

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 7 27th 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 *A Song of Peace* Sibelius

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 65*

One: O God of our salvation,
Many: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth;
One: You are the hope of the farthest seas.
Many: You silence the roaring of the waves and the tumult of the peoples.
One: We are in awe of you.
Many: All around this world, your creation notices you,
One: Your children call to you,
Many: Your plants lean toward you,
One: Your creatures sing out in joy.
Many: You visit the earth and the water and each one of us, and you enrich it all!
One: The river of God is full of water,
Many: You provide your people with all we need.
One: And all of nature grows with your love.
Many: Clothe us now with your presence.
One: Sprinkle upon us now your care.
Many: Pour out on this earth all your grace, hope, and trust.
One: And let all your creation shout, sing, dance, and celebrate together in joy!
Many: O Lord, we have come to worship you.

***OPENING HYMN** *Gather Us In* No. 401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of Grace, we confess to you now our hidden secrets, the wrongs we've done, the harsh words we shared, the times when we didn't show up for a friend, the times when we betrayed your love. We have caused hurt and harm. We have been unfaithful to your law. We have neglected our neighbors and your creation. And at times, we've even tried to hide these sins from you. Lord, we are sorry. Receive our confession, hold our broken hearts, mend the injuries we've caused, and help us to accept your forgiveness. Help us to accept your love. Help us to accept your grace. And always, to share that same forgiveness, love, and grace with others, in your name. **AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your heart and with us sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" (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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE 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.

(Leader continues...)

SANCTUS **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
No. 556 **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.

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Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

All who seek Jesus are welcome at the table he has prepared. There is no denominational or membership requirement to receive God's gift of life. At Oak Hill, we pass plates of bread to one another saying, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." You are invited to partake of the bread when you receive it. Then we pass the cups to one another saying, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." We wait until everyone has been served, then we all partake of the cup together.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

Psalm 103:1-2

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all God's benefits. AMEN.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

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

October 7, 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	Fellowship Luncheon in the Large Assembly Room
	Following Luncheon	2019 Mission Planning Meeting in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Block Captains Meeting in the Theleos Room
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Club in the Theleos Room.

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 a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

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

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Christine and Will Woodward in celebration of their seventh Wedding Anniversary today, October 7, 2018.

Today's Worship Leaders are **Sheryl Ream and the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers**. Greeters are **Brent Crittenden and Millie Crittenden**. Communion Servers are **Mary LaTragna, Josh Smith, Don Stanford, and Annie Stoltz**. Ushers are **Joe Bradshaw, Karl Kelley, Heather Macarthur, and Josh Smith**. Nursery Caregivers are **Matt Hanify and Lisa Thompson**. The **Evangelism and Membership Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in October.

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.

Georgia Smith
Mel Soles
Deb Wiethop



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and

sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. Envelopes for this offering are available in the back of the sanctuary.



Please join us for our first Sunday potluck luncheon today following worship. Everyone is welcome. It is hosted by the Evangelism and Membership Committee.

Spring/Summer 2019 Mission Trip

We are looking at week-long mission trip opportunities. We are looking at the option of doing either an inter-generational or adult trip. If you are interested, please join us in the Theleos Room following our fellowship luncheon. If you want to get an idea of where we want to go, look at the website: thecenterbaltimore.org. There is a requirement that

people be a minimum of 7th graders. Please contact Dena or a Mission Committee member with questions.

No More Sitting Out: Reviving Local Democracy in St. Louis City

Join with us at MCU today at 3 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church (DoC) located at 4950 Fountain Avenue 63113 as we continue our Break the Pipeline campaign by taking our annual public meeting right to the school districts we work with! We will challenge school administrators and police to continue eliminating the criminalization of our children's behavior.

ATTENTION ELDERS – Session will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If you are unable to attend, you should notify Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleos Classroom, for a fun evening of crafting! It will be a “*bring your own project*” evening. Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena know if you have any questions.

AMEN St. Louis is busy planning our second annual Halloween fundraiser for Friday, October 26, at 7 PM! Have you gotten your tickets yet? Send an email to amenstlouis@gmail.com to reserve your table of eight! We are also in need of donations for our silent auction. If you are able to donate a gift basket, tickets, gift cards, or other items please let us know by contacting either Dena Roper or Annie Girresch. Thank you so much!



HALLOWEEN IS COMING!

Please bring individually wrapped candy to put in the Halloween treat bags for our neighborhood children. Collection boxes are available in the Large Assembly Room and the church office. Please plan to join us after church on Sunday, October 28, to help bag up treats. We would love to have you join the fun on Halloween evening starting at 5:30 p.m. on the front steps of the church.

Circle 3 Presbyterian Women have been busy making Christmas stockings and Care Bears which they plan to donate to Isaiah 58 Ministries. If you would like to help fill the stockings, they are asking for donations of small dolls, trucks, cars, Slinky toys, or any small item that would fit in the stocking. They will be accepting donations up to the end of October. Please give them to Jan Stanford or Carole Adams, or leave in the office.

Worship Notes:

A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday, notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied--

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!