



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Please Volunteer for our Children's Camps June 10-14, 2024, 9 am-noon



Early Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS): Camp Firelight & JAM Camp now available for Volunteers' children. Sign up at ogumc.org/news. **Camper Registration** for the church & community opens March 1-April 30.

Here are specific ways in which you can serve:

VBS Coordinator – Support volunteers. Help organize supplies. Identify and fill needs.

Craft Coordinator – Select crafts from VBS guide and create list of supplies. Lead campers through daily 25 minutes of guided crafts.

Story Telling Coordinator – Review scripts, sets, props, and create supply list. Act as “director” of the stories, preparing materials for volunteers and lead them in daily practice.

Snack/Hospitality Coordinator – Select camper snacks. Shop for and prepare them daily. Set up daily hospitality snack table for volunteers.

Science Coordinator – Select experiments from VBS guide & create list of supplies. Lead campers through daily 25 minutes of science activity.

Recreation Coordinator – Select games from VBS guide & create a list of supplies. Lead campers through daily 25 minutes of physical activity.

Decorations Coordinator – This role helps to decide how the spaces will be decorated. This person should plan to pick up decorations from another church on the Friday before VBS (June 7) and get them to OGUMC. This role identifies people to help decorate/set up on Sunday, June 9 from 12-3 pm. Main areas to decorate include: entrance to VBS, the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall for Assemblies and VBS Sunday on June 16. Other areas for light décor include hallways through which campers pass, science, crafts, nursery, and recreation.

JAM Coordinator – This role helps plan missions and line up speakers with the help of the Mission Coordinator. This person leads JAM camp alongside Youth Director C.J. Lord.

Mission Coordinator – This role coordinates the overall VBS mission collection, secures a speaker, and arranges the weekly storage and distribution of the items. This person also arranges pick-up/delivery for any other mission items produced by JAM Camp.

Hospitality Breakfast Coordinator – This role creates sign-ups for volunteers' daily snacks and a Monday Volunteer Breakfast. This person sets up and secures any needed assistance for setting up the 8:15 am breakfast.

Nursery Coordinator – This person organizes and leads a Pre-K and under version of VBS. They attend Story Telling (& snack) & Music alongside Kindergarten campers. They have their own craft time and playground time.

Group Leaders (by grade) – We need a minimum of 2 leaders for each grade K-3rd. This role is all about welcoming campers, creating community, and moving the campers from place to place. This role is responsible for checking in and out campers and handing out nametags.

Tshirt Coordinator – This role finds the best deal on camper shirts and helps sort shirts once they arrive.



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

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music

On Eagle's Wings
Leanne Herrmann, piano

L Larson

Welcome and Announcements

4th and 5th Grade Sunday School

Introit

Do to Others & With Me Everywhere
Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir

M Burrows

*Do to others as you would have them do to you. When I sleep you are with me. when I wake you are there.
Through the light, through the darkness, I feel you right beside to comfort and to guide. Lord, I know you're with me everywhere.*

*Call to Worship

Dr. Amy Morgan

Bless us, Lord, this day with vision.
May this place be a sacred place,
A sharing space,
Where earth and heaven meet.

*Hymn

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know
(We invite all children to stay in worship to participate in Communion.)

UMH 163

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Dr. Morgan

**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

Rev. Kime-Hall

**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)

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Chancel Choir

W Dawson

*There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin sick soul. There is a Balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole, There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin sick soul. Some times I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again, There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the
sin sick soul. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say "He died for all."
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Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 40:21-31	Dr. Morgan
	The Word of God for the people of God.	
	Thanks be to God	
*Hymn	When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee	UMH 263
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Kime-Hall
	Our God when the world outside is cold, you warm our hearts and inspire our dreams. Help us to share the warmth of your love with all those who struggle to find their way. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.	
Offertory Anthem	Prayer of St. Francis Youth Choir	A Pote
	<i>Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek: to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. Oh Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. An instrument of Thy peace. Amen.</i>	
*Doxology		Old 100th
	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.	
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:29-39	Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts
	The Word of God for the people of God.	
	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Why Church? ...Promote Healing	Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
Holy Communion		See Insert
Music During Communion	Come By Here Choir Ensemble	Kyle Pederson
*Hymn	Word of God, Come Down on Earth <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	UMH 182
*Benediction		Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
*Postlude	Postlude on <i>St. Anne</i>	A Giamanco

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we're considering how Jesus heals us...and how we should strive to promote His healing in the world. Listen for the ways all our music speaks to healing, both Jesus healing us and us healing in the world. There are some really rich texts on tap today. Extra points to our closing hymn this morning, which while not overly familiar, hits last week's theme of mortality, this week's theme of healing, and also references the bread of communion!

*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.

Communion Liturgy

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men. A - men. A - men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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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