

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
August 9, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Song *Blessed Assurance* # 332

Moment for Mission

Response *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* # 119

Song *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* anonymous
(Mel Purcell, solo)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' "(that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' "(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Message

A heart for those who do not yet believe, part 2

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

Will you let me be your servant

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Benediction

Postlude

Instrumentalists:

Stephen Wills – keyboard

Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger

Sam Phillips – viola

Kathie Robinson - flute

Judy Saunders – guitar

Lucas Musselman – djembe

Shelly Haas, Beth Shearer, Becky Widdowson – handbells

Thanks to Mel Purcell for leading the hymn today, while Carol is on vacation.

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THE SERVANT SONG 87. 87

*E^b A^b B^b7 E^b Cm

1,6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

Fm B^b A^b E^b A^b

1,6 be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
2 trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to help each
3 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
4 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
5 find such har - mon - y, born of all we've known to -

B^b7 Cm Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

1,6 grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
2 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
3 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
5 geth - er of Christ's love and a - gon - y.

*Guitar chords for unison singing only

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