

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

June 28, 2020

Prelude (beginning at 10:45 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

from Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn

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

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Call to Giving

Paul tells the Romans, “The wages of sin is death.” That’s a tall price to pay for bad choices, lapses in judgment, and giving into our human condition. But Paul reminds us, “the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

We have all fallen short of God’s glory. We’ve all been picked up, dusted off, and offered another chance. Each new day is an opportunity, not to earn God’s grace, but to live out the grace already given.

And now, it’s our turn. It’s our turn to offer a gift. We don’t do so out of obligation or compulsion; we give out of our abundance, from the storehouse of blessing God has bestowed on us. There are others who have fallen short, who need to be reminded they have not been forgotten, who need to know that the free gift of Christ’s love is still offered. We don’t offer these gifts in order to gain something; we offer them because of what we have been given. As we have been blessed, so we are called to be a blessing. Let us receive our tithes and offerings.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three numbered verses. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the next three lines. The fourth system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

553 I am weak and I need thy strength

*LEAD ME, GUIDE ME irregular with refrain

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and
2 Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
3 I am lost if you take your hand from

pow'r to help me o - ver my weak - est
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
me. I am blind with - out thy light to

hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
press. I am put - ting all my trust in
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant

see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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FAITH JOURNEY: Doubt/Faith

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.