



# OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent



## Holy Week Schedule

April 2	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:30 am Traditional	
		10:45 am Modern Worship*	<i>Join us for Palm/Passion Sunday Worship with a Palm Processional, Holy Communion, and a journey to the cross through an observance of the Passion Narrative.</i>
		11:00 am Traditional*	
April 6	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7 pm	Service of Tenebrae*
	<i>A journey to the cross in scripture readings, music, darkening of the sanctuary, and stripping of the altar.</i>		
April 7	<b>Good Friday</b>	7 pm	Palms to Passion*
	<i>A concert worship experience featuring the Chancel Choir with orchestra and Mary, the mother of Jesus.</i>		
April 9	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
	7 am	Sunrise Service	<i>with Holy Communion in the Memorial Garden</i>
	8:30	Traditional Worship	
	10:45 am	Modern Worship*	
	11 am	Traditional Worship*	
	<i>No Children's Church</i>		
	*This service will be livestreamed at <a href="https://youtube.com/ogumc">youtube.com/ogumc</a>		



## 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](http://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

March 26, 2023

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Gathering Music

Meditation on *Cross of Jesus*

C Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. David Naglee

Introit

How Can We Name a Love

B Wren

*When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.*

\*Call to Worship

Dr. Naglee

The Lord created us to be in relationship.

**And yet we break faith with one another.**

May the Lord help us rebuild our relationships,

**With one another and with God.**

\*Hymn

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**UMH 89**

*(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 1 Corinthians and Colossians

Dr. Naglee

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed one of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Naglee

**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)

Love Is Patient, Love Is Kind  
Chancel Choir

J Rodehorst

*Love is patient, love is kind. Has no envy and has no pride. It's not self-seeking, it's anger does not rage. It keeps no record of wrong. No delight in evil things, but rejoices in God's holy truth. Protects and trusts, always hopes and perseveres. Love bears all things, endures to the end.*

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 130

Dan Riedford

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

\*Hymn

**The Gift of Love**

**UMH 408**

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Naglee

**Bless the gifts we offer, O God. Help us to share what we have with grateful hearts. Guide us to use your gifts as you would have us use them. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This  
Afternoon Choir

J Leavitt

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, sinking, down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great 'I AM,' while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

\*Doxology

Hamburg (Tune: UMH 298)

**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.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Jack William Els, *child of Ashley and Justin Els*

**Congregational Pledge**

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Jack, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**God Claims You**

TFWS 2249

**Jack, Jack, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

**We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.**

**Jack, Jack, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

\*Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-7, 17-45

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Building Relationships:  
Believe the Best**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

Sermon Response

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Hymn

**Open My Eyes, That I May See**

UMH 454

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

\*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Postlude

A Lenten Toccata

C Curtis

**MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN**

My first rule for daily living is "It's not as bad as you think." Jesus calls us to believe the best in any situation, but most important Jesus calls us to believe the best in the people we meet. Living in love is a good first step in that endeavor, so this morning you'll hear love all over our hymns and anthems. Listen, especially in the later verses of the opening and closing hymns, for references to love, both God's love for us and our responsibility and call to live God's love for the world.

Jared Rodehorst is the composer for our anthem this morning. If you look closely, you might see him in the back row of the tenor section! He sings with the Chancel Choir each week and serves as a mentor for the Youth Choir!

\*Congregation stand as able.

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

**Children's Worship bags** available at the front of the sanctuary to the right.

**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://facebook.com/ogumc.org)  
**YouTube:** [youtube.com/ogumc](https://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

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225  
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Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

## 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](mailto: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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