

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
September 1, 2024

*Calling in Hymn *Guide my feet* (vs. 1, 4, 5) # 546

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Celebration* Paxton

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold

Here, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our hearts:

calling us to listen more, to speak less, and to be careful with our anger.

Now, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our land:

calling us to clean our ears and view ourselves clearly, that we might hear and see with Christ-like clarity.

In every place, in every moment, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in all creation:

calling us to generous acts, to stand with God's people: the least, the lost, the little, the last.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Truth-speaking Spirit: sometimes when we speak with another we forget to listen and miss that we are speaking to someone whom you deeply love.

Sometimes when we look in a mirror we forget to look closely and see someone whom you deeply love.

Move within us and reshape us as God's beloved children, living within that circle of blessing called the kingdom of God. Amen.

Children's Time Carol Elmore

*Hymn *Take time to be holy* # 1007

Offering

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Offertory *Melody in D* Busch

*Response *To God be the glory* (vs. 1, 3) # 102

Solo *Together* Nathan Grieser
 Carol Elmore, soloist

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture James 1:17-27 (NT, p. 229)

Message ***Forgetting what we look like***

Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness; joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
 as to console:

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

*Hymn *Take my life* (vs. 1, 3, 6) # 389

***Benediction**

*Postlude *Guide My Feet*

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday Church Office Closed

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Peace & Justice Meeting

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. ESL
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 9:30 p.m. Women's Faith Study
 Group at SML
 5:30 p.m. Evangelism & Membership
 5:30 p.m. Mission & Service
 5:30 p.m. Ministry & Worship
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education

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

PRAYER

Gay Bulach, shoulder surgery recovery
 Jonna Detweiler, cancer treatment
 Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
 Phyllis Meadows, Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge
 Marge Montgomery, rehab at home
 Elsie Wertz, South Roanoke Nursing Home
 Lowell Foutz, heart issues

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org
Minister of Nurture and Music	Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com
Worship leader	Dan Lubbs
Worship leader (9/8)	Jill Mooney
Nursery workers	Kris Tilley-Lubbs & Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson
Nursery workers (9/8)	Tanya & Vincent Pizzullo
Children's Story	Carol Elmore
Head Usher	Bill Hall
Sound Booth	Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond
Acolyte	Graeme Robinson
<u>Instrumentalists</u>	
Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano

ATTENDANCE (8/25/24)

Sunday School- 57
Worship- 99 (in person); 12 (online) = 111
Offering- \$ 3,755.00; \$ 185.00 (online) = \$ 3,940.00

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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.



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