

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
 March 27, 2022 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude *St. Christopher* arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *Fairest Lord Jesus* D. Hakes

*Call to Worship based on Luke 7:34
The congregation responds in bold.

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.

We serve a Savior who valued outsiders—and was written off as “a friend of the worst of sinners.” Do we hear the cries of those who suffer on the margins—or do we press forward, head down and earbuds in?

Come, Holy Spirit, break the chains our fears create, teach us to love; teach us to stifle hate. Come, Spirit, come.

*Hymn *Come, Holy Spirit* #1049

Children’s Time

Moment for Mission Table Fellowship

Solo *Jesus Met the Woman at the Well* Yarrow
 (Yvonne Gum, soloist)

Hearing from God’s Word

Scripture Luke 7:36-50 (NT, p. # 66-67)
 Reader’s Theater *Close Encounters at the Cross*
 Message *The temptation to dispassion*

Our Response

Refrain *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* Spiritual

Refrain - All
 Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

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. 6, 1, 2, 6) # 389

*Benediction

*Response *Jesus, remember me* # 247

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
 Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: based on Luke 23:42

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Kid’s Talent Show and Pizza Finance Commission
Monday	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Crafters Backpack Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	ESL Classes Handbells Youth Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	ESL Classes Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Project WARM Camp Bethel Work Day
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
 Bill Baker, heart issues

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Worship leader (4/3) Jane Grisso

Nursery worker Gloria Harmon
Nursery workers (4/3) Lisa Newell & Rhonda Marcum

Children's Time Todd Marcum

Instrumentalists

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

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/20)

Sunday School- 39
Worship- 80
Received on 3/20 - \$ 1,815.00

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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.



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Fairest Lord Jesus by Hakes /Courtney

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of the nations, O thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fairest are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of
spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer till the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Song of God and Son of Man! Glory and
honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.*

Readers' Theater

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AT THE CROSS: A SINFUL WOMAN FORGIVEN

Jesus is invited to dinner at the home of Simon the Pharisee. A "sinful" woman enters the banquet and anoints Jesus' feet with expensive oil. Simon disapproves, and a discussion on the nature of grace and forgiveness ensues.

In the end, Jesus restores the woman to her right place in the Kingdom of Heaven and in the community. But did Simon—or her community—ever really see her?

Narrator: One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself,

Simon: If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.

Jesus: Simon, I have something to say to you.

Simon: Teacher, speak.

Jesus: A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?

Simon: I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.

Jesus: {speaking to Simon} You have judged rightly. Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she

has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.

{speaking to the woman} Your sins are forgiven.

Narrator: But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins? And Jesus said to the woman,

Jesus: Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

Either the woman or Simon lays the fabric over the cross.