



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

July 12, 2026

Gathering Songs	<i>God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea</i>	WB 53
	<i>Let All Creation Bless the Lord</i>	WB 61

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	<i>God, Who Stretched</i>	WB 414
	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	WB 116

Responsive Reading Psalm 86.1-13 NIV

Leader: Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

All: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.→

Leader: Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you. You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

All: *Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.*

Offering Side: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;

Piano Side: No deeds can compare with yours.

Leader: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

All: *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.*

Leader: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness;

Piano Side: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Offering Side: I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

All: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Offering Prayer

Singing *As Rain From the Clouds*

SJ 40

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading Romans 5:20 – 6:11

²⁰ The Law stepped in to amplify the failure, but where sin increased, grace multiplied even more. ²¹ The result is that grace will rule through God's righteousness, leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, just as sin ruled in death. ¹ So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? ² Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? ³ Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness →

of life. ⁵ If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. ⁶ This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, ⁷ because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. ¹⁰ He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. ¹¹ In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Sin ...Part 1

Song of Response

The Strife is O'er

WB 263

Love Step Prayer

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. Amen.

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer, Announcements

Greeters, Virg and Kathy Troyer

Usher, Jo Bixler

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Lou Erb

Nursery Care, Sky Lofty

Quiet Table during worship, all ages welcome

Sharing & Prayer, Tim Short

July Trustee, Marion Beyeler

Announcements

Carry-In Meal today following the worship service today. All are welcome to stay to enjoy food and fellowship!

Monday Meals. We were off this past week for the holiday. Tomorrow we are making mission-style burritos (think chipotle-like). We need 5 extra people to help make these from 4:52 – 6:15 pm.

We are updating church office files. Please indicate on the form at the back of the sanctuary by August 15 if you have a church key for the outside entrance door and/or a church office key.

Orrville Mennonite Christmas "Play"

Are you ready to do a Christmas play together?

As part of the *Plays and Pastas* series, let's do one for Christmas on December 13 during worship (with carry-in lunch to follow)! It'll be fun!! *Peoples of the Advent*, to be written by Bill will be a series of congregational songs and short vignettes – in costume – of people who are part of the Advent story. Before I settle on what characters are included, I'd like to know who would like to participate in this venture so I can tailor it to the actors on hand. All ages are welcome. We could also use volunteers to handle costumes and a simple set. Please let me (Bill) know by the end of July if you are interested (and available on December 13).

Supper Conversation this week

This coming Wednesday from 6-8 pm we will have our first "supper conversation" centered around "A Jesus Community" statements. We'll meet in the fellowship hall.

Food and table service are provided. We will eat from 6-6:30 and have our discussions from 6:30ish to 7:45ish.

We'll wrap up by 8 pm. We will be discussing questions around what it means to be welcoming and accepting.

Lavender Trails in Orrville.

Sundays July 12th and Sunday 19th are '**church bulletin' days**. Every person with a church bulletin gets free admission to Lavender Trails. These days will also have 25 vendors, food trucks, and music. We invite you to our little slice of heaven in the Orrville industrial park these days. See you in the field!

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

Ohio Mennonite Conference Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) 2026 is coming up July 31 & August 1 at Bluffton University. To learn more about ACA and to register, please visit our ACA 2026 webpage. Hope to see you there!

Offering Report for July 5, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,285.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

MCC Water Project: \$100.00

Schedule-At-A-Glance for July 12 – 19, 2026

Sunday, July 12

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Carry-in Meal following worship

Monday, July 13

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 15

Open Arms Kids' Camp, 9 – 2 pm

Supper and Conversation, 6 – 8 pm

Thursday, July 16

K Ladies, 12 noon

Sunday, July 19

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

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Upcoming Events for OMC:

- Sunday, August 9 – first installment of Plays and Pastas – *Balaam and His Donkey...* A play during the service and a carry-in too (We are starting this series a month later than anticipated).

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

4	Stu Newcomer
6	Lois Yoder
7	Rose Short
10	Sky Lofty
12	Tim and Missy Short
19	Stan Kamp
25	Nancy Hostetler
27	Dan/Jeanne Jantzi
29	Judy King

Foundations – opening article in *Jesus Community*

God is in charge because God is the Creator of everything that is.

This is one of our basic affirmations at Orrville Mennonite Church. We believe that the visions described in Revelation 4 and 5 give us a glimpse of the reality of God's existence. In Revelation 4, we see God's status as Creator. The Revelation 4/5 picture of God is reality that is not affected by anything humanity does or does not do. God was, is, and is to come. God is worshipped, always. Full stop. This surety of God is the underpinning for the Bible's story of God and humanity.

The Bible Story begins and ends with humanity living in happiness before Creator God. In the beginning story there are two naked humans who feel no shame because they have no sin to tell them that shame is a thing. In the ending story, there are people from all over the world together with God, with no sin, in a new heaven and new earth for eternity. Forever and ever.

Between these bookends, just about everything in the story of humanity is a hot mess. Deceit, selfishness, greed, rebellion, poor decisions, rules and more rules, faithfulness, unfaithfulness, blessings, curses, tests, trials, failures, successes, hard times, easy times, punishment, redemption, stubbornness, love, patience.

At some point ("the right time") God enters the mess by being born a human – Jesus, God incarnate. Jesus lives and teaches and heals, and frees, and blesses and changes everything. He is killed, buried, and rises from the dead in a tremendous victory. As we consider Jesus' resurrection, we recall the change from the Revelation 4 vision to the Revelation 5 vision -- the victorious Lamb is in the throne room and is worshiped, always. Full stop.

With Jesus' victory, this resurrection power, we see that God is radically, wildly, for us -- for people. Afterall, we are made in God's image. And, "For God so loved the world...." And "Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest...." We -- all people -- are invited into the family of God through faith in Jesus.

Genesis 1.26-27, John 3.16, Matthew 11.28-30, John 1.12

The full victory won't be fully realized until later. Sin continues, because the story that is already settled and told is not yet fully realized in our world. Therefore, the same God who calls us his children says, "Be holy for I am holy...." God warns that we are not to use the freedom of our acceptance in Christ for our selfish ways, but for the ways of love.

Galatians 5.13-26, Philippians 2.3-11, 1 Peter 1.14-16

Faithfulness matters. At the same time that God is radically, wildly for us, God is also radically and insistently against us; more accurately, God is against our sinful nature (Galatians 5.13). God is against our power hungry, controlling, selfish, manipulating, -- keep adding adjectives here -- tendencies. God requires us to live according to God's ways.

The task of faithfulness is not ours to bear alone, for God gives us the privilege of Christian community, so we may help each other to be faithful. We are redeemed people on a path of transformation, on a path of increased imitation of Christ. On this journey we are bound to Christ, our Lord (Colossians 2 and 1 Corinthians 8.6), and we work at transformation together in Jesus Community.

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