

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
September 13, 2020

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our lives are complicated. We are not all at the same place. We have different pasts and different presents. Some come rejoicing, others come with tears. Some proclaim with confidence

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1)

While others proclaim

how long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? (Psalm 13:1-2a)

Some of us are ready to

praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals! (Psalm 150:3-5)

While others are ready to

be still, and know that I am God! (Psalm 46:10a)

Whatever our circumstances, we seek to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1b-3)

Song *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 37

Moment for Mission

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

Song

Simple Gifts
(Dan and Kris Tilley-Lubbs)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Message

Living for one another

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

When we walk with the Lord (vs. 1)
Bless'd be the tie that binds (vs. 1, 3, 6)

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Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to Kris Tilley-Lubbs for leading the hymns today, as Carol recovers at home.

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills – keyboard
Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger
Sam Phillips – viola
Judy Saunders – guitar
Kathie Robinson – flute

Prayer concerns

Becky Fowler – recovering from surgery
Joyce Harmon – recovering from surgery
Rachel Mabe – chemotherapy
Gavin Robinson – recovering from heart valve replacement surgery

September Financials--YTD

Offering	\$ 194,482
Expenses	\$ 180,434
Surplus	\$ 14,048
Budget	\$ 209,467

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 37

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee. Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw
 tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wish - es have
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 fore him! Let the "a - men" sound from God's peo - ple a -

near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 do, as with his love he be - friends thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

Text: Joachim Neander, *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, A und Q Glaub- und Liebesübung*, 1680; in Catherine Winkworth, *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.
 Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665

Praise God from whom 119

OLD HUNDRETH 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

When we walk with the Lord 544

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1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a
 2 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our
 3 But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love, un-til
 4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo-ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a-
 toil he doth rich-ly re-pay. Not a grief nor a loss, not a
 all on the al-tar we lay, for the fa-vor he shows, and the
 walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he

bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o-bey.
 frown nor a cross, but is bless'd if we trust and o-bey.
 joy he be-stows, are for them who will trust and o-bey.
 sends we will go, nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

Refrain

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way to be

hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

Bless'd be the tie that binds 421

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1 Bless'd be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's
 4 When we a - sun - der part, it gives us
 5 This glo - rious hope re - vives our cour - age
 6 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

1 Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 2 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 3 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 4 in - ward pain, but we shall still be
 5 by the way, while each in ex - pec -
 6 shall be free, and per - fect love and

1 kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 2 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 3 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 4 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 5 ta - tion lives and longs to see the day.
 6 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, *Hymns Adapted to the Circumstances of Public Worship...*, 1782, alt.
 Music: from Johann G. Nägeli; adapted by Lowell Mason, *The Psaltery*, 1845