

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
May 21, 2023 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

\*Gathering Spirit of the Living God # 349

Welcome, and Announcements  
Please sign the guest book at the end of the pew,  
then pass it on to the person next to you.

Prelude Prelude by Johns

\*Call to Worship  
Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

We have come to serve God.

Before sending them out to serve, Jesus said to his followers, “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.”

We seek to go as Jesus says to go, trusting our needs will be cared for.

We learn of the early church that, “There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he or she had need.”

We come to learn a faith like this.

\*Prayer of Invocation  
Christ of the new covenant, give us the happiness to share all that you give us. Hear this prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

\*Hymn God of the earth, the sky, the sea (vs. 1,2,4) # 53

Children’s Time Jodi Zabo

Offering  
To make an online contribution,  
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.  
Piecing it all together Property Commission  
Offertory Pastorale by Seth  
\*Response # 119

Song Simple Gifts Shaker tune arr. Rentz  
Dan and Kris Tilley-Lubbs

Hearing from God’s Word  
Scripture 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (NT, p. 178)  
Message When love is our motivation, sacrifice is a joy

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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 Take my life (vs. 1, 4-6) # 389

\*Benediction

\*Postlude  
\*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:30 p.m.	Potluck/Council Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	6:30 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Outdoor Chapel

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
Betty Phillips, diagnosed with Myelofibrosis  
Morton Witt, recovering at home  
Misty King, heart issues  
Dea Underwood, fracture in vertebrae

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (5/14)

Sunday School- 37  
Worship- 83 (in person); 15 (online) = 98  
Offering- \$ 1,043.00; \$ 1,221.00 (online) = \$ 2,264.00

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Jane Grisso  
Worship leader (5/28) Gavin Robinson

Nursery workers Gavin Robinson &  
Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson  
Nursery workers (5/28) Tanya & Maggie Pizzullo

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano

*Thank you to Kris Tilley-Lubbs for directing the music while Carol is away.*



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Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? Scan this QR code to contribute to via Tithely.



We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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