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Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer Mark Detweiler, having some health issues. Gladis Lehman, recovering at Friendship Rehab Fred Widdowson, heart issues Lois Sowder, gallstones Gavin Robinson, testing

## **CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE**

Youth Zoom is Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Bible Study is Thursdays on Zoom at 7 p.m. Children's Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

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#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

If all you want, Lord, hymn # 512

If all you want, Lord, is my heart, my heart is yours aloneproviding I may set apart my mind to be my own.

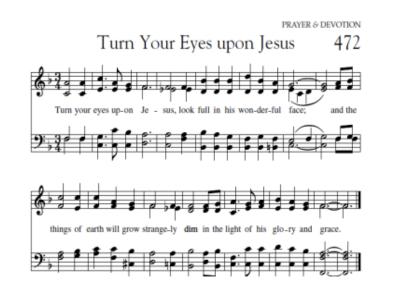
If all you want, Lord, is my mind, my mind belongs to you, but let my heart remain inclined to do what it would do. If heart and mind would both suffice, while I kept strength and soul, at least I would not sacrifice

completely my control. But since, O God, you want them all to shape with your own hand, I pray for grace to heed your call to live your first command.

**Hymn** Pass me not, O gentle Savior (# 464, red hymnal)

#### Moment for Mission

Response	Praise God from whom	# 119
Hymn refrain	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	Helen Lemmel



#### Hearing from God's Word Scripture Message

Luke 10:25-42 Pursuing Goodness

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

#### 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** Christ, Your words of love confound us C. Gillette (tune: BEACH SPRING #26)

#### Benediction



#### Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Used with permission

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise, for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways. How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies? What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts. In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts. It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate. Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free: you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity. Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace? Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace. May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do. You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

#### Luke 10:25-42

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

