

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
October 11, 2020

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it;

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation,

for God has founded it on the seas,

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls
to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Song

This is my Father's world

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Call to Confession

Sinners we are and sinners we will always be, except for the grace of Jesus the Christ. We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Moment for Mission

Response

Praise God from whom

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Song

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. ²On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. ³And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Message

A plan for giving

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

God, whose giving knows no ending

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Benediction

Postlude

Instrumentalists

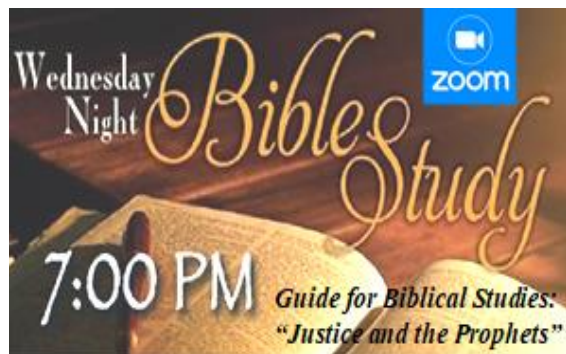
Stephen Wills – keyboard

Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger

Sam Phillips – viola

Kathie Robinson – flute

Judy Saunders - guitar



Saturday, October 24

2:00 p.m.

Camp Bethel-
House of Pillars

Speaker: Pastor Tom Oster
Christ our Redeemer
Community Church

TODAY:

*Council Meeting
Immediately following
worship.*

***Recognizing bias in the media—
and in ourselves***

**October 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m.
via Zoom**

Frustrated with the constant shouting about politics on social media? Unsure if you can trust the news? Upset and concerned with the constant state of crisis and anxiety facing our society?

Our discussion on October 22 will be led by Dr. Rachel Bowman-Abdi, a professor of English at UNC-Greensboro, who specializes in rhetoric and society.

Oak Grove's own Mike Hanger and Jim Shaver will lead our discussion on October 29, discussing how the media industry works, and how the rise of both social media and the 24-hour news cycle impacts your local news.

For more info, please contact the church office. We will send out Zoom information closer to the time.

PROCLAIMING: Creation

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TERRA BEATA 66. 86D

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world. Oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their ma-ker's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ru - ler yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world, he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world, the bat-tle is not done. Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas-his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, *Thoughts for Every-Day Living*, 1901
Music: Franklin Sheppard, *Alleluia*, 1915

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

OFFERING

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God, whose giving

HYFRYDOL 87. 87D

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing from your
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through

rich and end - less store - na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
 goals of Christ your Son: all at peace in health and
 pow'rs your grace con - ferred - ours to use for home and

wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door -
 free - dom, ra - ces joined, the church made one.
 kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.

gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we

up our - selves in praise. Thank - ful song shall
 strive for self a - lone. Born with ta - lents,
 heed Christ's age - less call. heal - ing, teach - ing,

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Don - or of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by serv - ing all.