

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 21, 2015

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

As you arrive in the sanctuary, please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

*those who are comfortable, please stand

PRELUDE

Old Hundredth

16th Century Psalter

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9:9-20)

(see insert)

*SHARING THE PEACE

(Share the peace of Christ as you feel led, with a wave, a smile, a kind word, or a handshake.)

*OPENING HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

No. 314

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Good and loving God, we come to you in pain. We weep for the nine lives lost in your sanctuary this week. We weep for the hurts of our community, nation and world. But we are fools if we weep without admitting our role in hurting your people. We confess now that we have failed you. We close our eyes to the pain of others. We support and maintain systems that abuse your creation and your beloved children. We refuse to acknowledge our privilege. We shy away from awkward conversations. We stand silent in the name of peace and unity, when we should be calling out in the name of your justice and radical love. O Lord, have mercy on us, your humble servants. Forgive us. Renew us. And teach us to boldly proclaim your message of love for all, in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*Cantor sings responses through first, followed by the congregation*)

“Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.” (repeat)

TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

(At the conclusion of the Time for Growing Disciples, children ages birth to 3rd grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

ANTHEM

Come, Join Your Hands

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Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

***HYMN**

Heaven Shall Not Wait

No. 773

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

(Please sign the Friendship Register found at the end of the pew. Complete information, including your email, and pass pad along to those worshipping with you.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *We Will Glorify* Paris

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness, and your invitation to join in!)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Sheryl Ream

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

No. 339

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Cruger

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



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***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9:9-20)**

Voice 1 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**ALL And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Voice 2 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Voice 3 Be gracious to me, O LORD.
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.

**ALL The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.
The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.**

Voice 2 The wicked shall depart to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.

Voice 3 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Voice 1 Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.
Put them in fear, O LORD;
let the nations know that they are only human.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate
Mrs. Susan Brown, Minister of Music
Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 noon in writing.

| ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK | | |
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| June 21, 2015 | | |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| Monday | 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. | Prayer Pause |
| Wednesday | 11:00 a.m. | Wednesday Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Mission Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Movie Night on the Parking Log |
| Thursday | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Foosball & Potluck @ the S.L.S. Building, 3227 Morgan Ford |
| Friday | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Volunteer dinner preparation at Ronald McDonald House, 3450 Park Avenue |
| Saturday | 9:30 a.m.- 12 noon | Neighborhood Visitation |
| | 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. | Tower Grove Pride Festival |

We welcome you to worship at Oak Hill. We greet everyone in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate the gift of God’s incarnate love through our worship and service.

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Large Assembly Room (downstairs) immediately following worship.

Today's Worship Leaders are **Carolyn Ream, Avery Smith, and The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Heather Beckmann**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Rick Soles, Steve Stoltz, and Deb Wiethop**. Banner Bearer is **Kathon Hoskin** and Acolytes are **Savannah and Sophie Sowell**. Nursery Caregivers are **Toby Eckert and Lisa Thompson**. The **Evangelism and Membership Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in June.

As a church family, we shall be praying this morning for the following members and friends. Please pray for them as you worship today and in your own private and family prayers during the week. You may wish to contact them to indicate your interest and ask if they have any special prayer concerns.

Paul and William Bordeaux and Sophie Kohn
Karl Kelley
Ben, Suzanna, and Quilla Smith and Erin Suess

If you have a specific prayer request to share with the congregation, please fill out the yellow prayer request form in the pew and place it in the offering plate. For prayers and congregational support during the week, call Pastor Erin or the church office. With your permission, prayer requests are given to our phone and email prayer chains. If you know of someone in the hospital, please notify the church office at (314) 664- 5525.

Copies of the new church directory are available in the back of the sanctuary.

MOVIE IN THE PARKING LOT!

This Wednesday, Oak Hill and the Ladue Chapel Youth staying at AMEN House will present a movie in the parking lot. Come at 8 to set up your chair, get some popcorn, and settle in for a showing of "*Big Hero 6*" to begin at 8:30 p.m.

FOOSBALL & POT LUCK THURSDAY

It's summertime! That means the AMEN House is full of mission teams. And it means the return of our fellowship potlucks with those mission teams. Everyone is invited for food, fun, foosball and fellowship! Bring a dish, appetizer or dessert to share with the crowd! (Fast food goodies are, yes, good!) This **Thursday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Great American Human Foosball, 3227 Morgan Ford. Invite your friends and neighbors!

MOMENT FOR MISSION- Alzheimer's Awareness

Over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's which is the 6th leading cause of death in the USA. Alzheimer's takes a devastating toll, not just on those with the disease but also on their caregivers. Today is Go Purple Awareness Day for Alzheimer's.

College Ministry in the Park

Are you a college student home for the summer? Do you know a college student home for the summer? Then come to Tower Grove Park on Sunday nights for some Ultimate Frisbee, food, and fellowship with UKirk St Louis- a new ministry for Presbyterian college students!

June 28th
July 12th and 26th
5pm-7pm
Soccer Field 5 - Northeast of the Music Stand.
For more info, go to www.ukirkstl.org.

TOWER GROVE PRIDE

On **Saturday, June 27**, Oak Hill, along with other open and affirming congregations in the neighborhood, is staffing a booth for Tower Grove Pride's Big Block Party Festival at S. Grand and Hartford. Volunteers are needed to help with booth staffing from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. If you can help work a shift at this event, please contact Pastor Erin at erin.counihan@oakhillpcusa.org. If you're at the festival, stop by the booth! For more information about the festival, please go to: www.towergrovepride.org.

Dinner Volunteers Needed!

We will be cooking dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House this **Friday night from 5 p.m.-7:30 .pm**. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, eat, share, and clean up. All ages are welcome! Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or by contacting Pastor Erin.

Looking for Liturgists!

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist (praying and reading Bible things out loud during worship), please contact Carol Moehle at (314) 638-1097.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

^{1a}Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle;

⁴And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹⁹Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²²David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. ²³As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

³⁸Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he

SCRIPTURE READING (cont'd)

tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!