

OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

it's
**spooky
to be
hungry**

**Neighborhood
Food Collection
Sat., Oct. 29, 2022**

**SIGN UP at
ogumc.org/news**

It's Spooky to be Hungry is a fun event for families to serve together.



Neighborhood Volunteers

Drop donation bags at neighbors' doorsteps around **Saturday, Oct. 22**, and collect bags of donated food and hygiene items **Saturday, Oct. 29**.

Volunteer to Sort and Pack

We'll sort and pack food in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, Oct. 29** from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sign up for your preferred time to help.

All of the food donated over each of the last 10 years has gone to feed thousands of hungry families right here in our community. If you need help with signing up or have questions, please contact Gil Kersh (ogumcspooky@gmail.com or 404 849 6860).





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	I Sing the Mighty Power of God Leanne Herrmann, piano	Anna Laura Page
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Amy Morgan
Introit	God of Love and God of Power <i>God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou has called us for this hour.</i>	J Neander
*Call to Worship	Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving! Let us celebrate the love of God for us and for the world. Let us reaffirm our faith in God's provision. Let us sing to God, our Rock and our Redeemer.	(8:30) Dr. Joseph McBrayer (11:00) Dr. Morgan
*Hymn	God of Grace and God of Glory <i>(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.)</i>	UMH 577
*Affirmation of Faith	from The United Church of Canada	(8:30) Dr. McBrayer (11:00) Dr. Morgan
	We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.	
Anthem (11:00)	Seek Ye First Music Makers <i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!</i>	K Lafferty
A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer	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.	Dr. Morgan
Psalter Lesson	Psalms 121 The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Chancel Choir
*Hymn	We've a Story to Tell to the Nations	UMH 569

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Morgan

Lord, we are thankful for all you have given us. Help us to trust you enough to share your gifts with others. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

(8:30) Seek Ye First
Music Makers

K Lafferty

(11:00) Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Chancel Choir

K Christopher

*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.**

A Litany for Our Confirmands

Megan Biegel and C.J. Lord

Pastor to Confirmands: As you begin this Confirmation journey, may the Scriptures be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Confirmands respond: **We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We enter the confirmation process ready to learn and ready to grow.**

Congregation to Confirmands: **We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you begin your confirmation process. We will continue to learn together and grow in God's love alongside you.**

All: **Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Where Your Heart Is:
Persistence**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Hymn

Go, Make of All Disciples
(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

UMH 571

*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Postlude

Christ for the World We Sing

G Martin

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Glenn Ethridge by Cathy and Lee Ethridge.

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we're singing about persistence. In particular, we must be persistent if our dreams--or better still, God's dreams--are to become a reality here and now. Our hymn texts begin by calling for strength, continue by celebrating the amazing story we have to share, and finish by encouraging us to step out into the world in God's power.

The anthems fit in a different way. The Music Makers' anthem runs with the knocking imagery from the text, while the Chancel Choir's encourages us to set about God's work without delay.

*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

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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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Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: www.ogumc.org/news

Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

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)



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