



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

August 16, 2026

Gathering Songs	<i>Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him</i>	SJ 3
	<i>We Sing to You, O God</i>	SJ 1

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	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	WB 575
	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	VT 664

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37.1-11, 34, 37, 39

Leader: Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong, because they will fade fast, like grass; they will wither like green vegetables.

Piano Side: Trust the Lord and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfulness.

Offering Side: Enjoy the Lord, and [the Lord] will give what your heart asks.

All: Commit your way to the Lord! Trust [God]! [The Lord] will act and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like high noon.

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait for him.

Piano Side: Don't get upset when someone gets ahead—someone who invents evil schemes.

Offering Side: Let go of anger and leave rage behind!

Women: Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil.

Men: Because evildoers will be eliminated,

All: But those who hope in the Lord— they will possess the land.

Leader: In just a little while the wicked won't exist! If you go looking around their place, they won't be there. But the weak will inherit the land; they will enjoy a surplus of peace.

Piano Side: Hope in the Lord!

Offering Side: Keep [the Lord's] way!...

Leader: Observe those who have integrity and watch those whose heart is right because the future belongs to persons of peace.

All: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; [The Lord] is their refuge in times of trouble.

Offering

Prayer for the offering

Singing *Grant Us Lord, the Grace*

WB 388

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading

Luke 9.46-62

⁴⁶ An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ Aware of their deepest thoughts, Jesus took a little child and had the child stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me. Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever is least among you all is the greatest."

⁴⁹ John replied, "Master, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he isn't in our group of followers."

⁵⁰ But Jesus replied, "Don't stop him, because whoever isn't against you is for you."

⁵¹ As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, ⁵⁶ and they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

⁶¹ Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

Sermon

Weird Places in Luke, Part 1

Singing

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

VT 518

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.

Responsive Benediction

VT 1050

Leader: From where we are to where you need us:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God:

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer, Announcements

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Virgil Troyer

Nursery Care, Marilyn Kamp

Quiet Table during worship, all ages welcome

Sharing & Prayer, Bev Squirrel

August Trustee, Mark Bixler

Announcements

Monday Meals. We were off this past Monday. Tomorrow, August 17, we will be serving a variety of leftovers.

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.

August OMC Supper and Conversation is on Wednesday, August 19th, 6 – 8 pm. This month's conversation will focus around membership. What does membership mean to you? What stories of membership can you tell?

Compassion Fund Appeal. Our compassion fund is depleted. The compassion fund is a discretionary fund for the staff to use to help people with needs as they feel led. This is a designated fund, and relies on gifts from people.

Please return your feedback surveys regarding the Proposed Transfer of the OMC building to Open Arms Ministry to Mel Wenger by Sunday, August 23rd.

Orrville Mennonite Christmas "Play" -- December 20

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 20! 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 ASAP if you are able to help out.

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.mcccconnections.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.

Schedule-At-A-Glance August 16 – 23, 2026

Sunday, August 16

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Monday, August 17

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19

OMC Supper and Conversation, 6 – 8 pm

What does membership mean to you?

Thursday, August 20

K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon

Sunday, August 23

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Upcoming Events for OMC:

- **Calling Hour and Memorial Service for Carol Davis**, 10 am and 11 am Monday, August 24, with meal to follow.
- **Affirmation Sunday** – for our new program year volunteers will be on August 30 during worship
- **Peace Sunday** – Guest Speaker, Alicia Joseph, September 13th
- **Plays and Pastas** – *Josiah, the Boy King*, starring Emmett Andreason, September 20, during worship.
- **Christmas Play** – December 20, during worship

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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