



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

Welcome

Psalm 100\*

Singing

For the Beauty of the Earth\*

WB 89

Fairest Lord Jesus\*

WB 117

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**

Romans 7.18b-25a

Leader: The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it.

**Piano Side: I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do.**

*Offering Side: But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.*

Leader: So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me.

**Piano Side: I gladly agree with the Law on the inside**

*Offering Side: But I see a different law at work in my body.*

Leader: It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. I'm a miserable human being.

***All: Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

Singing

God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

WB 135

**Scripture** Luke 15.11-32

**Meditation** Debbie Murray

### **Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song** *This is My Father's World\** WB 154

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** John 4.4-29

**Meditation** Debbie Murray

**Song** *Blessed Assurance\** WB 332

### **Community Reflections on Meditations**

What did you hear this morning about compassion?

How do you imagine the lives of the prodigal son and the woman at well went after these encounters?

After listening to the meditations, what new questions do you have about the two Bible stories? About compassion? About suffering? About our role of compassion?

About suffering, Debbie said:

*Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me." And he leans into the pain and he touches it.*

What do you think about this?

### **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**

**Praises and Prayer Requests  
Announcements**

***Songs and Scriptures with an "\*" are favorites of Rita Wenger,  
whose birthday was May 3.***

Greeters, Liz Snyder, Judy King

Usher, Ken Wenger

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Song Leader, Bill Seymour

Readers, Virg and Kathy Troyer

Sharing and Prayer, Megan Sohar

Worship Nursery Care, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Next Sunday, Sky Lofty

Sunday School Nursery Care, Kathy Troyer

Next Sunday, Sandy Miller

**Reflection Questions, May 5, 2024**

## **Announcements**

**We welcome Debbie Murray** to share the meditation with us this morning! Debbie grew up in Smithville Ohio and she has attended Oak Grove Mennonite church since she was in high school. She is a graduate of Central Christian School and Bluffton University where she earned a BA in Fine Art. She has been married to Dr. Steve Murray for 36 years and lives in the Dalton area. They raised three children together, Alex, Elise and Christiana. Alex and Christiana still reside with them. Elise, married to Frank Li, resides in Boston MA. Debbie enjoys traveling with their camper, cooking, taking care of her two horses, four cats and 1 dog, gardening and she is an avid reader of psychology and religion.

**Monday Meals.** We served 222 meals on Monday. That is the highest meal count in the 4 years we have been serving. This Monday, May 6, we will be serving sloppy joes, mac n cheese, and a vegetable.

**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*. We are a little behind our other congregations in the series because we stretched the Kingdom discussion into 4 weeks. This week, our guest speaker, Debbie Murray, will offer us some thoughts and a conversation that will be loosely related to *Why Do We Suffer and Where is God When We Do?* by Valerie Rempel. The final **Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study for the series will be here at Orrville Mennonite this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.**

**April's Dollar Project** supported Love INC of Wayne County. As of the April 28<sup>th</sup> offering, the total given is \$473.00. Thank you for your generosity in helping Love INC fulfill their mission.

**The May Dollar Project** will support the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) building project to construct a Material

Resources Center in Kidron, next to the MCC Connections Thrift Shop. The building will provide expanded space to receive, process and ship the various material resource kits and comforters that MCC uses to respond to lives that have been disrupted by disasters and conflicts throughout the world. More information about the project and how you can help will be provided in a Moment in Mission on Sunday, May 12.

**Join in a time of celebration and blessing for Doug and Miriam Zehr** as they conclude their ministry to Oak Grove and embark on life's next calling and adventure! (aka retirement!) on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All are invited to an Open House Celebration with a meal and cake provided from 12 – 2pm.

**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 School classes 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 May 5 – 12, 2024**

Sunday, May 5

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Debbie Murray speaking

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, May 6

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7

Elder Council meeting, 3:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Supper and Bible Study at **OMC**, 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Moment in Mission – Virgil Troyer

May Dollar Project

(MCC Material Resources Center Building Project)

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

### **Offering Report for Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,320.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Monday Meals: \$350.00

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry: \$50.00

Dollar Project (Love INC): \$261.00

Austin and Griselda Zuercher: \$50.00

Other: \$210.00

### **Looking Ahead**

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

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

**May 19**           OMC Worship Service at Maple Terrace

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