

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
AUGUST 3, 2025 • FINDING GOD IN THE MUSIC

*Calling in Hymn *Take, O take me as I am* # 1084 (supplement)

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Partita on NEW BRITAN* by James Hill

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold

Here in this place we gather to worship.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Here in this place we gather to see you.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Here in this place, open our eyes so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, God of all people and places,

It is easy to close our ears to the voices of pain and of wisdom when they speak in accents other than our own.

Our sensibilities can be jarred by the way those different from us express their faith in Christ.

It is easy to cling to the pride of our own upbringing, as if we have a special claim on truth and your love.

Gracious God, forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility.

Enable us to incarnate God's love and to see God's love in new ways.

Amen.

*Hymn *Here in this place* (vs. 1, 2, 4) # 6

Children's Story Randall Eakin

Call to Giving

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

Offertory *Elevation* by Leon Boellmann

*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Song *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* Bob Hudson
(Mary Wilson, Shelly Haas, Carol Elmore)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 18:9-14 (NT, p. 81)

Message *Prison to Heaven*

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 *Amazing Grace* insert

***Benediction**

*Postlude Contemplations on this morning's hymns

*Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER

Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer

Marge Montgomery, Pheasant Ridge Nursing Home

Tanya Pizzullo, cancer treatment

Ralph Petcher, rehab at home

Phyllis Petcher, rehab at home

Bill Fowler, recovering from infection

Deanna Knox, ongoing GI issues

Jake Keating, recovering from bacterial infection at home

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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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AUGUST 3, 2025

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Grill and Chill
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
	6:30 p.m.	Camp Bethel Bistro

Commission Meetings to work on 2026 Budget and other important items.

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Leadership Team



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (7/27)

Sunday School- 40

Worship- 93 (in person); 17 (online) = 110

Offering- \$ 6,120.00; \$ 865.00 (online) = \$ 6,985.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Minister of Nurture and Music
Tim Harvey	Carol Elmore
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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

Julie Hall
Todd Marcum (August 10)

Infant Nursery

Robin Craighead
Holly Belcher (August 10)

Childcare

Lisa Newell, Anna Hosey & Cooper Purcell
Kris Tilley-Lubbs, Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson & Cooper Purcell (August 10)

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Prison to Heaven

The Avett Brothers

Swaying, it's a hard decision
Am I gonna leave this prison?
If they tell me one more time to get in line
I'm gonna breakaway

But I'm sure that every single prison guard
That walks around this prison yard
Is gonna have a shot at me
If he sees me running for the gate

I'd be better off dead, full of lead
Rather than delay one more day
Let my mind and my body
Rot away in this awful place

I'd be floating way up so high looking down
At all my buddies, saying
"You chumps, you suckers
I hope one day you can find the guts to escape"

Well, you might say
"How come you so sure heaven's where you're going?
You ain't exactly been showin' the ways of an angel
Glory bound"

I must admit you got a point
But I got a feeling
The ceiling ain't so far
And Yahweh just may want a couple words with yours truly

So I'll be walking right up to those big pearly gates
Saying, "Hey Saint Peter, ol' Buddy, ol' pal
How's the family, how's work, how's the kids?
What do you say, how's about crackin' those gates?
And lettin' a fine, upstanding fellow like myself join the
club?"

And he might say
"Ah, Mr. Avett you can save it
I ain't gonna be buying any of that lyin'
Jive, hustlin', boldfaced, fake con-man nonsense
That you used to get by with down there on Earth"

And I'll say, "Come on
Surely you and God of all people ought to know
I was innocent of those crimes, I told you so
Every night by myself in that cell
Surrounded by nothing but grey and quiet"

Well, dear God
Maybe I should just be talking straight to you
The truth is I lost my way
Somewhere along the way
And if you got a minute, would you spend it with a sinner?
Just long enough to give me some directions home