

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
July 12, 2020-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting and announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn refrain (# 156)

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

¹ Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

² **O you who answer prayer!**

To you all flesh shall come.

³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near**

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

⁶ **By your strength you established the mountains;**

you are girded with might.

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;**

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ **You water its furrows abundantly,**

settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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Call to Giving May the needs of our sisters and brothers become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; a portion of their pain, our pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters.

Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Song *Living Spirit, Holy Fire* (words below) Duck/True
(Carol Elmore, solo)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Romans 8:1-11

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Message **Life in the Spirit** Gina Wright-Hawkins

Pastoral prayer

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

Love divine, all loves excelling

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Benediction

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

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Living Spirit, holy fire, burning bright to light our way,
blaze among us and inspire lives that praise you day by day.

Melt away the masks we wear, hiding what we know and feel.
Risking growth, we want to share love in action, love that's real.

Open hearts; affirm us all, many splendored, one in You,
we embrace the work, the call: You are making all things new.
Veni Sancte Spiritus, veni Sancte Spiritus, veni Sancte Spiritus. (Come, Holy Spirit)

Love divine, all loves excelling 592

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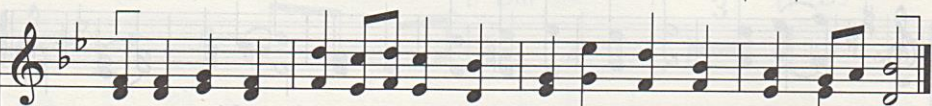
- 1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
- 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast.
- 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive.
- 4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be.



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee.



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art.
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be.
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns for those that seek...*, 1747
Music: John Zundel, *Christian Heart Songs*, 1870