrowth of the Holy Spirit working in us is that people will marvel at who we are

Ephesians 2.14-22

Bringing opposites together is what Jesus does

## **Kingdom of God Parables in the New Testament (for extra study)**

Jesus told 43 parables, 13 of which were about the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven (same thing).

1. Soils/farmer          Matthew 13.1-23, Mark 4.3-20, Luke 8.5-15
2. Wheat and tares (weeds)          Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
3. Growing Seed          Mark 4.26-29
4. Mustard seed          Matthew 13.31-32, Mk 4.30-32, Lk 13.18-19
5. Yeast          Matthew 13.33, Luke 13.20-21
6. Hidden treasure          Matthew 13.44
7. Found pearl          Matthew 13.45-46
8. Net          Matthew 13.47-50
9. Debts          Matthew 18.21-35 (23)
10. Workers          Matthew 20.1-16

These 10 are about growing and serving and spreading and catching and searching and finding.

11. Wedding feast          Matthew 22.2-14
12. Bridesmaids          Matthew 25.1-12
13. Talents          Matthew 25.14-30

These 3 are about stewardship, obedience and readiness.

About half the parables talk about a separation of good and bad. Remember that the context in which this teaching sits begins with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5.3-11+), where the notion of what is good and bad is turned upside down. We, who have much, ought not to begin the interpretation of these parables with the notion that we first identify with those who are good in the parables.

The Kingdom of God is vastly different than the kingdoms of this world.

What does Matthew 13.52 mean?