

**Oak Grove Church of the Brethren**  
**April 21, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**

\***Calling In Hymn** *'Tis so sweet to trust* (vs. 1, 3, 4) # 340

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Prelude No. 2* Smyth

\***Call to Worship**

*The congregation responds in bold.*

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day the Lord has made,

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

\***Prayer of Invocation**

Emptier of Tombs: you raised Jesus from the grave so the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open and our quivering lips could declare what we have seen and heard.

**Bright Glory of God: as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night—then returned so that “Doubting” Thomas might believe—come among us now, in this time and place, showing us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with you.**

Breath of Peace: strengthen us so we may stand with all who fear life; take our hands in yours, so we may serve all who are broken with grief; inspire us to share the grace which has been breathed into our very souls.

**Amen.**

\***Hymn** *Ask ye what great thing I know* # 337

**Children’s Time** Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson

*Childcare is provided for children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.*

**Offering**

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

**Offertory** *I Need Thee Every Hour* Arr. Koerts

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

**Music Meditation** *I Believe* arr. J.M. Stevens  
(Julie Hall, piano; \*\* words in bulletin)

**Hearing from God’s Word**

**Scripture** John 20:24-29 (NT, p. 115)

**Message** *Doubting Thomas?*

**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** *I know not why God’s wondrous* (vs. 1, 2, 4) # 338

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude** *TRUSTING JESUS* Kirkpatrick

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Thanks to Joe Blaha for directing the hymns and Julie Hall for playing the piano today, while Carol is away.*

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

Today	12:30 p.m.	Deacons
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	6:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	All Church Sunday School: <i>Navigating Grief and Guilt, Part 1</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**PRAYER**

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
Wilma Twigg, recovering from leg injury  
Lois Sowder, assisted living  
Millard Flora, recovering from covid  
Marge Montgomery, recovering from surgery  
Lynne Meredith, palliative care for cancer

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Sara Blaha  
Worship leader (4/28) Jane Grisso

Nursery workers Lisa Newell & Amanda Leddy  
Nursery workers (4/28) Todd & Rhonda Marcum

Children's Story Kirsten Lubb-Robinson  
Children's Story (4/28) Amanda Leddy

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

Acolyte Gemma Yingling

### Instrumentalists


Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano


## ATTENDANCE (4/14)


Sunday School- 51  
Worship- 90 (in person); 19 (online) = 109  
Men's Bible Study- 8  
Offering- \$ 1,806.00; \$ 260.00 (online) = \$ 2,066.00


## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE


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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.

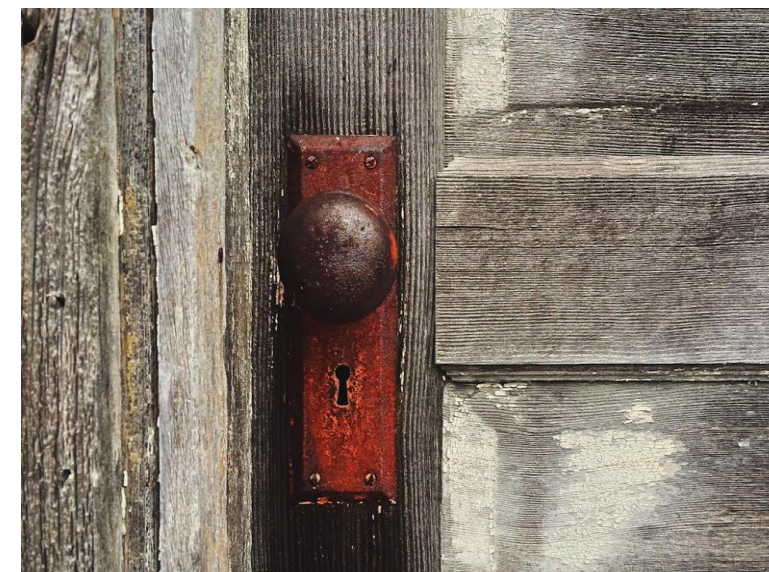
 Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.

 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.



# OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 21, 2024

## **\*\*I Believe**

Words & Music by Ervin Drake, Jimmy Shirl, Al  
Stillman, Irvin Graham  
Arranged by James Michael Stevens

I believe for every drop of rain that falls a flower  
grows.

I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a  
candle glows.

I believe for everyone who goes astray  
Someone will come to show the way. I believe, I  
believe.

I believe above the storm the smallest pray'r  
Will still be heard.

I believe that someone in the great somewhere  
Hears ev'ry word.

Ev'ry time I hear a newborn baby cry,  
Or touch a leaf or see the sky,  
Then I know why I believe.