

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
July 26, 2020

Prelude (9:45 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

the unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

Song

I know not why God's wondrous grace

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Moment for Mission

Song (452)

Ubi caritas et amor

Latin/J. Berthier

"Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est"

(Where charity and love are, God is there.)

Hearing from God's Word

Matthew 13:31-32, 44-46. ³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Romans 8:31-39. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message

Another invasive species

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord

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Benediction

Instrumentalists:

Stephen Wills – keyboard

Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger

Sam Phillips – viola

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EL NATHAN CM with refrain

1 I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he
 2 I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he
 3 I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing
 4 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or

hath made known, nor why, with mer-cy, Christ in love re-
 did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought
 us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-
 noon-day fair, nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or

deemed me for his own.
 peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-
 at-ting faith in him.
 meet him in the air.

Refrain

liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

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MARVELOUS GRACE 99. 99 with refrain

1 Mar-vel-ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2 Sin and des - pair, like the sea waves cold, threat - en the soul with
3 Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss. Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
all who be - lieve. You that are long - ing to see his face,

Refrain

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
points to the re - fuge, the might - y cross. Mar - vel - ous grace,
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace,
in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous

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