

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
October 25, 2020

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Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Song (336) *It is Well with My Soul* Spafford/Bliss  
(Quartet: Carol Elmore, Eleanor Brogan, Sara Blaha, Mike Tyler)

Call to Worship based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.**

Do not put your trust in mortals, in whom there is no help. Blessed are those whose hope is the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever, who upholds the cause of the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord watches over the strangers; and the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.**

The Lord will reign forever!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Song *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 37  
(Instrumental)

Moment for Mission

Response

*This Little Light of Mine*  
***This little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X)***  
***Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!***

## Hearing from God's Word

### Scripture

Romans 15:25-32

<sup>25</sup>At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints; <sup>26</sup>for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup>They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them; for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things. <sup>28</sup>So, when I have completed this, and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will set out by way of you to Spain; <sup>29</sup>and I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

<sup>30</sup>I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, <sup>31</sup>that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, <sup>32</sup>so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

### Message

*A true community?*

## Come, build a church

## Returning our pledge cards

### Call to Confession

Together we confess that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving.

### Prayer of Confession

**God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**Bring your pledge card forward and place it in the basket as a sign of our commitment to Christ and the church.**

**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**

*Brethren, we have met to worship*

# 8

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Instrumentalists

*Stephen Wills – keyboard*

*Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger*

*Sam Phillips – viola*

*Kathie Robinson – flute*

*Judy Saunders - guitar*

Let's Fall into Fun...

**Church Friends Playdate**

Playgrounds and Scavenger Hunt

**TODAY!**

~ **October 25<sup>th</sup>** ~


following Worship


(Noon-1:00 pm)

Staying informed  
without losing your mind

Conversations on truth, media, and bias  
October 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

 Jim Shaver (10/29)  
Retired Media Executive  
Roanoke, VA

 Mike Stevens (10/29)  
Communications Director  
City of Salem, VA

Contact the church office for login information.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 PM

Guide for Biblical Studies:  
"Justice and the Prophets"

zoom

## 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 Ω Glaub- und Liebesübung*, 1680, tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.  
 Music: *Erneuten Gesangbuch*, 1665

## GATHERING

## 8 Brethren, we have met to worship

HOLY MANNA 87, 87D

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the  
 2 Sis-ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ters  
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and  
 4 Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each

Lord our God. Will you pray with all your pow-er  
 aid-ed him. Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers  
 filled with tears? Is there here a weep-ing Ma-ry  
 o-ther, too. Let us love and pray for sin-ners

while we try to preach the word? All is vain un-  
 who are strug-gling hard with sin? Tell them all a-  
 pour-ing forth a flood of tears? Breth-ren, join your  
 till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us

less the Spir-it of the ho-ly One comes down. Breth-ren,  
 bout the Sav-ior. Tell them that he will be found. Sis-ters,  
 cries to help them, sis-ters, let your prayers a-bound! Pray, oh  
 home to heav-en, at his ta-ble we'll sit down. Christ will

Text: *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825  
 Music: *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825

## GATHERING

pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.  
 pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.  
 pray, that ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.  
 gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.