



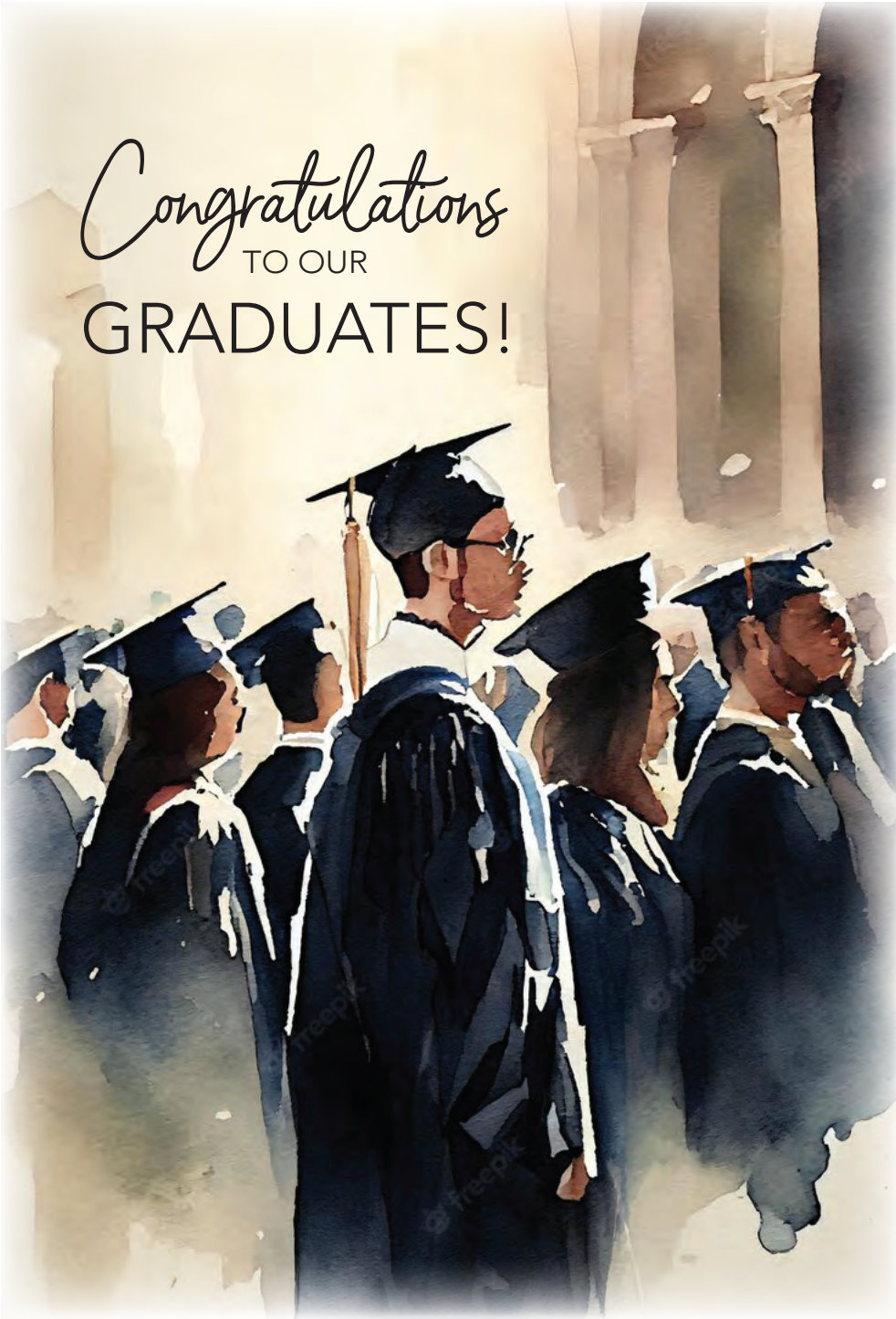
OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2023

Graduate Sunday

Congratulations
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



Graduation is a wonderful happy time for all of us! As graduates, you can look back at your accomplishments and be proud of all the time and effort you put in to your personal growth and education. Your parents, grandparents, and all of your family members can take joy in seeing all of the many ways in which you are moving into your future as capable and confident young people. As your church family, we look at you now and remember the children we saw running through the church halls, or singing in the church choir, and we realize how many years have passed since we first promised to be your church home. We want you to know, as you move forward with your life, that we will always be here to welcome you. You are important to us even when you are far away from here. We hope that you know how much we love you and will continue to pray for you as you explore your new future. No matter where you go, whether near or far, you are a part of us, and we will never stop caring about you. May God bless you always with success and happiness, and may you always remember how proud of you we are.

Yours as always,

Pastor Beth

Anthem (11:00)	It Is Well Chancel Choir	E Nelson
Psalter Lesson The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Psalm 47	(8:30) Carter Loughran (11:00) Julia Scheid <i>Graduate</i>
*Hymn	Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise	UMH 312
Offertory Prayer 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.		(8:30) Dr. McBrayer (11:00) Michael Meschi <i>Graduate</i>
Offertory Anthem	Great Is Thy Faithfulness Youth Bells	arr C Dobrinski
*Doxology 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!		Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00) Charles Joseph Stangl, child of Katie and Joe Stangl Congregational Pledge With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Charles, 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 Charles, Charles, 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. Charles, Charles, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.	Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts Dr. McBrayer	
*Gospel Lesson The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Luke 24:44-53	(8:30) Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts (11:00) Thomas Howser <i>Graduate</i>
Sermon	Overcoming: Uncertainty	Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
Tribute to Graduates		Bob Unger
Prayer for the Graduates		
*Hymn	This Is a Day of New Beginnings stanzas 1-4 <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	UMH 383
*Benediction		Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
*Postlude	Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise	M McDonald

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we hear the story of Jesus raised into the heavens as we remain below and think, "What just happened?" It leaves us to wonder what lies ahead of us, and yet our faith calls us to overcome our uncertainty and step boldly forward...much like our graduates are. Listen to the way our hymns and anthems speak to assurance and confidence despite our uncertainty.

*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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