

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

MARCH 22, 2026

Introit *In Need* Ross King

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Vignette in Classic Style* Edward Broughton

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

Blessed are those who will not trade in their faith for a bushel of fear,

for they know God's heart.

Blessed are those who stand alone at gravesides,

for they are wrapped in God's arms.

Blessed are those who humbly care for the vulnerable,

for they shall create new communities.

Blessed are those who miss dinner or happy hour to care for the forgotten,

for they shall be filled with the blessings of hope.

Blessed are those who are compassionate, even with those who rub them the wrong way,

for they will be cared for by others.

Blessed are those who look out for their neighbors,

for they live next door to God.

Blessed are the menders of brokenness,

for they know what it is like to be reconciled to God.

Blessed are those who are mocked by those with power,

for they know they are walking the streets of the kingdom.

*Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners. Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn *Come, thou fount* # 521

Children's Story Amanda Leddy

Moment for Mission

Virlina District

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Offertory *NETTLETON* Lynn Koch

*Response *To God be the glory (vs. 1)* # 102

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture 1 Samuel 8:4-5, 10-18 (OT, p. 251)
Matthew 5:10-12 (NT, p. 4)

Message ***Blessed are the persecuted***

A moment of quiet reflection

Pastoral Prayer with Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Benediction

*Hymn *How firm a foundation (vs. 1 – 3, 5)* # 567

*Postlude *Variations on today's hymns*

**Please stand as you are able*

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)
Betty Wills (Brandon Oaks Rehab)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Jake Keating, rehab from surgery
Bonnye Thompson, recovering from heart attack
Dawn Thomas, recovering from surgery

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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.



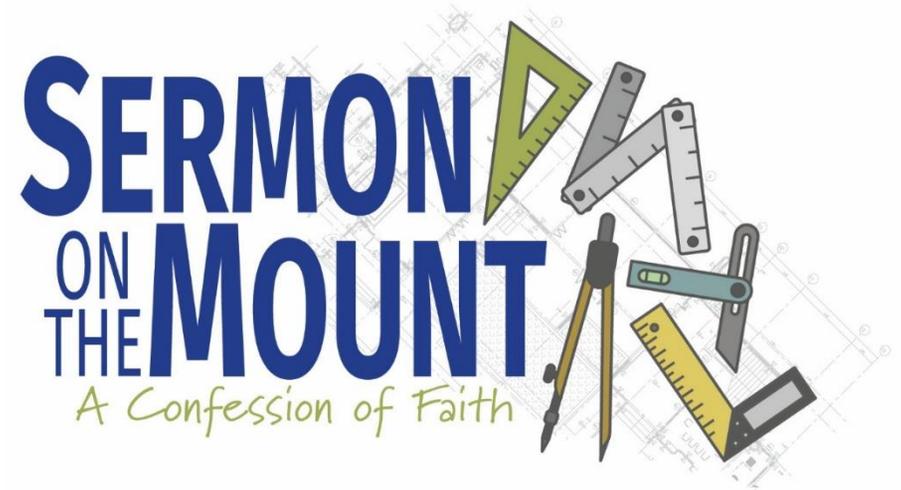
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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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BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Awakening March 22-25 at Mount Union CoB (see insert)

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Holy Week 2026 Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday: Behold your king!
Maundy Thursday (6 pm): Behold our king?
Good Friday (noon & 6 pm): ...behold our king...
Easter Sunday (7 am & 11 am): BEHOLD YOUR KING!!!

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/15)

Sunday School- 44
Worship- 104 (in person); 21 (online) = 125
Men's Bible Study- 14
Women's Faith Study Group- 14
Offering- \$ 3,201.00; \$ 185.00 (online) = \$ 3,386.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org	Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com
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Instrumentalists
Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader
Jane Grisso
Tim Harvey (March 29)

Infant Nursery
Robin Craighead

Childcare
Kirsten Lubbs Robinson, Kris Tilley-Lubbs, and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher
Bill Hall

Sound Booth
Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month
Jane Grisso and Randall Eakin