

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

January 3, 2021

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,
something Jesus made a priority, even at a young age.
On this day, we give thanks for tradition, for ritual, for a place to
gather, and a family of faith,
**which shape our believing, our thinking, and our living,
that we might faithfully follow Jesus.**

Hymn *Tell me the stories of Jesus* # 474

Moment for Mission

Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Song *Ancient Words* Michael W. Smith
(Carol Elmore, solo)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Message *A trip to my Father's House*

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *I love to tell the story* # 398

Benediction

Postlude

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills keyboard
Joe Blaha recorder, hymn arranger
Sam Phillips viola
Kathie Robinson flute

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer
Mark Detweiler, having some health issues.
Christopher Stover-Brown, Covid-19.

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE

Youth Zoom is Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study will resume on **THURSDAY** January 7.

Youth volunteer at Casa Latina from 4-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Children's Zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS. 8 4 8 4 5 4 5 4

William H. Parker, 1845-1929

F. A. Challinor, b. 1866

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
 2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood round His knee;
 3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,
 4. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, How rolled the sea,

Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here;
 And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on me:
 Wav - ing a branch of the palm tree High in my hand.
 Toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest On Gal - i - lee!

Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
 Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
 One of His her - als, Yes, I would sing
 And how the Mas - ter, Read - y and kind,

Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
 All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
 Loud - est ho - san - nas! Je - sus is King!
 Chid - ed the bil - lows, And hushed the wind.

Praise God from whom 119

OLD HUNDRETH 88. 88

A Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 B Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; in

him all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye
 heav'n a - bove and earth be - low; one God three per - sons

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
 we a - dore. To God be praise for - ev - er - more. A - men

I love to tell the story

HANKEY 76. 76D with refrain

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry. 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true.
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.