

ORidgeview Mennonite Church  
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May 3, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Worship Leader: Jill Heine  
Music: Sarah Rohrer

Prelude

Gathering Song *Lord, I Am Fondly*

VT 555

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings

Call to Worship

One: Wherever the pride of a few causes harm to many, gracious  
God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: To those who feel resentment of all that is asked of them,  
gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: To those who do not receive fair payment and appreciation  
for their service, gracious God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: In every place where people enact violence against each other,  
gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: To every heart that is reluctant to share from the bounty you  
provide, gracious God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: To those who step out toward conflict despite their fear,  
gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: Gracious God, may your justice rule our world, may your  
peace guard our hearts.

**All: Amen.**

Congregational Singing

*Be Thou My Vision*

VT 549

*I Bind My Heart This Tide*

VT 556

*Peace Before Us*

STS 16

Children's Time Julie Sommers

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 25:1-35

Message "*Creativity and Wisdom as Essential Tools for Peacemaking*"

Pastor Katelyn

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving (insert)

Communion

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*

VT 485

Communion Prayer

Holy God, the bread and the cup remind us how good you are.  
You nourish us in our journey of faith, reminding us that you are  
always with us. As we journey toward Lent, prepare us to hear your  
call.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

As we receive your peace, may we see where we can share it with  
others. Guide us in our words and actions.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

We give you thanks for who you are and the blessing of being  
called your people.

**Amen.**

Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns

Sending Song *Praise God*

VT 71

## HAPPENINGS

**May 12, Tue 10 a.m.** Tuesday Alive... Stories from Africa shared by  
Ron & Darlene Lapp, Bill & Joanne Zimmerman, and Evie Hershey.

**May 15, Fri 7 a.m.** Men's breakfast @ Amos' Place

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is planned for next Sunday, May 10, during the Sunday School hour. The primary focus of the meeting will be future planning--who have we become and how do we steward the building we meet in and share with others? This grows out of discussions in the Administration Commission and the Ministry Leadership Team.

**REPORT FOR** April 26

Offering \$1,125

Attendance 37



*Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.*

### **Pastor**

Katelyn Robbins

### **Ministry Leadership Team**

Dick Thomas, Administration

Julie Sommer, Worship

Dan Dietzel, Nurture

Evie Hershey, Outreach

### **Administrative Assistant**

Joyce Shirk

**May 3, 2026**

## Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

God of Life, you shared your peace with us when you gathered and formed us from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into us. But life with you was not enough for us. Even in our rebellion, you clothe us and provide a way in the world.

**We are thankful that you continue to seek us, even in our wandering ways.**

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you separated us from our sin in a way we never could – in a way we never can. You were a vessel of peace in a world that did not welcome you. But you persevered in love in the face of hatred. You taught us that forgiveness is possible even in the midst of extreme suffering.

**We are thankful that you continue to love us, even in our misguided ways.**

Holy Spirit, you hold peace within us despite our circumstances. You tend to the deepest parts of our inmost being, nurturing peace so that it may grow. You lead us in paths of righteousness, showing us the way to bear love to the world. When hatred speaks its convincing lies, you show us the truth.

**We are thankful that you continue to sanctify us, even in our careworn ways.**

So that we may become instruments of peace, able to sow love so that hatred does not take root, we pray, Holy Spirit, that you would move in this place today. May our meager offering of bread and cup become our communion with the Triune God and one another.

**May peace and love abound in us and through us.**

In the certain hope that love overcomes all, we join our voices to pray together, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen