



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

August 23, 2026

Gathering Songs	<i>Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come</i>	WB 4
	<i>Jesus, Stand Among Us</i>	WB 25

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.

Song	<i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	MH (red) 360
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Responsive Reading Psalm 49

Leader: Listen to this, all you people! Listen closely, all you citizens of the world—people of every kind, rich and poor alike!

Piano Side: My mouth speaks wisdom; my heart's meditation is full of insight. I will pay close attention to a proverb; I will explain my riddle on the lyre.

Offering Side: Why should I be afraid in times of trouble, when the wrongdoing of my bullies engulfs me—those people who trust in their fortunes and boast of their fantastic wealth? →

All: *Wealth? It can't save a single person! It can't pay a life's ransom-price to God.*

Leader: The price to save someone's life is too high—wealth will never be enough—no one can live forever without experiencing the pit.

Piano Side: *Everyone knows that the wise die too, just like foolish and stupid people do, all of them leaving their fortunes to others.*

Offering Side: Their graves are their eternal homes, the place they live for all generations, even if they had counties named after them! People won't live any longer because of wealth; they're just like the animals that pass away.

Leader: That's how it goes for those who are foolish, as well as for those who follow their lead, pleased with their talk.

All: Selah

Offering Side: Like sheep, they're headed straight for the grave.

Piano Side: *Death will be their shepherd—but those who do right in their hearts will rule over them come morning! — their forms wasting away in the grave rather than having some dignified residence.*

Leader: But God will save my life from the power of the grave because he will take me.

All: Selah

Leader: Don't be overly impressed when someone becomes rich, their house swelling to fantastic proportions, because when they die, they won't take any of it with them.

Piano Side: *Their fantastic things won't accompany them down under.*

Offering Side: Though they consider themselves blessed during their lives, and even thank you when you deal well with them, they too will join the ancestors who've gone ahead; they too will never see the light again.

All: *Wealthy people? They just don't understand; they're just like the animals that pass away.*

Songs of Confession and Forgiveness

Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God

VT 149

Our God in Heaven

VT 673

Offering and Birthday Celebration

Introduction *Today, we celebrate Marilyn Kamp, whose birthday was yesterday, August 22. The offering song is one of her favorites.*

Prayer for Marilyn and for the offering

Singing

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

VT 778

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Scripture Reading

Luke 12.1-21

When a crowd of thousands upon thousands had gathered so that they were crushing each other, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples: “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees—I mean, the mismatch between their hearts and lives. ² Nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed, and nothing is secret that won’t be brought out into the open. ³ Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and whatever you have whispered in the rooms deep inside the house will be announced from the rooftops.

⁴ “I tell you, my friends, don’t be terrified by those who can kill the body but after that can do nothing more. ⁵ I’ll show you whom you should fear: fear the one who, after you have been killed, has the authority to throw you into hell. Indeed, I tell you, that’s the one you should fear. ⁶ Aren’t five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. ⁷ Even the hairs on your head are all counted. Don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

⁸ “I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before humans, the Human One will acknowledge before God’s angels. ⁹ But the one who rejects me before others will be rejected before God’s angels. ¹⁰ Anyone who speaks a word against the Human One will be forgiven, but whoever insults the Holy Spirit won’t be forgiven. ¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, don’t worry about how to defend yourself or →

what you should say. ¹² The Holy Spirit will tell you at that very moment what you must say.”

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?”

¹⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. ¹⁷ He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! ¹⁸ Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹ I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

Sermon *Weird Places in Luke, Part 2*

Singing *We Give Thee But Thine Own* WB 384

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, Judy King

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Amber Andreasen

Nursery Care, Sky Lofty

Quiet Table during worship, all ages welcome

Sharing & Prayer, Marilyn Kamp

August Trustee, Mark Bixler

Announcements

We share our sincere sympathies with Hank and Marilyn Rossiter as they grieve the passing of Hank's mother, Ruth Rossiter on Monday, August 17th. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Ruth's memory.

Monday Meals. We served 168 meals this past Monday. Tomorrow, August 24, we will be serving garlic and tomato roast pork over gnocchi.

This is the last day to return your responses to the feedback survey regarding the Proposed Transfer of the OMC building to Open Arms Ministry. We appreciate all the responses we have received so far to the survey question. Please return responses to Mel Wenger, either mailbox or email, by the end of day today. Our committee is meeting tomorrow evening. We appreciate hearing from each family of our congregation. Thank you.

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's this afternoon.

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it!" Come join us for Wild Church this Sunday, August 23 at 4 pm. Most of our hour is spent alone in the woods, fields, and creek wandering and wondering in God's presence. As Mary Oliver wrote, "Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it." 6426 Chippewa Rd, Orrville.

Affirmation Sunday – We will affirm all our servants who have agreed to serve in various ways in our Orrville Mennonite ministries next Sunday during worship. A copy of the list of volunteers for the 2026-2027 Program Year is in mailboxes today.

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.

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.

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.

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Wrap-Up Meeting – Join us for our OMRS wrap-up meeting on October 5th at 6 pm at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We'll review the 2026 wrap-up reports and talk through ideas for 2027. All volunteers and interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to continue to adapt, grow and increase the viability and visibility of the annual OMRS, which will continue to take a collaborative effort with all those concerned.

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 23 – 30, 2026

Sunday, August 23

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Wild Church, 4 pm

Monday, August 24

Memorial Service for Carol Davis

11 am, with meal to follow.

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 30

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Affirmation Sunday

Upcoming Events for OMC:

- **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

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

5	Jaydon Nissley Josiah Bixler
8	Sue Steiner
9	Amos Bixler
19	John/Barb Shilling
26	Roland Kauffman
29	Bret/Amber Andreasen
30	Megan Sohar

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