

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
February 20, 2022

Introit *Come, let us all unite to sing* # 12
 (Congregation, join on vs. 3.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Pass It On* arr. Hayes

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
 And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
 That's how it is with God's love,
 Once you've experienced it,
 Your spread the love to everyone
 You want to pass it on.

***Opening Prayer**

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Rally: Communal Prayers for Lovers of Jesus and Justice

When we are told that there is nothing we can do; when we feel trapped and powerless at the things that are and worn down by being told "they've always been that way," when we grow weary of speaking the truth...

God, give us strength to love our enemies, to treat others as we wish to be treated, and speak the truth in love.

God is love. God tells us that we are loved. God shows us that love is not fearful.

God's love is perfect. With this perfect love, we need not fear. Because of this perfect love, we love more perfectly. This we believe. Amen.

***Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love* # 1065

Moment for Mission

***Response** *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *I Choose Love* Mark Miller

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 6:27-38 (NT, p. # 64-65)
Message *Upside down relationships*

Prayer of Aspiration

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood, as to understand,
 to be loved, as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

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** *Take my life (vs. 1, 2, 6)* # 389

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:15 p.m.	Youth Lunch & Bowling
	1:30 p.m.	Book Study "Trouble I've Seen"
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.	Conversations Group
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Joyful Hearts
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Book Study "Trouble I've Seen"

The Youth will be participating at Roundtable at Bridgewater College February 25-27, 2022.

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Sara Blaha
Worship leader (2/27) Gloria Harmon

Nursery workers Kirsten-Lubbs-Robinson &
Kris Tilley-Lubbs

Nursery workers (2/27) Trenton & Kristen Marcum

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano
Kathie Robinson flute
Sam Phillips viola

PRAYER

Doris Light, in hospice care
John King, home rehab for broken leg
Morton Witt, melanoma
Ralph & Phyllis Petcher, health concerns
Misty King, heart attack
Bill Whitlow, recovering from hernia surgery
Phyllis Petcher, recovering from eye surgery
Dennis Shearer, recovering from colon surgery

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Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? You may contribute via the Tithely app on your smartphone or in the offering box.



We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (2/13)

Sunday School- 42
Worship- 66
Received on 2/13 - \$ 1,995.00



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***I CHOOSE LOVE*, by Mark A Miller and Lindy Thompson**

(This anthem was written in response to the tragic events that occurred at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015, and is a testament to the power of forgiveness and peace.)

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain,
I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow following
down like rain, I await the sun again. I choose love. I
choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of
war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and
anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more. I
choose peace. I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise. While my world
falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down,
explanations can't be found. I will climb to holy
ground, I will rise. I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain,
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