



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

August 9, 2026

Gathering Songs *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* WB 110
 Sing to the Lord of Harvest WB 98

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

Leader: As we gather for worship, we light some lamps to remind us that we gather in context.

Offering Side: We have personal troubles and laments.

Piano Side: We also hold troubles and laments from the action of others and of our systems.

Offering Side: We have victories and joys.

Piano Side: We have brothers and sisters locally and around the world.

Offering 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 *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* WB 91

Responsive Reading Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice! Let all the islands celebrate!

Piano Side: Clouds and thick darkness surround God. [God's] throne is built on righteousness and justice.

Offering Side: Fire proceeds before him, burning up his enemies on every side.

Leader: [The Lord's] lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and trembles!

All: *The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of the whole world!*

Leader: Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness, and all nations have seen his glory.

Piano Side: All those who worship images, those who are proud of idols, are put to shame.

Offering Side: All gods bow down to the Lord!

Leader: Zion has heard and celebrates, the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your acts of justice, Lord,

All: *because you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth, because you are so superior to all other gods.*

Leader: Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil!

Piano Side: God guards the lives of his faithful ones, delivering them from the power of the wicked.

Offering Side: Light is planted like seed for the righteous person; joy too for those whose heart is right.

All: *Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones! Give thanks to his holy name!*

Offering and Birthday Celebration

Introduction *Today, we celebrate Carol Rheinheimer, whose birthday is August 10. The offering song is one of her favorites.*

Prayer for Carol and for the offering

Singing *O God in Restless Living*

WB 557

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading Numbers 22.4b-19

Balak, Zippor's son, was king of Moab at that time. ⁵ He sent messengers to Balaam, Beor's son, at Pethor, which is by the river in the land of his people, to summon him: "A people has come out of Egypt, and they have now covered the land. They have settled next to me. ⁶ Now please come and curse this people for me because they are stronger than I am. Perhaps I'll be able to

destroy them and drive them from the land, for I know that whomever you bless is blessed and whomever you curse is cursed.”

⁷ So the elders of Moab and Midian went with the payment for divination in their hands. They came to Balaam and told him Balak’s words. ⁸ He said to them, “Spend the night here and I’ll bring back to you a word exactly as the Lord speaks to me.” So the officials of Moab stayed with Balaam.

⁹ God came to Balaam and said, “Who are these men with you?”

¹⁰ Balaam said to God, “Moab’s King Balak, Zippor’s son, sent them to me with the message, ¹¹ ‘A people has come out of Egypt and covered the land. Now come and curse them for me. Perhaps I’ll be able to fight against them and drive them out.’”

¹² God said to Balaam, “Don’t go with them. Don’t curse the people, because they are blessed.”

¹³ Then Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak’s officials, “Go to your land, for the Lord has refused to allow me to go with you.”

¹⁴ The officials of Moab arose, they went to Balak, and they said, “Balaam refused to come with us.”

¹⁵ Balak continued to send other officials more numerous and important than these. ¹⁶ They came to Balaam and said to him, “This is what Balak, Zippor’s son, says: ‘Please let nothing hold you back from coming to me, ¹⁷ for I’ll greatly honor you and I’ll do anything you ask of me. Please come and curse this people for me.’”

¹⁸ Balaam answered and said to Balak’s servants, “If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I wouldn’t be able to do anything, small or great, to break the command of the Lord my God. ¹⁹ Now you also must remain the night here so that I may know what else the Lord may say to me.”

Sermon *Balaam and His Donkey*

Bill Seymour and Sandy Miller

Singing *Move in Our Midst*
 Forth in Thy Name

WB 418
WB 415

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

Greeter, Liz Snyder

Usher, Jo Bixler

PA Operator, Virgil Troyer

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Mark Bixler

Nursery Care, Sky Lofty

Quiet Table during worship, all ages welcome

Sharing & Prayer, Jen Bixler

August Trustee, Mark Bixler

Announcements

We share our sincere sympathies with Carol Davis's family (children, Wendy Williams and Larry Davis). Carol passed away on August 2nd. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Fund in her memory. A Celebration of Life service will take place here at Orrville Mennonite on Monday, August, at 11:00 am.

'Plays and Pastas' sermons begin today! All are invited to the carry-in meal following worship service today.

Monday Meals served 168 meals this week. There will be no meal on August 10th. Since the end of April, we have had almost a 30% increase in meals served and find ourselves running out of funding. We try to ensure that the vast majority of cash funding comes from other sources than Orrville Mennonite, but if you have some extra, we'd appreciate it.

It's time for an OMC Church Directory update! At the back of the sanctuary in the area under the balcony, there are copied pages from our current directory. We'd like all of you to look at your current information and update it as necessary. In the near future, we will also be asking for updated photos as well. We will be providing picture-taking time(s) or you may send us the photo you wish to use.

Widows' Group will meet at Orrville Mennonite Church this coming Wednesday, August 12, from 1-2:30 pm. All are welcome. We hope you can make it!!! If you have questions, contact Louisa Erb at 330-317-0726 or Judy King at 330-201-2069.

Men's Breakfast is coming up this Thursday, August 13 at 8 am. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

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).

MCC Connections Thrift Shop in Kidron is hiring a Staff Assistant to join our team in late August. This is a part-time, paid position (three days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday/Saturday). The role provides vital support in both the donation area and the retail store. The ideal candidate is detail oriented, relational, and flexible, with a strong commitment to MCC's mission. Applications will be processed as received. Apply online at www.mccconnections.com or request an application by calling Michael 330-857-7802, ext. 1# or send an email to Michael@MCCconnections.com.

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

Offering Report for August 2, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,160.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Monday Meals: \$500.00

Camp Luz Dollar Project: \$383.00

Schedule-At-A-Glance August 9 – 16, 2026

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

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Carry-in, **11:45 am**

Wednesday, August 12

Widows' Group, 1 pm

Thursday, August 13

Men's Breakfast, 8 am

Sunday, August 16

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Upcoming Events for OMC:

- **OMC Supper & Conversation**, Wednesday, August 19th 6 – 8 pm
- **Peace Sunday** – Guest Speaker, Alicia Joseph, September 13th

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

7	Amber Andreasen
9	Willie Miller
10	Carol Rheinheimer Kathy Troyer
15	John Shilling
17	Hank/Marilyn Rossiter Virg/Kathy Troyer
20	Bill/Allison Seymour
22	Marilyn Kamp
25	Dale Hostetler
28	Wilma Eash

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