

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MAY 3, 2026

*Calling in Hymn *I sing the mighty power of God* # 46

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *A Joyful Ring* Barbara Kinyon
Oak Grove Ringers

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

We are called to be a people from whom forgiveness freely flows.

We reject the natural response of retribution, seeking instead to be restorers, healers, and reconcilers.

We thank you God, for forgiving us.

We thank you for liberating us from anger and contempt.

Thank you for reminding us who we are in your sight.

May we do the same for others, even when they lose sight of what is good and true and harm themselves and those around them.

*Prayer of Invocation

Perish the thought, Lord, that you would ever leave us unprepared to cope with the seething cauldron of contempt and anger that fizzes and boils around us. Far from abandoning us, you sent your Spirit to teach us what is true and lead us into the beauty of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Fill us again this day that our lives might flavor this world and our faithfulness illuminate your grace that all will give glory to our God in heaven. Amen.

Anthem *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* Schalk/Wente
Colleen Smith, Carol Elmore, Oak Grove Ringers

Children's Story Carol Elmore

Moment for Mission

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Offertory *When the storms of life are raging* (558)
I am weak and I need thy strength (553)
What a friend we have in Jesus (573)

*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *I Choose Love* Mark Miller

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:21-26 (NT, p. 4)

Message *Concerning Anger*

A moment of quiet reflection

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 *Christ, be in my mind* # 1133

*Benediction

*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)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Jake Keating, Bell's Palsy
Bonnye Thompson, recovering from heart attack
Betty Wills, recovering from surgery for broken leg
Joyce Harmon, cardiac issues
Becca Duncan, treatment for depression

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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.



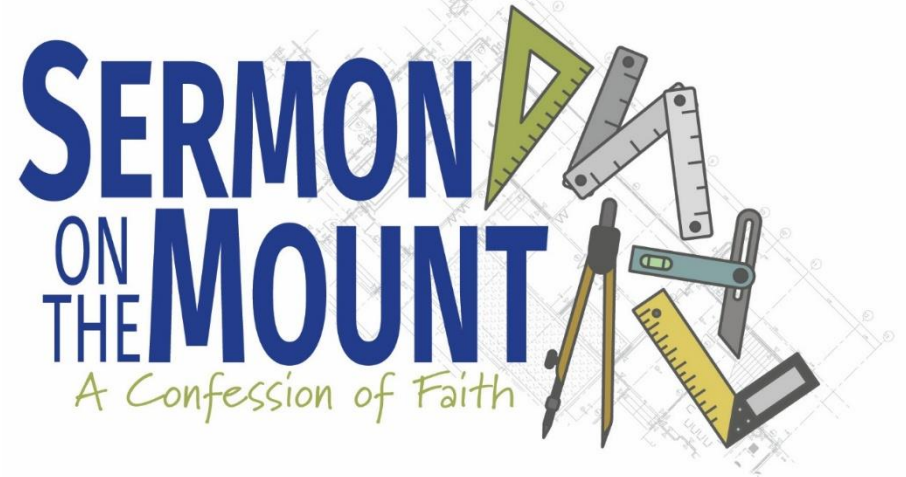
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Caroling
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	SHP Bed Build
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Potluck and Council Meeting May 17, 2026

Please mark your calendars for our spring council meeting on Sunday, May 17. Potluck lunch will follow our worship service. Council meeting follows our lunch.

While members are eligible to vote, everyone is encouraged to stay for the potluck lunch and meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (4/26)

Sunday School- 56

Worship- 105 (in person); 17 (online) = 122

Men's Bible Study- 10

Women's Faith Study Group- 9

Offering- \$ 3,665.00; \$ 140.00 (online) = \$ 3,805.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

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Carol Elmore
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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano
Julie Hall, piano

Worship leader

Dan Lubbs
Sara Blaha (May 10)

Infant Nursery

Pam Conner and Julie Carroll

Childcare

Anna Hosey and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Marc and Mary Wilson