



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



There are more places than ever for you to get involved in the Music Ministry at Oak Grove! We're always looking for new singers for the **Chancel Choir**, **Youth Choir**, or **Children's Choirs**. They are all starting their seasons right now, so there's never been a better time to jump in! Singing isn't your thing? No problem! We also have a **Bell Choir** and a **Youth Bell Choir!** Each of these groups rehearses weekly and appears in worship every 4-6 weeks (except for Chancel Choir, which appears in worship weekly).

And this year we're starting something completely new! We now have a **Senior Adult Choir** that rehearses on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. And hey, if you're interested in singing and available at 2 on Thursdays, it doesn't have to be just for seniors. All are welcome to come and hang out with us!

We're also working on creating a **second handbell choir** for adults. If you have always wanted to figure out how ringing works, this could be the choir for you! We'll start rehearsing when we have enough folks signed up. Email John (jcowden@ogumc.org) for more information.

Do you play an instrument? There are a number of Sundays when we need a solo or ensemble in worship. If you play an instrument, let me know. I'm trying to put together a few small ensembles to play on an occasional (read: not rehearsing every week) basis.



"John, I love music but I'm not musical." You can get involved too! One great way to get involved is to tell on your friend or family member who is musical! Send me an email and rat them out. I promise not to tell them who told me! Or...are you good at making waffles? Compete in our Waffle Off on October 2 and see if you have what it takes to challenge Carl for the Waffle-inator title (with belt to match!). All proceeds benefit Music in Mission (youth and children's choir tours).

Or you can attend one of our concerts or other events. Come eat waffles and vote for your favorite, or come out to the Staff Skit FUNdraiser in May (a new offering in which your music staff will make fools of themselves for your entertainment).

Sunday

- 3:45-4:30: Youth Bells (6th-12th)
- 4:30-5:30: Youth Choir (6th-12th)
- 6:30-7:30: Adult Bells

Wednesday

- 6:00-7:00: Children's Choirs (PreK-5th)
- 7:15-8:45: Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 2:00-3:00: Senior Adult Choir

So many ways to be involved...so many opportunities to build relationships through music. For more information, email me: jcowden@ogumc.org. Or just show up at a rehearsal. See you soon!

John
John Cowden
Director of Traditional Music



Connect with Oak Grove

Thank you for participating in worship today. We're glad you're here.

Open your camera app and scan the QR code to visit ogumc.org/connect to

- register your attendance
- ask to speak to a pastor
- sign up for congregational emails
- request to join the church
- or give online.

8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Music Spirit of Faith, Come Down G Martin

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit We Hasten to Thee from Cantata 78 JS Bach
Elizabeth Leslie and Nick Harrison, trumpets; Leanne Herrmann, piano

*Call to Worship (8:30) Dr. Amy Morgan
(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

Where there is no vision the people perish.

Lord grant us the vision of the future you have for us.

Help us to open our hearts and minds to you.

Help us to listen to one another and hear your voice.

*Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed (8:30) Dr. Morgan
(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. McBrayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem (11:00) The Road Home S Paulus
Chancel Choir

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own That I left, that I lost So long ago? All these years I have wandered Oh, when will I know There's a way, there's a road That will lead me home? After wind, after rain When the dark is done As I wake from a dream In the gold of day Through the air there's a calling From far away There's a voice I can hear That will lead me home. Rise up, follow me Come away, is the call With the love in your heart As the only song There is no such beauty As where you belong Rise up, follow me I will lead you home.

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 5:1-7	Dan Riedford
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
*Hymn	Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom	UMH 508
Offertory Prayer		Dr. McBrayer
	Dearest Lord, we come to you, grateful for your blessings. Fill our hearts with joy as we offer you our future. Help us to serve one another as we share our blessings with the world. Amen.	
Offertory Anthem	Prelude from First Suite Mary Beth Bryant, cello	JS Bach
*Doxology		UMH 95
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
New Testament Lesson	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Vision Casting: Faith is the Map	Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
*Hymn	How Firm a Foundation <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	UMH 529
*Benediction		Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
*Postlude	Jubilation	J Mansfield

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Our worship service this morning centers around our faith and our journey together. The details of the path ahead are not laid out neatly for us to review before we set out. Instead, we draw on our faith to give us courage to walk together into the future God has for us. In part, our faith comes from our experience of God's faithfulness to us.

Listen for the way our hymns and the choir's anthem explore our faith and our journey – our faith journey, if you will.

*Congregation stand as able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Children's Worship bags available at Parlor side door.

Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship
ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.
Facebook: [facebook.com/ogumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/ogumc.org)
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Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211
Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Invitation and Discipleship* ext. 212
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

Our Program Staff

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Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that **Thursday 12 p.m. is the deadline** for information that you would like to add to the *Oak Grove News*. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

Send items to oakgrovenews@ogumc.org. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!



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Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our ConstantContact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O'Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221)

