

OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Mark Your Calendars:

Celebrate the Upcoming Season with Your Oak Grove Family



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| Sunday, November 6 | – Visioning Meeting and Lunch |
| Sunday, November 13 | – Lantern Making |
| Sunday, November 20 | – Decorating the Church for Christmas |
| | – Advent Wreath-Making |
| Saturday, November 26 | – Youth Christmas Tree Lot Opens |
| Sunday, November 27 | – Lantern Parade |
| Wednesday, November 30 | – Advent Market |
| Saturday, December 10 | – Season of Hope: A Christmas Concert |
| Sunday, December 11 | – Season of Hope: A Christmas Concert |
| Sunday, December 14 | – Service of Hope, 6 p.m. |
| Saturday, December 17 | – Parsonage Open House, 4-8 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 21 | – Travelers' Service |
| Sunday, December 23 | – Y'all Come Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, December 24
<i>Christmas Eve</i> | – 3 p.m. Child-Friendly Service |
| | – 5 and 8 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service |
| | – 5 p.m. Modern Service |
| Sunday, December 25 | – One In-Person Service 11 a.m. and online: youtube.com/ogumc |



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

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit

There Is a Balm in Gilead

WF Smith

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works' in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

*Call to Worship

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

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.

*Hymn

O Worship the King

UMH 73

*(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.**)*

*Affirmation of Faith

from The United Church of Canada

Dr. McBrayer

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.

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)

He, Watching Over Israel
Chancel Choir

F Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief languish, He will quicken thee.

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 65

Dr. Jim Sowell

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

*Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

UMH 534

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The New Choir

E Bairsow

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me! Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth. And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and gently on his shoulder laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

*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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

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

Sermon

**Where Your Heart Is:
Trust**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH 377

(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Postlude

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Sometimes we feel as though we have lost everything God (or we) have struggled to build.
But God can restore all things. We need only put our trust in God.

Listen for the way our hymns and anthems seek to comfort us in our sorrow and remind us that God will always be faithful--restoring our losses and soothing our souls.

*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)

YouTube: [youtube.com/ogumc](https://www.youtube.com/ogumc)

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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Our Church Information

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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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