



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

July 19, 2026

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah</i>	WB 50
	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	WB 76

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>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	WB 150
	<i>Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord</i>	WB 151

Responsive Reading

Psalm 89:1, 5-8, 13-17

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's loyal love forever. I will proclaim your faithfulness with my own mouth from one generation to the next.

All: Heaven thanks you for your wondrous acts, Lord— for your faithfulness too— in the assembly of the holy ones. →

Offering Side: Is there any in the sky who could compare to the Lord?

Piano Side: Who among the gods is equal to the Lord?

Offering Side: God is respected in the council of the holy ones;

Piano Side: God is awesome and revered more than all those around him.

All: Who is like you, Lord God of heavenly forces? Mighty Lord, your faithfulness surrounds you!

Leader: You have a powerful arm; your hand is strong; your strong hand is raised high!

All: Your throne is built on righteousness and justice; loyal love and faithfulness stand in front of you.

Leader: The people who know the celebratory shout are truly happy!

All: [We] walk in the light of your presence, Lord! [We] rejoice in your name all day long and are uplifted by your righteousness because you are the splendor of [our] strength.

Offering Prayer and Prayer for Stan Kamp

Singing

God of the Bible

VT 420

We celebrate Stan Kamp's birthday today, July 19th.

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading Romans 6:12-23

12 So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. 13 Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. 14 Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

15 So what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! 16 Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of →

obedience that leads to righteousness. 17 But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. 18 Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. 19 (I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. 23 The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

Sin ... part 2

Song of Response

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly

WB 514

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, Tim and Missy Short
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
Accompanist, Missy Short
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler
Reader, Sandy Sohar

Nursery Care, Sandy Miller
Quiet Table during worship,
All ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Megan Sohar
July Trustee, Marion Beyeler

Announcements

Monday Meals served 198 burrito meals on Monday. This Monday, we will serve BBQ chicken sandwiches.

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

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).

Ohio Mennonite Conference Annual Conference Assembly 2026 is coming up July 31 & August 1 at Bluffton University

Offering Report for July 12, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,723.82

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Schedule-At-A-Glance for July 19 – 26, 2026

Sunday, July 19

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, July 20

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 22

Open Arms Kids' Camp – Wilderness Center

Friday, July 24

Game Night at OMC, 6:30 pm

Sunday, July 26

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne's, 4 pm

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

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An Essay on Accountability -- Working at Transformation Together

From *Jesus Community*, pp. 8-9

In our efforts to be faithful, we sometimes lose our way and slip into a worldly way of doing things, especially as communities. We use power, influence, and even violence to fight over right and wrong – to protect the Kingdom from evildoers. Some also reduce transformation to being necessary only in personal and purity matters, such as drinking, smoking, TV watching, book reading, and sexual behavior. Personal self-control is important, of course, but so is loving our neighbor, and becoming a community of peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, generosity, love, joy, humility, justice, and mercy.

Our zeal for self-control and purity can cause us to build a fence around ourselves to keep others out. Those who are allowed inside the fence must adhere to a list of behaviors and beliefs. The fence becomes a tool of power. The so-called protestant work ethic is an example. This idea has its roots in coal companies building churches and hiring preachers to support their institutional power over their underpaid workers by building a fence that included in faithfulness to God the danger of not working hard and the goodness of the company, thereby propping up systems of greed and oppression.

In our quest for faithfulness, we manage who will get to come inside the fence -- experience relationship with God in community with our group of Jesus followers, if not all Jesus followers. Sometimes we mind the fences out of love and desire for people to know Jesus, and other times we control who enters from our selfishness, preferring people who are like us and requiring people to be like us. We think that we use the fence to help us protect God's Kingdom from sinners and unbelievers, but does God need us to protect God's Kingdom? God does not.

Our fence mentality can lead us to believe that our disagreements about faithfulness are important enough that we need to fight for “truth.” We “take stands” not just for the sake of “truth,” but because we want God and people to know we are on God’s side, and God is on our side. One example would be refusing to attend the same-gendered wedding of a family member, because “So much is at stake,” and “It’s up to us to defend what is right.” We rally to warped ideas of “carrying our cross,” or “denying ourselves,” that really mean, “be like us, or else!” We fall into the notion that God is for us and is against those who ... I don’t even know how to finish this sentence.... Do we really think that God is for us and against those who are against us or who disagree with us? We pursue a self-controlled godliness at the expense of love. In Matthew 23:13-36, Jesus is very critical of the religious leaders, pronouncing judgment on them, for warping the pursuit of faithfulness toward power.

One way to avoid this power-oriented faithfulness is to remove the fence in favor of a deep well of refreshing water and light – Jesus -- at the center of the field that is our Christian community. With this strong center, rather than arguing over what is right and wrong, we can hold everything we do up to the standard of Jesus’ character, life, teachings, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Hebrews 1.1-3, Colossians 2-3, Galatians 5.13-23