

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
OCTOBER 18, 2026

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Robert C. Clatterbuck

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All My Hope* arr. Richard Kingsmore
Julie Hall, piano

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold.

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Jesus, you are a teacher of hard truths!

It is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;

it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.

We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated.

Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

***Hymn** *Help us to help each other, Lord* # 362

Children's Story

Colleen Smith

Moment for Mission

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Offertory *Simple Gifts* Cindy Berry

Julie Hall, piano

***Response** *From all that dwell below the skies* # 49

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 7:12 (NT, p. 7)

Message *The Golden Rule*

A moment of quiet reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness; joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Hymn** *Blessed Redeemer, how divine* insert

Tune # 623

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*

**Please stand as you are able*

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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.



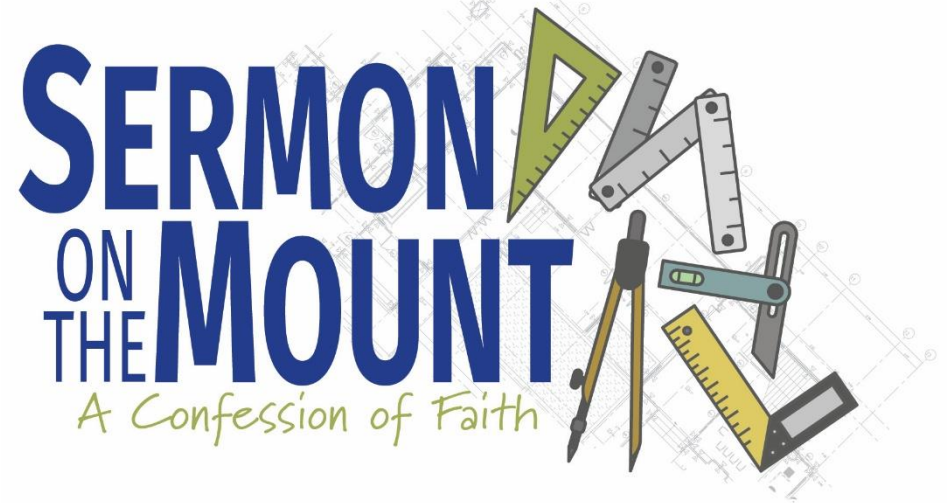
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at 611
	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
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

- Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing & Rehab)
- Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
- Martha Gregory (Riverstone Senior Living)
- Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
- Jonna Detweiler, recovering from health issues
- Wyatt (friend of Brent & Sherrie), cancer
- Robert Smith, treatment for blood clotting disorder
- Mary Jo Burris, recovering from double pneumonia

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (10/11)

Sunday School- 42
Worship- 90 (in person); 20 (online) = 110
Men's Bible Study- 11
Offering- \$ 2,963.00; \$ 1,312.19 (online) = \$ 4,275.19

Pledges Through October 11, 2026

\$5 x 125 Faith Forward Challenge – 21
Daily Prayers for our Church – 19

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Minister of Nurture and Music
Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org	Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com

Instrumentalists

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

Worship leader

Amelia Hosey
Jill Mooney (October 25)

Infant Nursery

Pam Conner, Jay Jernigan and Julie Carroll

Childcare

Krystal King and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Milton and Janet Hartman

***Blessed Redeemer, how divine
Written by Isaac Watts***

Blessed Redeemer, how divine,
How righteous is this rule of thine!
"To do to others just the same
As we expect or wish from them."

This golden lesson, short and plain,
Gives not the mind nor mem'ry pain;
And every conscience must approve
This universal law of love.

How blest would every nation be,
Thus ruled by love and equity!
All would be friends without a foe,
And form a paradise below.

Jesus, forgive us, that we keep
Thy sacred law of love asleep;
No more let envy, wrath, and pride,
But thy blest maxims be our guide.

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