Oak Grove Church of the Brethren May 10, 2020 • Fourth Sunday after Easter

Prelude Prelude James Hook

(Stephen Wills, organ)

Call to Worship, based on Colossians 1:15-20

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In an image-saturated world, a world of corporate logos permeating our consciousness, a world of dehydrated and captive imaginations in which we are too numbed to be able to dream of another kind of life,

in this world:

Christ is the image of the invisible God

In this world:

Christ is the image par excellence the image above all other images the image that is not a façade the image that is not trying to sell you anything

In this world:

Grace makes beauty out of ugly, broken things.

Everything. All things.

Whatever you can imagine:

Things visible and things invisible.

Mountains and atoms.

Outer space. Inner space. Cyber space.

Every inch of creation.

Every dimension of our lives.

All things are reconciled in him.

It all happens on a cross, arms outstretched in embrace. It all happens in embraced pain for the sake of others.

This is the image of the invisible God; this is the body of Christ.

Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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Call to Giving

Because we trust in your never-ending love, Gracious God, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts, knowing that what you have done in the past—rescuing the lost, reconciling the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor—will continue to be accomplished through our gifts. Bless all that we offer to you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Song

Claire de lune ("Moonlight")
(Ben Tatum, piano)

Claude Debussy

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Colossians 1:15-20

Message Jesus: Lord of all creation

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 Blessed assurance # 332

Benediction