

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
July 30, 2023

\*Calling In Hymn *Come, we that love the Lord* # 14

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (from hymn # 226)  
You are salt for the earth, O people!  
Bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people!  
Life in the kingdom of God!  
*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace. Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God.*

\*Prayer of Invocation  
O God, creator of salt and light, we praise You. As we worship You this day, may our love grow for the people You love, so much so that we are driven to share Your salt and light with them. May we grow Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

\*Hymn *You are salt for the earth* # 226

Children’s Time Amanda Leddy

Offering  
Offertory  
\*Response (tune # 48)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three-In-One,  
O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Song  
  
Hearing from God’s Word  
Scripture Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Message *The Kingdom of Heaven in Five Parables*  
David Shumate

Sharing Joys and Concerns “God, we lift this to You.”

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 *To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared*  
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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE		
Today	12:30 p.m.	Called Council Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Summer Connect
	6:00 p.m.	Bible School Volunteer Meeting
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Mission & Service
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Peace & Justice Book Study
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER	
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer	
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia	
Betty Phillips, Myelofibrosis	
Misty King, cardiac rehab, in need of a kidney transplant	
Carol Hambleton, back surgery recovery	
 <i>Please keep our adopted Camp Bethel Staff, Maggie Pizzulo, Grayson Preece, Ben Riddle in your prayers.</i>	

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Kirsten-Lubbs-Robinson  
Worship leader (8/6) Alli Yingling

Nursery workers Alli Yingling & Lisa Newell  
Nursery workers (8/6) Pam Conner & Morgan Taylor

Head Usher Bill Hall  
Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano

## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



Find us on Facebook:  
Oak Grove Church of the Brethren



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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**CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN**  
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# To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with Refrain

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?

A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,

And there, where predictable plantings should be,

There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,

Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:

A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,

A church reaches out to the youth in the town,

A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,

When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,

God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.

A girl sells possessions to help those in need;

A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.

Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;

May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.