

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
August 6, 2023

\*Calling In Hymn *Hallelujah! We sing Your praises!* # 1059

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 *It is Well with My Soul* Phillip Bliss

\*Call to Worship

*© 2023, Lectionary Liturgies (adapted)  
The congregation responds in bold.*

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,  
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,  
**God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on  
the branches of the tree of life, knowing that while friends  
may turn against us,

**God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**  
We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and  
hope, knowing that even when life is no picnic,  
**We stand on the shoulders of giants.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

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Almighty God,  
you have built your church on the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the  
chief cornerstone.

Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by  
their teaching that we may be made a holy temple  
acceptable to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn *A Grandmother, Lois* (tune # 70) insert

Children's Time Lynette Harvey

Offering

*To make an online contribution,  
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory *Don't Be Afraid* The Iona Community

\*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Song *Christ Has Arisen* Haya melody  
(Congregation join in as directed on vs. 6)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NT, p. 211)

Message *Finding God in the Music, Track 05*  
**Gone Before**

Continuing the message with the congregation

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 *Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* # 340

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Just a Closer Walk with Jesus* Spiritual  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

|          |            |                         |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|
| Monday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Crafts                  |
|          | 6:00 p.m.  | Christian Education     |
| Thursday | 9:30 a.m.  | Women's Bible Study     |
|          | 2:00 p.m.  | Games                   |
| Sunday   | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School           |
|          | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                 |
|          | 12:30 p.m. | Executive Board meeting |

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  
Jodi Zabo, gallbladder surgery

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (7/30)

Sunday School- 27  
Worship- 92 (in person); 15 (online) = 107  
Offering- \$ 5,551.00; \$ 636.00 (online) = \$ 6,187.00

July Financials

Offering YTD - \$182,138  
Expenses YTD - \$169,127  
Surplus - \$13,011

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
elmores24153@gmail.com

Worship leader Alli Yingling  
Worship leader (8/13) Todd Marcum

Nursery workers Pam Conner and Morgan Taylor  
Nursery workers (8/13) Trenton and Kristin Marcum

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

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano

### **Thanks to the jazz ensemble:**

Don Wimmer, flute & saxophones  
Robb Shipp, trombone  
Joe Blaha, piano  
Ron Robinson, bass & electric bass  
Henry Frye, drums

## 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.



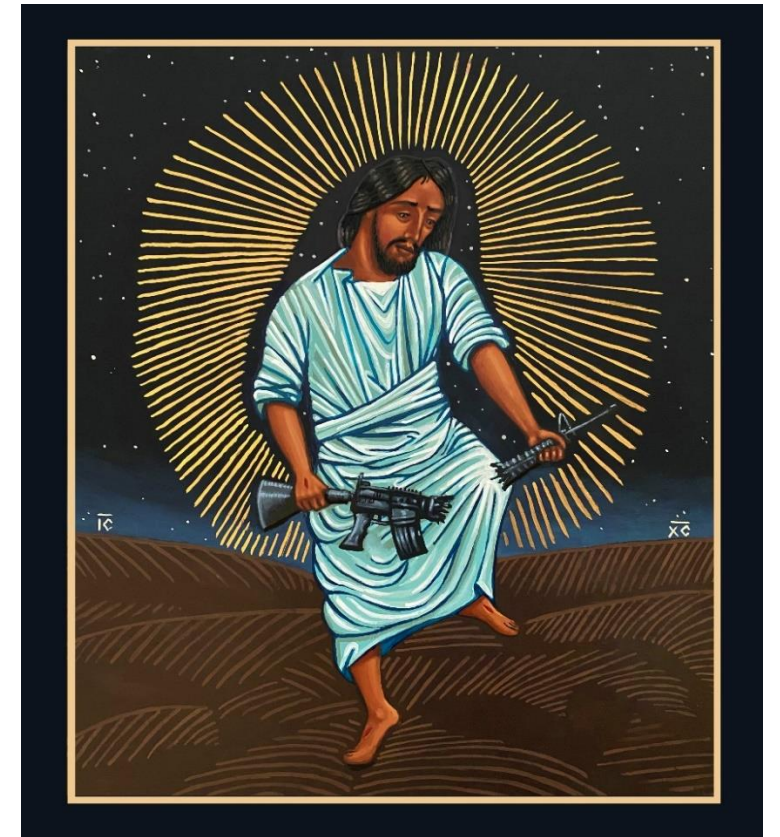
Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.



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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## OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN AUGUST 6, 2023

***FINDING GOD IN THE MUSIC***  
***TRACK 05: GONE BEFORE***

## A Grandmother, Lois

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only  
Wise")

A grandmother, Lois, had faith in you, Lord,  
then Eunice, her daughter, believed in your Word.  
Then her son, named Timothy, grew up to be  
a young man who cherished the faith he'd received.

While some with great drama discover your truth,  
for many, we learned it as children and youth.  
We learned it from grandparents, parents and more —  
from mentors and teachers who trusted you, Lord.

May each generation share these things anew:  
the gift of salvation that we have in you,  
your call to seek justice and care for the poor.  
May we teach our children the things that endure.

We thank you, Christ Jesus, for nurturing ones  
who pass on the faith to these daughters and sons —  
so youth see your church as a place they belong,  
and find here a faith that is loving and strong.

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