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



# 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**

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**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*      # 416

**\*Benediction**

\*Please stand as you are able.

# 116 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA SMD

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on the throne.  
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side.  
 4 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

1 Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 2 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 3 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 4 from pole to pole that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 5 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

1 A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 2 His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
 3 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 4 His reign shall know no end; and 'round his pierc - ed feet  
 5 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me.

1 and hail him as the match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 3 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 4 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 5 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

# 416 For Christ and the church

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH 10 12. 11 11 with refrain

1 For Christ and the church let our voic - es ring, let us hon - or the  
 2 For Christ and the church be our ear - nest prayer, let us fol - low his  
 3 For Christ and the church, will - ing of - f' rings make, time and tal - ents and  
 4 For Christ and the church let us cast a - side, by his con - quer - ing

name of our own bless - ed King. Let us work with a will in the  
 ban - ner, the cross dai - ly bear. Let us yield, whol - ly yield, to his  
 gold, for the dear Mas - ter's sake. We'll re - mem - ber the best we can  
 grace, chains of self, fear, and pride. May our lives be en - riched by an

strength of youth, and loy - al - ly stand for the king - dom of truth.  
 Spir - it's power, and faith - ful - ly serve him in life's bright - est hour.  
 bring to him, the heart's wealth of love that will nev - er grow dim.  
 aim so grand, then hap - py the call to the Sav - ior's right hand.

Refrain  
 For Christ, our dear Re - deem - er, for Christ, who died to save,  
 For Christ, for Christ, for Christ,

for the church his blood has pur - chased, Lord, make us pure and brave.  
 for the church his blood has pur - chased,

## Acts 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup>while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." <sup>5</sup>What 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. <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>The 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.

<sup>8</sup>Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then 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. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>They 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. <sup>13</sup>They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; <sup>14</sup>for 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." <sup>15</sup>And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

## 301 Joys are flowing like a river

87, 87 with refrain

1 Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er since the  
 2 Bring - ing life and health and glad - ness all a -  
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the  
 4 See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, bless - ed  
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, where we

1 Com - fort - er has come, who a - bides with us for -  
 2 round, this heav'n - ly Guest ban - ished un - be - lief and  
 3 sun - light from the sky, so the Ho - ly Ghost is  
 4 fruit of right - eous - ness, and the streams of life are  
 5 al - ways see God's face! What a per - fect hab - i -

1 ev - er, makes the trust - ing heart a home.  
 2 sad - ness, changed our wea - ri - ness to rest.  
 3 giv - en, com - ing on us from on high.  
 4 flow - ing in the lone - ly wil - der - ness.  
 5 ta - tion, what a qui - et rest - ing place!

Refrain  
 Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly qui - et - ness - what as -  
 sur - ance in my soul! On the storm - y sea speak - ing  
 peace to me - how the bil - lows cease to roll!

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.**