



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Order of Worship

October 18, 2026

As we sing, we light lamps to remind us of our joys and laments, our connections with others, and our hopes for our Jesus community.

Gathering Songs	<i>What is this place</i>	WB 1
	<i>Brethren, we have met to worship</i>	WB 8

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God,

All: and the Word was God.

Leader: In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said, "Let there be light,"

All: and there was light.

Leader: When the time was right, before we had agreed to it, God sent the Son;

Piano Side: Jesus came among us.

Offering Side: God's light for us.

Piano Side: God's Word with us.

Offering Side: One of us, and so much more.

All: We gather with and in and through and for Christ Jesus.

Singing	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	WB 301
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Receiving Charles Bontrager into Membership

Singing	<i>Will You let me be your servant</i>	WB 307
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Responsive Reading

Isaiah 53

Leader: He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well.

Piano Side: Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we didn't think about him.

Offering Side: It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented.

Piano Side: He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes.

Leader: He bore the punishment that made us whole;

All: by his wounds we are healed.

Leader: Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.

Piano Side: He was oppressed and tormented, but didn't open his mouth.

Offering Side: Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers,

All: he didn't open his mouth.

Offering

Prayer

Singing There are many gifts

WB 304

Presenting our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Presentation

A visit with Eeyore, a Parody

With Bill Seymour, Josiah Bixler, and Arthur Andreason

Scripture Reading During Presentation

Jeremiah 32 (Abridged from reading as 1-7, 9a, 15, 16b, 17a, 25-26a, 36-38, 44d)

¹ Jeremiah received the Lord's word in the tenth year of Judah's King Zedekiah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar's rule. ² At that time, the army of the Babylonian

king had surrounded Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined to the prison quarters in the palace of Judah's king.

³ Judah's King Zedekiah had Jeremiah sent there after questioning him: "Why do you prophesy, 'This is what the Lord says: I'm handing this city over to the king of Babylon, and he will occupy it;

⁴ and Judah's King Zedekiah will be captured and handed over to the king of Babylon; he will speak to the king of Babylon personally and see him with his very own eyes. ⁵ And Zedekiah will be carried off to Babylon to live out his days until I punish him, declares the Lord. If you make war against the Babylonians, you will fail.'"

⁶ Jeremiah said, The Lord's word came to me: ⁷ Your cousin Hanamel, Shallum's son, is on his way to see you; and when he arrives, he will tell you: "Buy my field in Anathoth, for by law you are next in line to purchase it."

⁹ So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel.

¹⁵ The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land." I prayed to the Lord: ¹⁷ Lord God, you created heaven and earth by your great power and outstretched arm; nothing is too hard for you! ²⁵ So why tell me, Lord God, Buy the field for money and make sure there are witnesses, when the city is under Babylonian control?

²⁶ Then the Lord's word came to Jeremiah: ³⁶ You have been saying, "This city will be handed over to the king of Babylon through sword, famine, and disease." But this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ³⁷ I will gather them from all the countries where I have scattered them in my fierce anger and rage. I will bring them back to this place to live securely. ³⁸ They will be my people, and I will be their God.... I will bring them back from their captivity, declares the Lord.

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

Worship Participants

Greeters, Willie and Sandy Miller

Usher, Josiah Bixler

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Video Operator, Danae King

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Charles Bontrager

Nursery Care, Sky Lofty

Quiet Table during worship, all ages welcome

Sharing & Prayer, Lou Erb

October Trustee, Stu Newcomer

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 190 meals on Monday. This week, Martins Mennonite is serving beef with noodles and red sauce, green beans, and a dessert.

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

All are welcome to stay for the carry-in meal following our worship service this morning! Enjoy the food and fellowship!

Please check your church mailbox for the Annual Report booklet and Congregational Meeting Agenda for the upcoming Fall Congregational meeting scheduled for **Sunday, November 1st** following the morning worship service. Light sandwiches will be served in the coffee area.

Supper and Conversation is coming up this Wednesday, October 21st. The topic for the evening will be *Identity*. Come and join the conversation.

Wild Church is coming up next Sunday, October 25th at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's farm. All are welcome!

Christmas Play, December 20

Bill has written a Christmas Experience for us, called, ***The People of the Incarnation***. It's a journey of songs, Scriptures, and short vignettes. We have this scheduled for December 20, and it will involve a number of people, costumes, simple sets. It's still only October, but we need to start working at this with some rehearsals and such. Copies of the "play" are available on the front pew for anyone who wants one. All the parts are not yet filled, and we need folks to help with the background things. We'll talk during announcements for the next couple of weeks.

All are invited for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* (Season 6 – Episode 1) at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church.

Offering Report for October 18, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,510.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Dollar Project (Viola Startzman Clinic): \$51.00

Upcoming Events for OMC:

- **Plays and Pastas** – November 8 – *Three!* ... a performance poem with Amber, Jen, Lou, and Allison
- **Game Night** – November 13 at church
- **Christmas Play** – December 20, during worship

Schedule-At-A-Glance October 18 – 25, 2026

Sunday, October 18

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Plays and Pastas – *A Visit with Eeyore, a parody*

Carry-in meal, 11:45 am

Monday, October 19

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm, Martins Mennonite serving

Wednesday, October 21

Supper and Conversation, 6 – 7:45 pm

Sunday, October 25

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**, 4:30 pm

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's

October birthdays and anniversaries

2	Mim Wenger	16	Bonny Sechler
5	Sherm/LaVonne Amstutz		Arthur Andreasen Stan/Marilyn Kamp
13	Barb Shilling	29	Dan Jantzi
15	Missy Short		Daryl Steiner
		31	Diane Hostetler

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