## Oak Grove Church of the Brethren March 20, 2022 • Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude	Ring Out Your Praise	Beknke
	(Oak Grove Ringers)	

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

As we journey during this Lenten season, we come together, seeking to know Jesus better.

In these days of heightened anxiety and great turmoil, we find comfort in familiar lyrics and liturgies.

In our frustration with the sin and brokenness we see all around us, we are tempted to take matters into our own hands, thinking we have all the answers.

Teach us, Lord, to be patient.

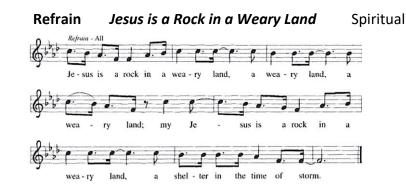
Teach us, Lord, to put our trust in You.

*Hymn	Take time to be holy	# 1007		
Children's Time				
Moment for Missi	sion Church of the Brethren in Nigeria Update			
Music Meditation Amazing Grace arr. Robert (Oak Grove Ringers, acc. Joe Blaha)				
Hearing from God's Word				
Scripture	Psalm 130 (OT, p. # 573-574)			
Reader's Theate	Close Encounters at the Cross			

Close Encounters at the Cross
The temptation to impatience

#### **Our Response**

Refrain Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land Spiritual **Response to sermon** 



#### **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	Precious Lord, take my hand	# 575
*Benediction		
*Response	Jesus, remember me	# 247

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\*Postlude

Apres und Reve Gabriel Faure (After a Dream) \*Please stand as you are able.

## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Crafters Backpack Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	ESL Classes Handbells Children's Zoom Conversations Group Youth Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	ESL Classes Joyful Hearts Games
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Youth Hike
Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship

## PRAYER

Doris Light, in hospice care John King, home rehab for broken leg Morton Witt, melanoma Dennis Shearer, recovering from colon surgery Joan Simpson, recovering from surgery Renee Tatum, recovering from surgery

Kelly Moore and Craig Wallace phone number change: (540) 919-1036.

## **CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

Pastor

Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

Julie Chumbley and Pam Conner

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Gloria Harmon

Sharon Hanger

Todd Marcum

Worship leader Worship leader (3/27)

Nursery workers Nursery worker (3/27)

Children's Time Children's Time (3/27)

#### Instrumentalists

Stephen WillsorganJoe BlahapianoSage KushmantromboneDiane GrantOak Grove Ringers, directorDarlene Rayfield, Steve Huffman, Shelly Haas, AndreaMilgrim, Nancy Hylton, Diane Hollins, Rena' Brown, SusanLindsay, Eleanor Broganhandbells

Thanks to Diane Grant to directing the hymns while Carol is away.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/13)

Sunday School- 39 Worship-74 Received on 3/13 - \$ 3,820.00 Tim Harvey



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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.



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### Readers' Theater CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AT THE CROSS: PHARISEE AND TAX COLLECTOR

Jesus tells a parable of a Pharisee and a Tax Collector. Both are in the temple for prayer. The Pharisee has the cloth to lay on the cross.

Standing in need of forgiveness, the Pharisee is certain of his own righteousness and that God surely loves him more than other people, especially the tax collector praying nearby.

The tax collector stands off to the side, humbly praying. One wonders how much courage it took him to show up in the temple at all.

In the end, Jesus affirms that the humble tax collector—who felt his separation from God and yet trusted that God would hear his prayer—is the one who went home justified.

- Narrator: Jesus told this story to some who were completely pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people:
- Jesus: Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one, a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this:
- Pharisee: Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.
- Narrator: Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring look up, said

Tax Collector: God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.

Jesus: This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.

The Pharisee lays the fabric over the cross.