



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 16, 2023

First Sunday after Easter

MUSIC IN MISSION: *Living Our Faith*



Next weekend, the **Music Makers choir** (grades 2-5) will be heading up to Chattanooga for the weekend. At the end of May, the **Youth Choir** will head to Washington DC via Roanoke, returning via Raleigh and Charlotte a week later. Between the two trips, the **Youth** and **Afternoon Choirs** will be singing at Kingsbridge and Clairmont Place. They are embarking on what we call a Music Mission.



Music in Mission is the outreach arm of the music ministry. It is our opportunity to live our faith outside of the church, using music as a tool to uplift and connect with people outside the walls that so frequently keep our music trapped inside. We do that by sharing a short musical program and then visiting with our audience afterward—sometimes for even longer than our program lasted. You might say that our goal is more to hear than to be heard, though of course we hope our audiences find our music inspirational.

Like most things, Music Missions have become more expensive in recent years. And while the participants pay the majority of the expenses, the music ministry still needs to raise funds to offset the costs of staff, chaperones, equipment, and participants who may be unable to pay the full amount.

Back in the fall, the music ministry offered its annual “batt-er royale” preliminary waffle competition, and the winner went on to challenge our reigning OGUMC Waffle-inator on Shrove Tuesday. These events were a ton of fun! And between them, they raised about \$4,000 for Music in Mission.

You might say the Music in Mission events themselves encourage connection among the members of the church (and a number of folks who aren't members)...while simultaneously helping us live our faith outside the church.



We are now hard at work on another opportunity to connect (and hopefully raise a little money too). On Wednesday, May 3, the music ministry will present the Oak Grove Church Staff in its first Staff Skit. Staff Skit is a fancy way of saying we're going to serve dinner and put on a little play that makes fun of ourselves for your amusement. This year's skit will be called "Virtually Entertaining." In the way of managing expectations, the play won't be art, but it will be fun. I can promise you that. And it's for a good cause. So naturally I hope to see you there!



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

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Christ Hath Burst His Prison

G Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit

How Firm a Foundation

Tabor

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*Call to Worship

(8:30) Dr. Amy Morgan

(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

It's easy to feel as if we are alone.

But in the house of God there is light and help and peace.

Come let us worship together.

*Hymn

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

*(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

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

(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

(8:30) Dr. Beth LaRocca Pitts

(11:00) 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)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

D Kallman

Chancel Choir

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire! While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn today, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; Blest Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Epistle Lesson	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Jim Sowell
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
*Hymn	Amazing Grace	UMH 378
Offertory Prayer		Dr. McBrayer
	Bless these gifts, O Lord. Help us to trust you to provide for our needs so that we may feel free to share with others. Amen.	
Offertory Anthem	He'll Make a Way Youth Choir	B Smith
	<i>I know the Lord will make a way, Oh yes! If you trust and never doubt, He will bring you out! I know the Lord will make a way. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a soul like me. His mercy's everlasting, His truth endures. And He sent His son to set me free. He's there, and He cares for me. He cares, and He'll set you free. Trust and never doubt, He will bring you out! I know the Lord will make a way.</i>	
*Doxology		Lasst Uns Erfreuen
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
*Gospel Lesson	John 20:19-31	Mr. C.J. Lord
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Overcoming: Doubt	Mr. Lord
*Hymn	Blessed Assurance <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	UMH 369
*Benediction		Mr. Lord
*Postlude	Sunrise Praise	I Grichetchkine

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we consider overcoming doubt as we hear the story of Thomas – who I'm convinced had the same reaction I would have had if I had been there! Doubt in the face of such a fantastic claim is a natural reaction. And yet we are called to overcome our doubt. Not just doubts about Jesus, but doubts about ourselves and the people around us.

*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.

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