

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Mary Wilson
Worship leader (3/27) Vicki Turner

Nursery workers Julie Chumbley and Pam Conner
Nursery worker (3/27) Gloria Harmon

Children's Time Sharon Hanger
Children's Time (3/27) Todd Marcum

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano
Sage Kushman trombone
Diane Grant Oak Grove Ringers, director
Darlene Rayfield, Steve Huffman, Shelly Haas, Andrea
Milgrim, Nancy Hylton, Diane Hollins, Rena' Brown, Susan
Lindsay, Eleanor Brogan handbells

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

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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.



Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent

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.