

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
May 29, 2022 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Calling in Hymn *Brethren, we have met* (vs. 1, 3, 4) # 8

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Steal Away* arr. Calvin Taylor

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

Called to be light,
we refuse to simply pass on by when we see one who is hungry; we pick up a sander or a drill and build a bed for one with no place to lay their head.

Called to be salt,
we value the line worker as much as the CEO; we welcome all to our table.

Called to live into God's reality,
we call all to "believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Our lives are in Jesus' hands, until and beyond that day when God's time is fulfilled, and we are gathered together with our sisters and brothers in the kingdom of heaven
Until then, we will not keep anything bottled up, but will shout our praises to Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end!

*Hymn *You are salt for the earth* # 226

Children's Story Martha Gregory

Moment for Mission

Choral Response *Now Is the Time!* Shafferman

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Acts 16:16-40 (NT, p. # 136)
Revelation 22:12-13 (NT, p. # 260)

Message ***A chain-breaking God***
Prayer of Confession Insert

*Hymn Sing (requests)
Lift every voice and sing # 579

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 *When peace like a river* (vs. 1, 2, 4) # 336

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday 9:00 a.m. Crafters

Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Christian Life Seminar

How to have a difficult conversation in a healthy way, pt. 2.

Thursday 2:00 p.m. Games

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

PRAYER

Doris Light, in hospice care
John King, home rehab for broken leg
Dennis Shearer, chemotherapy infusions
Vada Henshaw, recovering from surgery
Renee Tatum, treatment for seizure management
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Dolores Huffman, rehab at Friendship South
Bill Broyles, several falls and fever

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (5/22)

Sunday School- 36
Worship- 75
Received on 5/22- \$ 7,670.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Alli Yingling
Worship leader (6/5) Kirsten-Lubbs-Robinson

Nursery workers Tanya & Maggie Pizzullo
Nursery workers (6/5) Randall Eakin & Ellen Phillips

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

We are at the point in our project of needing volunteers to distribute books to the first, second, and third graders at Westside Elementary.

We need 10 volunteers on June 6 AND June 7, from 8:30 am to about 10:30 am. We will receive a group orientation and will then be assigned to read a book to a class. We may be asked to help with distributing the books. We are following the lead of the school staff in that process.

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4da5ad2caafd0-westside>

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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.



Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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Now Is the Time!

by Jean Anne Shafferman (incorporating traditional scripture and Swahili lyrics)

To everything there is a season, for everything God has a plan,

A time to speak, a time for silence,

A time to mourn and a time to dance!

Dansi (*dance*), sifa (*praise*), kuimba (*sing*), sifa, dansi, sifa, checko (*laughter*), a time to laugh!

O Lord, we praise You, Creator, Redeemer, power and glory and riches are Yours.

We sing your praise and Your glory together, for now is the time,

Sasa (*now*), ngapi (*time*), sasa, for now it the time to sing Your praise!

We join our voices in celebration. In every language we sing Your praise,

One voice, one message for every nation: Now is the time, sasa ngapi,

Now is the time to tell Your story, sing Your glory!

Dansi, sifa, kuimba, a time to mourn. Dansi, sifa, kuimba, a time to dance!

To everything there is a season, for everything God has a plan,

A time to speak, a time for silence, a time to mourn and a time to dance!

To everything there is a season, for everything God has a plan,

A time to speak, a time for silence. Now is the time to sing God's praise! Now is the time to sing praise!

Prayer of confession

Come and hear our pain, God. Come near and hear our compliant.

Violence is singing a victory song, and our arms hang limp at our sides.

Our tears cannot stop.

Violence has cut us. Bleeding, we stand together now.

Make us brave enough to stand in front of violence and call it a thief and liar.

In your mercy, make all things new again.

Make us lion-hearted, roaring at the acts of violence around us,

more dedicated to the common good than our own preservation.

May we learn to place those who are hurting first, and ourselves second.

In your mercy, make us brave again.

Make us mercy, calling to those committing the violence.

Like lost lambs living in darkness, drinking bitterness,

disconnected from their true selves, may we call them

back to the fold, shouting loudly that they are created for life, not death; kinship, not killing; love, not hate.

In your love, make us family again.

Make us plowshares, sowing peace by renouncing every act of violence. May we refuse to be weapons against our brothers and sisters.

In your power, make us peaceful again.

Make us fearless, relentlessly waging peace instead of war, refusing to accept any act that cuts, kills, or breaks down people made in your image.

As our Good Shepherd, make us fierce peacemakers again.

For those who have laid down their lives for others and have joined God in the unseen kingdom; for those who have died to the kingdom of death and who have risen to life with Christ in their breath.

We raise our hope because joy comes in the morning!