



# OAK GROVE

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

# Holy Week

**MARCH 24-31**  
**WORSHIP AT OAK GROVE UMC**

**Palms to Passion Concert\*** 

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | 6 pm, Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday Service\***

March 28, 2024 | 7 pm, Sanctuary

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service\*** 

March 29, 2024 | 7 pm, Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday Services**

March 31, 2024

**7 am Sunrise Service**

outside in the Memorial Garden

**8:30 & 11 am\* Traditional Worship** 

in the Sanctuary

**10:45 Modern Worship\*** 

in Fellowship Hall

 Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under at these services.

**\*These services will also be streamed online at [youtube.com/ogumc](https://youtube.com/ogumc)**



As an act of hospitality to our guests on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter**, please carpool, walk to church, or if you are able, park further from the entrances. This will help us have plenty of parking available for our guests, individuals with mobility issues, and families with young children.

Also, if you worship in our traditional services and are willing, make plans to attend the 8:30 service. This will help us create space for guests who typically worship at 11 am.



## 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 17, 2024*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Gathering	Adagio from Oboe Concerto	A Marcello
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Joseph McBrayer
Introit	Shout with Joy! Celebrate Choir (Grades 1-2)	M Patterson
*Call to Worship		Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall
<p>Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.  <b>Tear your hearts and not your clothing.</b>  Return to the Lord your God,  <b>for God is gracious and merciful.</b></p>		
*Hymn	<b>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</b>	<b>UMH 384</b>
<p><i>(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. <b>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.</b>)</i></p>		
*Affirmation of Faith	from 1 Timothy (UMH 889)	Rev. Kime-Hall
<p>There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.  <b>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.</b></p>		
A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Dr. McBrayer
<p><b>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.</b></p>		
Anthem (11:00)	Cantate Domino Chancel Choir	C Monteverdi
<p><i>Translation: Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing and give praise to his name: for he has done marvelous deeds. Sing and exult and praise and in songs with the harp and the voice: for he has done marvelous deeds.</i></p>		

\*Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Rev. Kime-Hall

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn

**This Is a Day of New Beginnings**

**UMH 383**

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

**Our God, there is nothing we can give you to equal the sacrifice of your only Son our Lord.  
Therefore receive whatever we may give out of our poverty of spirit, to the glory and honor  
of His name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing

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Afternoon Choir

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation; I hear the sweet though distant hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging; it sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest 'round me rears I know the truth it liveth; what though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging; since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it; and day by day, this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am His. how can I keep from singing?*

\*Doxology

Hamburg

**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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Now is the Time  
...to Accept New Things**

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

O Love, How Deep

K Base

### **MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN**

This morning we continue our Lenten series "Now Is the Time" with now is the time...to accept new things. That means embracing God's new creation, both inside and outside of ourselves! Listen for the ways our hymns reference the new...and at once challenge us to accept that which we don't know and assure us that God gives the power to do just that.

\*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://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 Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212

Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

## Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225

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## Our Church Information

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## Our Schools

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## Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that Thursday 12 pm 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.

**VISIT the Oak Grove website: [ogumc.org](http://ogumc.org) and pull down "FORMS".**

**Fill out your information.** Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!

## Connect With Us

**Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: [www.ogumc.org/news](http://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](mailto:dosteen@ogumc.org) or 404-636-7558 ext.221)

