Oak Grove Church of the Brethren April 3, 2022 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship Nada te turbe Santa Teresa/ (Let Nothing Shake You) Berthier

*Call to Worship

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 hear the news...we look out our windows...and we are tempted to hide in whatever safe place we can create, wondering, "What's going to become of us?"

We come just as we are, fighting fears within and without. O Lamb of God, we come!

Anthem

Just as I Am

arr. McCartha

(Sara Blaha and Mike Tyler, soloists)

Children's Time

Randall Eakin

Moment for Mission

Joyful Hearts/Peace and Justice Book Project

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Psalm 27 (OT, p. # 503)

*Hymn

Don't be afraid

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Message

The temptation to fear

Our Response

Refrain Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land Spiritual **Written response** Naming our fears



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.

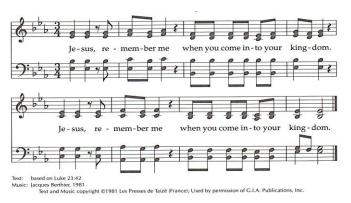
*Hymn

Ask ye what great thing I know

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*Benediction

*Response Jesus, remember me # 247



*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:15 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Handbells Children's Zoom Peace & Justice Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
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 surgery
Joan Simpson, recovering from surgery

The rose placed on the organ today is for Michael and Danielle Craighead on the birth of William Anthony Craighead. William was born on March 19th at 9 lbs. 2 oz.

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

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Worship leader (4/10)
Bill Whitlow

Nursery workers Gloria Harmon
Nursery workers (4/10) Monica McNeil & Randall Eakin

Instrumentalists

Stephen WillsorganJoe BlahapianoKathie RobinsonfluteSam Phillipsviola

Holy Week

April 14	6:00 p.m.	Love Feast
April 15	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Services
April 17	7:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service Easter Story & Egg Hunt Easter Worship Service

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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.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (3/27)

Sunday School- 41 Worship- 83 Received on 3/27 - \$ 8,305.00



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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.