

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
September 6, 2020

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

based on Romans 12:9-21

In a year that seems to have gone off the rails; when each day seems to dawn with new controversy; when uncertainty prevails and controversy is only a social media post away,

God calls us to a unique place of demonstrating his love: showing genuine love, hating what is evil, holding fast to what is good.

When people we've known for years question the authenticity of our faith and choose to "snooze" or "unfriend" instead of asking better questions,

God calls us to outdo one another in showing honor and to be patient in suffering.

When those who look, or act, or speak differently from us are portrayed as persons to be feared,

God calls us to extend hospitality to strangers.

Why should we do all things?

Because we are God's people. We will not be overcome by evil; we will overcome evil with good.

Song

Will you let me be your servant

307

Moment for Mission

Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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Hearing from God's Word
Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Message

Can I get a witness?

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Prayer Hymn

God's Own Fool

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

Change my heart, O God

1149

Benediction

Postlude

Instrumentalists:

Stephen Wills – keyboard

Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger

Sam Phillips – viola

Judy Saunders – guitar

Kathie Robinson – flute

Shelly Haas – bells

Lucas Musselman – djembe

Prayer concerns

Becky Fowler – recovering from surgery

Joyce Harmon – recovering from surgery

Rachel Mabe – chemotherapy

Gavin Robinson – upcoming heart valve replacement surgery

PROCLAIMING: Church

307 Will you let me be your servant

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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Praise God from whom 119

OLD HUNDREDTH 88. 88

A Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
B Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; in

him all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye
heav'n a - bove and earth be - low; one God three per - sons

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
we a - dore. To God be praise for - ev - er - more. A - men

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

1149 Change my heart, O God
(Cámbiame, Señor)

Cmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ G C

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.

Cmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ Gsus G⁷ C *Fine*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, tu - yo quie - ro ser.

E⁷ Am Dm⁷ G⁷ C

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.

E⁷ Am Am/D D⁷ Gsus G *D.C. al Fine*

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu i - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.

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