

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

September 24, 2023

Introit *Standing in the Need of Prayer* Spiritual, arr. Rentz

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* arr. Tonioli
(Julie Hall, piano)

***Confessing our faith** Matthew 6:25-33, *The Message*
The congregation responds in bold.

If you decide for a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body.

Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers.

They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?

*Prayer of Invocation

Lord Jesus, help us pray for our daily bread while laboring with love for those who hunger. Show us how to hallow your name while striving for justice in our relationships and in society. May our whole lives become a prayer, ever to your glory. Amen.

***Hymn** *His Eye is On the Sparrow* insert

Children's Time Lynette Harvey

Offering

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scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory *Meditation on Bridegroom* arr. Carter

***Response** *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Doran
(Diane Grant, handbells; Julie Hall, piano)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 6:24 (NT, p. 6)
Message *Piecing it all together, part 2
Giving to Jesus*

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** *Christ be in my mind* # 1133

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
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 and Love Feast

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

Sylvia Shepherd, recovering from surgery

Roger Simpson, recovering from stroke

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Dave Jones
Worship leader (10/1) Amanda Leddy

Nursery workers Tanya & Vincent Pizzullo
Nursery workers (10/1) Alli Yingling & Morgan Taylor

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

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (9/17)

Sunday School- 32
Worship- 74 (in person); 12 (online) = 86
Men's Bible Study- 8
Women's Bible Study- 13
Offering- \$ 2,545.00; \$ 1,386.20 (online) = \$ 3,931.20

We also served one family through our Good Samaritan Fund and one through our Food Pantry. There were also 20 beds built for SHP by our volunteers this week.

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



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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 2nd 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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PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, Why should the shad-ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," His ten-der word I
 3. When ev-er I am tempt-ed, When ev-er clouds a-

come, Why should my heart be lone-ly, And
 hear, His good-ness, I
 rise, When songs give place to sigh-ing When

long for heav'n and home; When Je-sus is my
 lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He
 hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er

por-tion? My con-stant Friend is He:
 lead-eth, But one step I may see; His
 to Him, From care He sets me free;

eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es

me; His eye is on the spar-row, and I

know He watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free; For His

eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1860-1948
 Tune: SPARROW, 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 7 with refrain; Charles H. Gabriel, 1865-1932; arr. by Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-2009, © 1992