



Orrville Mennonite Church  
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**Order of Worship**  
**April 27, 2025**

**Welcome**

<b>Gathering Songs</b>	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus*</i>	WB 150
	<i>Lift Your Glad Voices*</i>	WB 275

**Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting**

Leader: We come to worship this morning with all of who we are.

**Piano Side: Our troubles and laments** (*one lamp is lit*).

*Offering Side: Our victories and joys* (*one lamp is lit*).

Leader: We come to worship this morning as part of a community of Jesus followers here and all over the world (*one lamp is lit*).

**Piano Side: As we gather, we wonder who else could bless us and be blessed by becoming a part of us.**

*Offering Side: We trust you, Lord, for growing our community* (*one lamp is lit*).

**All: We come to worship together, Lord, because you are our hope. You are our strength. You are our everything, and we are grateful** (*final lamp is lit*).

<b>Singing</b>	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	VT 347
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**Scripture** John 3.16-17\*, 18-21

<sup>16</sup> God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son. →

<sup>19</sup> “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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God.”

**Singing**                      *Holy Spirit, Come With Power*                      WB 26

### **Offering and Love Step Prayer**

Leader: We offer the Lord gifts. Gifts of financial support. Gifts of time. Gifts of effort. Gifts of attitude and relationship.

***All: 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.***

Leader: We give you this as one of our offerings.

***All: Help us to see how you are using these interactions to grow us closer to Christ.***

Leader: Take also these gifts of the financial fruit of our labor. Bless them and the ministries you give us. Amen.

**Offering Song**                      *I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous\**                      WB 338  
**Offering**

### **Responsive Reading**                      John 3.1-8

Leader: There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

**Piano Side: Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”**

***Offering Side: Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”→***

**Piano Side:** Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom.

*Offering Side: Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Leader: Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’

**All: God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes.**

Leader: You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

**Message**      *Blowing Wind and Faith Development*

**Song of Response**      *Longing for Light*      VT 715

**Benediction** (VT 1067)

God of power,

May the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

May the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,

Now and always.      Amen.

*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand  
and Polynesia, A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1988*

**Sermon Response**

**Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

*Songs and Scripture with an \* are favorites of Larry Gerber, whose  
April 28 birthday we celebrate today.*

Greeters, Jan & Rollie Kauffman

Usher, Judy King

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Song Leader, Jeanne Jantzi

PP Operator, Lou Erb

Reader, Danae King

Sharing & Prayer, Megan Sohar

Trustee (April), Stan Kamp

## Sermon Notes

John 3.1-8

*Blowing Wind and Faith Development*

### Faith

Genesis 12.1-4

Abram went

Luke 24.33-52

Certainty to Doubt to Certainty

John 3.1-8

Certainty to Doubt with movement forward  
to Certainty coming later

John 3.8

“God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes....  
It’s the same with everyone who is born of  
the Spirit.”

What is Jesus doing here?

When has God challenged your certainty?

## **Announcements**

### **Spring Congregational Meeting – TODAY, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

After our 9:30 am worship time, we'll have our Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary, instead of Sunday School.

**Monday Meals.** This coming Monday, April 28, we are having chicken and goop with noodles, vegetable, and strawberry panic cake.

**Starting this Sunday, the "Quiet Table"** will be available in the coffee area during the worship service. 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.

**Come and worship in God's sanctuary this afternoon!** Wild Church will be at Dan and Jeanne's from 4-5 pm. Come dressed for the weather and to spend time in the beauty of God's creation. Wild Church is great for people of all ages. Invite a neighbor!

**Check out this MCUSA Blog Post by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi** (she talks about us!) <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/healing-happens/>

### **May 4 -- MCC Day in Wayne County**

#### **Combined Worship Service**

10:30 am at Crown Hill Mennonite

We'll worship together with Crown Hill, Wooster, Martins(?), and Akron. Our guest speaker will be Ann

Graber Hershberger, Exec. Director for MCCUS. There will be no lunch following the service.

**Building dedication** of the new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron

2:00—4:00 p.m. at the new MRC building (by Connections) in Kidron

Dedication of the building and the many kits and comforters that will pass through, spreading relief and hope to people around the world. Self-guided tours, activities and light refreshments will be offered from 2-4 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. We look forward to celebrating together! More information at [mcc.org/kidron-mrc-dedication](http://mcc.org/kidron-mrc-dedication)

### **Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 27 – May 4, 2025**

Sunday, April 27

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

Worship, **9:30 am** (No Sunday School)

Bill Seymour preaching

Spring Congregational Meeting, **11:00 am**

Tuesday, April 29

Elder Meeting, 3:30 pm

Saturday, May 3

Cleaning and Organization Day at OMC, 8:30 am – 12 pm

Sunday, May 4

**Combined Worship, 10:30 am** at Crown Hill Mennonite

Guest speaker, Ann Graber Hershberger, MCCUS Exec. Dir.

**Building Dedication**, MCC Material Resources Center, 2-4 pm

### **Offering Report for April 20, 2025**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,826.07

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Monday Meals: \$100.00

\$ Project (MDS Youth Trip): \$527.00

Donation for use of field for egg hunt: \$80.00

## May birthdays and anniversaries

3	Rita Wenger	17	LaVonne Amstutz
	Carsyn Derrig	24	Violet Andreasen
6	Mel Wenger	27	Marianne Short
12	Jeanne Jantzi	28	Roland/Jan Kauffman

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