

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 23, 2018

25th 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**

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Everything is in God's Blessing* Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Inspired by Psalm 1*

Voice 1: We are like trees,
Voice 2: trees planted by streams of water,
Voice 1: yielding fruit in its season,
Voice 2: with leaves that do not wither.

All: We are happy.

Voice 1: We are prosperous.
Voice 2: We put our faith in the Lord.
Voice 1: We follow God's way.

All: We trust in our Lord.

Voice 2: We seek righteousness.
Voice 1: We meditate on God's law.

All: We proclaim God's love.

Voice 1: Like trees,
Voice 2: planted by streams of living water.

All: O God, pour into us.

Voice 1: Pour into these branches and leaves.
Voice 2: O God, we are so happy.

All: O God, we are so happy to be with you.

Voice 2: Come, friends, let us worship our God.

***OPENING HYMN** *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* No. 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.” (repeat)

***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

THE WORD

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 *Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me* Schultz
Chancel Choir
Kim Smith, flutist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 3:13-4:10
(see insert)

SERMON The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 286

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 worshiping with you.)

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

If My People Will Pray

Owens

*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.*

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!)

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

No. 683

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

Haugen

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD; People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate

Mrs. Susan Brown, Minister of Music

Ms. Annie Girresch, Director, AMEN St. Louis

Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

September 23, 2018

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	Following Worship	Time of Fellowship (and snacks)
	Following Worship	Inquirers Class in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in the Theleos Room
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Movie Night on the Church Parking Lot
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AMEN House Work Day

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.

We hope you will stay and join us for a time of fellowship after worship today. We’ll gather downstairs for coffee and snacks!

For more information about what’s happening at Oak Hill, don’t forget to check out our website at www.oakhillpcusa.org.

Today's Liturgist is **Donna Cook**. Greeters are **Jeff Dahl and Anne Stoltz**. Ushers are **Quinn Colwell, Karl Kelley, Lisa Thompson, and Deb Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Bertie and Scott Stanford**. The **Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in September.

As a church family, we shall be praying this morning and all week for the following members and friends. You may wish to contact them to indicate your interest and ask if they have any special prayer concerns.

Carole Adams
Savannah Sowell
Mary Lou Woodward

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.

Pastor Erin will be attending a Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference from Monday to Wednesday, September 24 to 26, 2018, in St. Louis.

INQUIRERS LUNCHEON TODAY

Have you been worshipping with Oak Hill for a bit? Are you excited about our ministry and fellowship together? Do you kinda already find this place to be home? Are you interested in learning a bit more about what it means to become a member at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church? Stay after worship today and join us for a casual lunch in the Theleos Room where we will share information about membership at Oak Hill. No commitment required! This is just a chance to talk and learn and consider. We hope to see you there!

The Wednesday Bible Study Class will have September 26 off while Pastor Erin is at a conference. They will begin a new study on the Gospel of John in October. This class meets in the Faith and Fellowship Room on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

The Thursday Bible Study Class will now be meeting once a month on the Fourth Thursday of the month in the Theleos Room, which begins on September 27. It will be a drop-in study, so there is no need to commit to coming every month—just come when you can. This Thursday, Pastor Erin will lead us in a discussion of the Letter of James (you know, from the New Testament, it's the letter we're reading in worship right now,

huh, maybe that's where the idea came from...). Come and join us at 7 p.m. on September 27.



The Evangelism and Membership Committee is hosting a movie night is this coming Friday, September 28, on the church's parking lot. They will be showing the movie, "Incredibles." You are encouraged to bring a friend and your most comfortable camp chair and join us! Light refreshments will be served. The movie will begin around 7:00 – 7:15 p.m.

We had a full summer of mission trippers this year! Now that our groups are done, it's time for us to do a deep cleaning of the AMEN House and make some repairs! If you would like to join us, we will be getting together on Saturday, September 29, starting at 10:00 a.m. and going to whenever to get the work done. All skill levels are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please let Dena or Annie Girresch know if you plan on attending so we will have enough lunch. Thanks!



Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 30, at 2 p.m. Bring your favorite furry or finny or feathery friend. We'll have a brief worship service on the front steps and then celebrate with cookies for all! Tell your friends and neighbors! Oh, and as always, if you are bringing an animal that might frighten the pastor, please give her a heads up so your animal's blessing doesn't come with a scream! Thanks!

