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Thank you to Dan & Kris Tilley-Lubbs for directing while Carol is away.

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer Rick Wolfe, recovering from back surgery Jan Grisso, meniscus tear in knee Emily Nelson, recovering from surgery Nancy Hylton, recovering from surgery Betty Phillips, complications from a blood disorder Mary Jo Burris, recovering from stroke

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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Lunch Munch Bunch is resuming! If you are interested in joining for lunch the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m., please let the church office know at 774-3217.



Peacefully. Simply. Together.

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren April 18, 2021

We are broadcasting today on 91.5 FM if you would like to remain in your vehicle.

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lift your glad voices, # 275

Lift your glad voices in triumph on high, for Jesus has risen, and we shall not die.

Vain were the terrors that gathered around him, and short the dominion of death and the grave.

He burst from the fetters of darkness that bound him, resplendent in glory, to live and to save.

Loud was the chorus of angels on high,

the Savior has risen, and we shall not die.

Glory to God, in full anthems of joy; the being he gave us, death cannot destroy.

Sad was the life we may part with tomorrow, if tears were our birthright, and death were our end.

But Jesus has cheered the dark valley of sorrow, and bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend.

Lift then your voices in triumph on high, for Jesus has risen, and we shall not die.

Hymn Crown Him with many crowns (vs. 1, 2) # 116

Commissioning New Deacons

Randall Eakin, Vada Henshaw, Bob and Sherry Milliron

Song Joys are flowing like a river # 301 Dan and Kris Tilley-Lubbs Hearing from God's Word Scripture Message

Acts 6:1-15 Many persons – one body

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

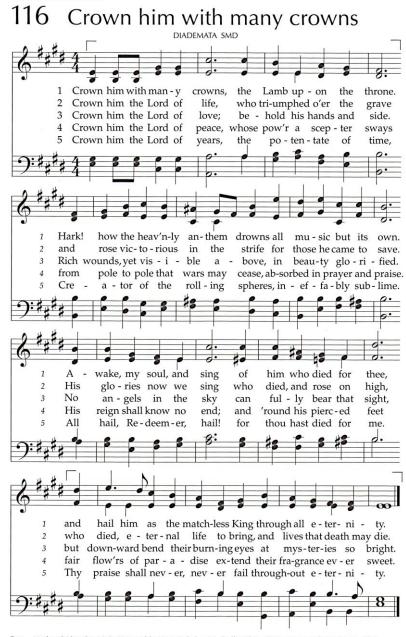
For Christ and the church

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*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

PRAISING/ADORING



Text: Matthew Bridges (Sts. 1, 3-5), Hymns of the Heart, 2nd ed., 1851, Godfrey Thring (St. 2), Hymns and Sacred Lyrics, 1874 Music: George J. Elvey, Hymns Ancient and Modern, Appendix, 1868

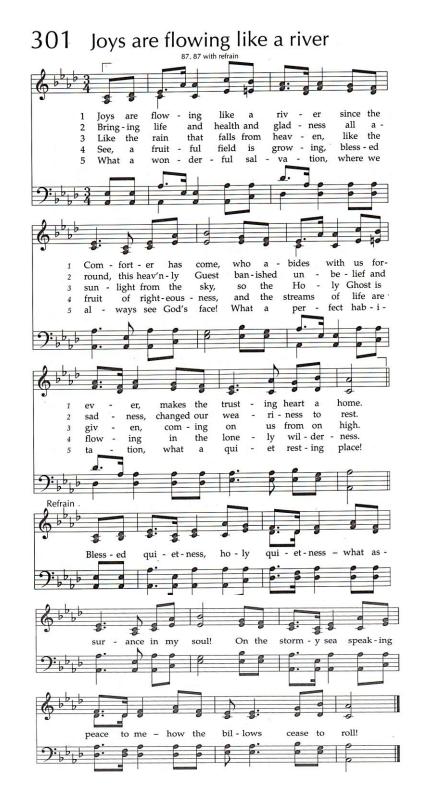


Acts 6:1-15

¹Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." ¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.



Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are now set apart in the sacred ministry of deacon. Serve God and this congregation faithfully and courageously. And may God bless you in your service.

Congregation: We, the members of this body of Christ, in the spirit of joy and in renewed loyalty to our Lord, acknowledge and receive you as deacons. We promise to pray for you and support you in confidence, encouragement, cooperation, and prayers, that together we may increase in the knowledge and the love of God, manifested to us in Jesus Christ.