

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

11:00 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

## THE WORD CALLS US TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in E minor* Chopin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (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.)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:** Merciful God, we confess that we've been less than sincere. We claim to follow Jesus, but we've not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. (repeat)

## TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

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

**ANTHEM** *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* arr. Brown  
Women's Ensemble

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
(see insert)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 8:31-18  
(see insert)

**SERMON** The Rev. Erin Counihan

## MEDITATION IN MUSIC

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**\*HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me* No. 726

## 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 Are One in The Spirit*                      Scholtes

**\*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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(see insert)

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**Unison:** Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to follow your way, and to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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!)

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*                      No. 654

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                      *Amazing Grace*

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# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Refrain: Hymn No. 471, O Lord, Hear My Prayer

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

### 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.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

**The Bread:** You are invited to partake of the bread when you receive it.

**The Cup:** You are asked to wait until everyone has been served so that all may partake of the cup together.

#### Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano  
Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

## 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

March 1, 2015

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Service of Worship
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	MOMS Club of St. Louis in the Nursery
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Thursday	Evening (time TBD)	PresbyDoodles Human Foosball Game at 3227 Morgan Ford
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Caregiver Support Group
Sunday	12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Sacred Conversations on Race in the Upper Room of the Educational Building

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 downstairs in the Large Assembly Room immediately following worship.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Peggy Barrow in celebration of Carolyn and Charlie Moody's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which is today.

We are most grateful to John Holt for his beautiful music today while Susan Brown is recuperating. We give thanks to God for John and his wonderful ministry among us!

Today's Worship Leaders are Avery Smith and the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers. Greeters are Peggy Barrow and Kim Smith. Communion Servers are Heather Beckmann, Donna Cook, Carol Moehle, Josh Smith, Kim Smith, and Lisa Thompson. Ushers are Jeff Dahl, Toby Eckert, Latricia Finley, and George Soscia. Nursery Caregivers are Sheryl and Bob Ream. The Stewardship and Property Committee is hosting the time of fellowship in March.

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.

Eric, Eva, Emily, Elizabeth, and Oliver Bischoff, 4227 Cleveland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3504

Joan Johnson, 7000 Nottingham Place, Apt. 109, St. Louis, MO 63119-5644

Layne Thompson, 5245 Murdoch Avenue, Apt. A, St. Louis, MO 63109-2950

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.

Lenten Devotionals entitled "A Wondrous Love" by Henri J.M. Nouwen and C S. Lewis are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, printed copies of the Isaiah 58 devotional, Hunger for More, are available downstairs in the Large Assembly Room.



Daylight saving time begins next Sunday, March 8  
Set your clocks ahead

Next Sunday is the second discussion date for our Sacred Conversations on Race. We welcome all, members and guests, who are interested in talking about race in our community to join us for lunch and conversation on March 8 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Educational Building. Even if you didn't make it the first time, we hope you'll come! Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Heather MacArthur Beckmann.

The Stewardship and Property Commission will serve corned beef and cabbage as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day at our March fellowship luncheon on Sunday, March 15. (A kid's meal will also be provided.) You don't need to bring anything, just come and enjoy! A free-will offering will be collected to defray expenses. This will replace the first Sunday potluck luncheon.

The PresbyDoodles, Oak Hill's new Human Foosball team, will kick off league play this Thursday night at The Great American Human Foosball Stadium, located at 3227 Morgan Ford. Spirited spectators and die-hard Oak Hill fanatics are encouraged to attend! Contact Josh Smith (joshsmithpe@gmail.com) for details.

#### Notice: Church Van Procedures

We are blessed to have a van to use to assist in the ministry of God here at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. Here are two rules for all who use the van to be sure to know:

- Signed permission slips are required for unaccompanied children (under 18) to ride in the van. Permission slips are available in the church office and in the van.
- All riders must wear their seat belt, therefore, no more than 6 riders plus driver in the van. Car seats should be used as required by law.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

15God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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Psalm 22:-23-31

**Refrain:** Hymn No. 544, Bless the Lord

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

**Voice 1:** You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**Voice 2:** For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,

but heard when I cried to him.

**All: Refrain**

**Voice 1:** From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

**Voice 2:** All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

**All: Refrain**

**Voice 1:** For dominion belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

**Voice 2:** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

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**Voice 1:** Posterity will serve him;

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