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PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer
Jan Grisso, meniscus tear in knee
Betty Phillips, complications from a blood disorder
Mary Jo Burris, recovering from stroke
Wayne Cook, congestive heart failure
Stacey Williams, back surgery recovery

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE

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



Oak Grove Church of the Brethren May 2, 2021

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

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Offering *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
(Instrumental, 118)

How good a thing it is, # 310
Based on Psalm 133

How good a thing it is, how pleasant to behold,
when all God's people live as one, the law of love uphold!

As perfume, by its scent, breathes fragrance all around,
so life itself will sweeter be where unity is found.

And like refreshing dew that falls upon the hills
true union sheds its gentle grace, and deeper love instills.

God grants the choicest gifts to those who live in peace;
to them such blessings shall abound and evermore increase.

Hymn *This is my Father's world* # 154

Moment for Mission

Song(150) *Wonderful grace of Jesus* Lillenas
(Instrumental)

Hearing from God's Word

**Scripture
Message**

Acts 15:1-18
One church under God's grace

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** *Move in our midst* # 418

***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able.

Acts 15:1-18

¹²The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me.

¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.

¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

¹⁶'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.'

May Bible Study and Church of the Brethren webinars

Bible Study will remain on **Thursdays at 7 pm** (at least through May) to allow participation in two Church of the Brethren webinars.

Webinars (sign-up information will be provided in church emails)

Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. *Listening and Learning from Brethren Leaders of Asian-American Heritage*

Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. Moderator Town Hall:
What Will Be the "New Normal"? Anticipating a Post-Pandemic World.

Bible Study (Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.)

May 6: Church of the Brethren Compelling Vision Bible Study (# 1 of 12)

May 13: Church of the Brethren Compelling Vision Bible Study (# 2 of 12)

May 20: Church of the Brethren Compelling Vision Bible Study (# 3 of 12)

May 27: Church of the Brethren Compelling Vision Bible Study (# 4 of 12)

¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

154 This is my Father's world

TERRA BEATA SMD

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 Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the rul - er 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

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Move in our midst

PINE GLEN 99.99

1 Move in our midst, thou Spir - it of God.
 2 Touch thou our hands to lead us a - right.
 3 Strike from our feet the fet - ters that bind.
 4 Kin - dle our hearts to burn with thy flame.

Go with us down from thy ho - ly hill.
 Guide us for - ev - er, show us thy way.
 Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.
 Raise up thy ban - ners high in this hour.

Walk with us through the storm and the calm.
 Trans - form our dark - ness in - to thy light.
 Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.
 Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.

Spir - it of God, go thou with us still.
 Spir - it of God, lead thou us to - day.
 Spir - it of God, thy love makes us strong.
 Spir - it of God, O send us thy pow'r!

Text: Kenneth I. Morse, 1942, 1949, *The Brethren Hymnal*, 1951
 Music: Perry L. Huffaker, 1950, *The Brethren Hymnal*, 1951