

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

June 2, 2024

***Calling In Hymn** *Come, thou Almighty King* # 41

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Voluntary* Selby

*Prayer of Invocation

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The congregation responds in bold

Faithful God, we rejoice in spirit and in truth as we celebrate the weight of your glory, for even when we perceive you with foolish and self-seeking hearts, you still redeem our waywardness with your grace.

You destined us from before the foundation of the world to be your companions through your Son Jesus Christ. Though we sometimes forget that our purpose is found in you, still you do not forget us.

Through your Son's cross you dismantled the power of sin and death and made a new family of all who do your will.

And so with glad and grateful hearts, we sing your unending praise! Amen.

***Hymn** *We praise Thee, O God* (vs. 1, 2, 5) # 99

Children's Time Amanda Leddy
Childcare is provided for children 2nd grade and younger.

Moment for Mission FaithX Participant Dedication
Vincent Pizzullo, Gavin Robinson
Carol Elmore, Don Pizzullo

Offering

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Offertory *Here I, Am Lord* arr. Schrader

***Response** *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *The Lord is My Shepherd* H. Goodall
(Fred Porter, soloist)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Acts 9:1-9, 19b-22 (NT, p. 127)

Philippians 3:4b-11 (NT, p. 198)

Message *Changing our minds about ourselves*

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** *I will change your name* # 1062

*Benediction

***Postlude** *ITALIAN HYMN* Giardini

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:15 p.m.	Mission & Service
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Ministry & Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Bed Build
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Lynne Meredith
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Lois Sowder, Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge
Phyllis Meadows, Roanoke Memorial Hospital
Elsie Wertz, South Roanoke Nursing Home
Marge Montgomery, rehab at home

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Julie Hall
Worship leader (6/9) Kris Tilley-Lubbs

Nursery workers Trenton & Kristin Marcum & Lisa Newell
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Children's Story Amanda Leddy
Children's Story (6/9) Alli Yingling

Head Usher Bill Hall
Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Acolyte Gemma Yingling

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

ATTENDANCE (5/26/24)

Sunday School- 30
Worship- 75 (in person); 17 (online) = 92
Men's Bible Study- 8
Women's Bible Study- 14
Offering- \$ 6,976.00; \$ 210.00 (online) = \$ 7,186.00

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We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



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.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN JUNE 2, 2024

Litany of Dedication
The congregation responds in bold.
Workcamp participants respond in italics.



Just as Jesus humbly sought to serve, you begin your journey of service with a heart that leads with compassion, a voice that speaks with love, and a life that seeks to reflect God's goodness.

Be present with those that you serve and spread God's love to all that you meet.

We seek to go into the world as the hands and feet of Jesus and act as servants in the communities that we visit.

Just as Jesus responded to the Spirit's leading, you begin your journey of service with the desire to receive God's calls to action.

Be open to hear God's voice and willing to follow in the example of Christ.

We accept God's call and look forward to intentionally following where the Spirit may lead us.

Just as Jesus stood up for the marginalized, the overlooked, and the forgotten, you begin your journey of service with the desire to identify injustice and support those who have experienced inequity and hurt.

Be agents of respect who work to restore dignity and who desire to advance justice rather than judgement.

We seek to learn and to approach all situations with the compassion and grace that Christ has shown to us.

Just as Jesus spoke life and called for changes to the status quo, you begin your journey of service with a willingness to speak up and with power to influence the world for good.

Be leaders who confidently stand for what is right and who passionately seek to create a better world.

We will not be afraid to stand for justice and will provide space for all voices to be heard.

Just as Jesus sought to create community, you begin your journey of service with an excitement to open up to those around you and to build new relationships.

Be welcoming so that you may create community within your FaithX group and among those that you serve.

We plan to intentionally fellowship with those that we meet in order to create meaningful moments and connections.

Just as Jesus encountered those unlike him and chose to love, you begin your journey of service with the knowledge that each of us possesses a unique perspective and opinion, yet has equal value.

Be patient listeners who do not let differences divide and who honor one another.

We will cultivate harmony by sharing our thoughts with kindness and listening more than we speak.

Just as Jesus worshiped God with gladness and celebrated God's blessings, you begin your journey of service with excitement for what lies ahead and deep appreciation for the experience of serving others.

We send you out to serve with glad hearts, and we will welcome you back home with joy!

We thank you for your loving support on this journey of faith and service – we leave this place with open hands and open hearts.

Prayer of Sending

God, we thank you for these youth and advisors and their desire to serve. We see your spirit stirring in each of them, guiding and supporting them as they seek to use their lives as examples of Jesus' peace, service, and love. Be with each one of them as they travel and do your work at Camp Mardela. We ask that you keep them safe and allow their hearts to grow as they work with people from all walks of life. We pray that they see examples of your love in everyone that they meet, and that they deepen their faith through the relationships they build and the service they share. Please be with our congregation as we support these youth and advisors while they act as your hands and feet in the world. Move us to grow our own faith, listening for your call and seeking to serve in our home community as we await their return. Amen.