

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
October 15, 2023

*Calling-In Hymn *Come, let us all unite to sing* # 12

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship from 1 Corinthians 13, *The Message*
The congregation responds in bold.

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,

doesn't have a swelled head,

doesn't force itself on others,

isn't always "me first,"

doesn't fly off the handle,

doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

Love never dies.

We have three things to do until that day when all things are made new:

trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly.

The best of the three is love.

*Prayer of Invocation

Teach us, Jesus, to bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Teach us to love. Amen.

*Prayer Hymns *Lord, listen to your children* # 353
Lord, I want to be a Christian (vs. 2) # 444

Lord, I want to be more loving, in my heart, in my heart.

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In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Children's Time Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson

Offering

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

Offertory

*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark Miller

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13 (NT, p. 175)

Message ***The greatest of these***

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 *God, whose love is always stronger* insert/#26
(melody # 26)

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Council Meeting after worship today.

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at K&W
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games

*Fall Bazaar and Community Festival October 21, 2023.
Bazaar is 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Festival is 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Misty King, cardiac rehab, in need of a kidney transplant
Roger Simpson, recovering from stroke
Lois Sowder, recovering from fall
Betty Phillips, recovering from fractured hip
Stephen Wills, recovering from accident

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 (10/22) Alli Yingling

Nursery workers Lisa Newell & Amanda Leddy
Nursery workers (10/22) Trenton & Kristin Marcum

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Acolyte Barnes Taylor

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (10/8)

Sunday School- 37

Worship- 74 (in person); 19 (online) = 93

Men's Bible Study- 7

Women's Bible Study- 12

Offering- \$ 2,400.00; \$ 750.47 (online) = \$ 3,150.47

Forty beds were built with Sleep in Heavenly Peace and one family helped through our Good Samaritan Fund this week.

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



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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 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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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger

God, whose love is always stronger
Than our weakness, pride and fear,
In your world, we pray and wonder
How to be more faithful here.
Hate too often grows inside us;
Fear rules what the nations do.
So we pray, when wars divide us:
Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring,
Never arrogant or rude,
Never boastful, all things bearing;
Love rejoices in the truth.
When we're caught up in believing
War will make the terror cease,
Show us Jesus' way of living;
May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished;
May your churches hear your call.
May our lives be filled with courage
As we speak your love for all.
Now emboldened by your Spirit
Who has given us new birth,
Give us love, that we may share it
Till your love renews the earth!

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