

**Oak Grove Church of the Brethren**  
**April 28, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Easter**

\*Calling In Hymn *How Great Thou Art* # 1021

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Seek Ye First* arr. Bettcher  
(Oak Grove Ringers)

**\*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**

*Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter • New Zealand Book of Prayer*

**Eternal God,**

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn *I am the Bread of Life* (vs. 1, 4, 5) # 472

**Children's Time** Amanda Leddy  
*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 Love You, Lord* arr. Bock

\*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

**Ringin Anthem** *Psalm: Song Without Words* Helman  
(Oak Grove Ringers)

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Scripture** Matthew 28:1-4, 11-15 (NT, p. 34)  
**Message** *The things we guard*

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's Prayer**

*Adapted from the New Zealand Book of Prayer*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of  
the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our  
hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today: **feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another: **forgive us.**

In times of temptation and test: **strengthen us.**

From trials too great to endure: **spare us.**

From the grip of all that is evil: **free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now  
and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn *O Jesus, I have promised* # 447

**Bell Closing** *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* Stokes

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Oak Grove Ringers:** Julie Hall, Susan Lindsey, Rena' Brown, Diane Hollins, Rosie Wood, Jill Mooney, Joan Simpson, Andrea Milgrim, Becky Widdowson  
**Director:** Diane Grant

**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. 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  
5:15 p.m. Mission & Service  
5:30 p.m. Evangelism & Membership  
5:30 p.m. Ministry & Worship  
7:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer service  
Refreshing Church  
(3031 Frontier Rd.)

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Virlina Mission & Ministry Day at  
Cloverdale CoB

Sunday 9:45 a.m. *Navigating Grief and Guilt, Part 2*  
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, Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge  
Phyllis Meadows, Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge  
Elsie Wertz, South Roanoke Nursing Home  
Marge Montgomery, recovering from surgery  
Jane Grisso, recovering from illness

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Pastor Tim  
Worship leader (5/5) Vicky Turner

Nursery workers Todd & Rhonda Marcum  
Nursery workers (5/5) Pam Conner & Julie Chumbley

Children's Story Amanda Leddy  
Children's Story (5/5) Carol Elmore

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

Acolyte Barnes Taylor

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano

## ATTENDANCE (4/21)

Sunday School- 44  
Worship- 90 (in person); 21 (online) = 111  
Men's Bible Study- 6  
Women's Bible Study- 12  
Offering- \$ 1,212.15; \$ 660.00 (online) = \$ 1872.15

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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.



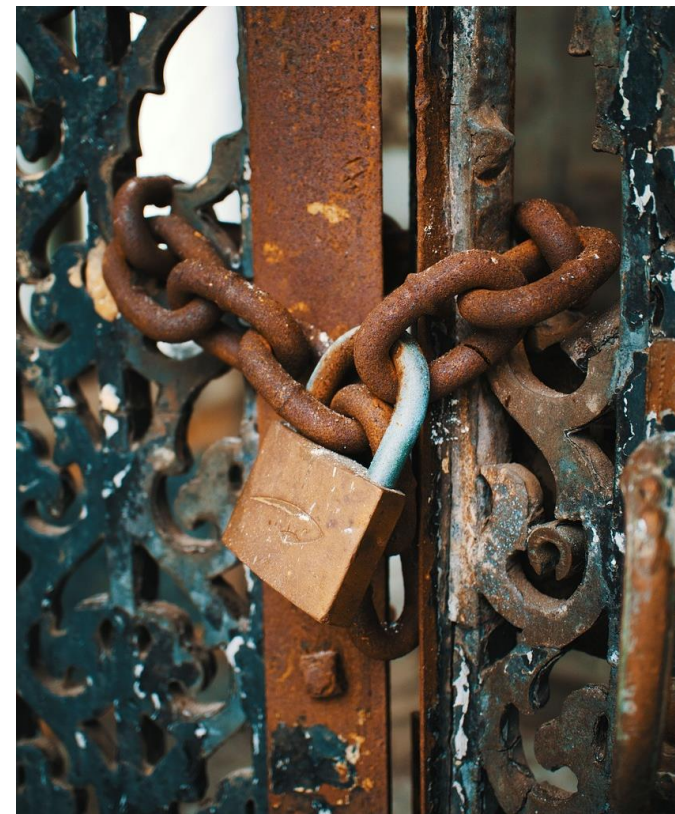
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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.



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024