

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
September 20, 2020

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship # 1106

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me!
Be my disciples!

we come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of love.

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in
the world.

Song *Shall we gather at the river* # 615

Moment for Mission

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

Song *He Leadeth Me* Gilmore/Bradbury
(Mel Purcell, soloist)

Hearing from God's Word Scripture



Acts 13:1-3

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Message

Barnabas and Saul are called

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

Be thou my vision (omit vs. 3)

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Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to Mel Purcell 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 surgery

615 Shall we gather at the river

BEAUTIFUL RIVER 87, 87 with refrain



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will



trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing
 spray, we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the
 down. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
 cease, soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the



Refrain

by the throne of God?
 hap - py gold - en day. Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er,
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.



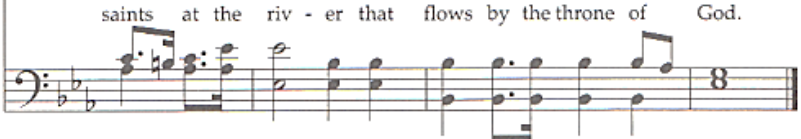
the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er, gath - er with the



Text: Robert Lowry, 1864, *Happy Voices*, 1865
 Music: Robert Lowry, *Happy Voices*, 1865



saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



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

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
 3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
 5 High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

1 naught be all else to me save that thou art.
 2 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
 3 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 4 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
 5 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 2 Thou my great Fa - ther, thy child may I be,
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower.
 4 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 5 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 2 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 3 Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 4 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 5 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Ancient Irish, *Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdr cnde*. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne. *Erin*, Vol. II, 1905
 Music: Irish melody, *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs*, 1909, harmonized by Martin Shaw. *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931. alt.
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