

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 21, 2018

29th 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

Great Is the Lord

Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: **In every time and space.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: **With light and fire, and mountains and clouds.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: **May all creation bless God's holy name.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: **May all my life bless God's holy name.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

One: Come, friends, let us worship and bless our Lord.

Many: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*OPENING HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord

No. 633

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of Creation, God of Life, we share with you our truth, our struggles, our trials, and our mistakes. We seek to bless you, to follow you, to love you, but we drift away. We seek glory and attention for ourselves. We ignore the cries of our neighbors. We explain away our own selfish desires. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Renew our spirits, turn our hearts, strengthen our faith, and draw us ever closer to you. By your love, change this whole world, and help us to be a part of your change. Through Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all; Lord of heaven and earth.” (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

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Gillard

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

(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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* No. 203

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 *The Longer I Serve Him the Sweeter He Grows* Gaither
***Doxology** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* No. 582

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!)

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN *Go with Us, Lord* No. 748

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns* Farrell

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

³ Praise the LORD!

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

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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

October 21, 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) Extended Members Visit Blitz
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in the Theleos Room
	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	15 th Ward Democratic Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Friday	7:00 p.m.	AMEN Trivia Night in the Large Assembly 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 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 **Dena Roper**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Don Stanford**. Ushers are **Rick Soles, Don Stanford, Scott Stanford, and Anne Stoltz**. Nursery Caregivers are **Christine and Will Woodward**. 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.

Donna Cook and Rick Soles

Kelsi and Steve Ream

Betty and Valery Welch

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.

Thanks to those who have signed up to take the Oak Hill photo magnet gifts to our extended members today. Please take a moment to sign the envelopes for our members after church. We still need several people to sign up and take a gift to one or more of our members. Anyone who can make a visit this week, or next week on the 28th, is encouraged to sign up. If a weekday or weeknight works better for you to make a delivery, please do so! Just let us know you will be making a visit during the week, and contact the person you'll be visiting so they will expect you.

Join us for **Thursday Night Bible Study** at 7 PM on 10/25 in the Theleos Room, where Pastor Erin will lead a study on 1 and 2 Peter. All are welcome!

Did you know that AMEN St. Louis has significantly grown every year? Throughout 2018, AMEN St. Louis has welcomed 19 groups from 12 different states! Over 200 guests stayed with us this year, providing countless hours of service to local organizations. And as of this week, we already have 9 groups booked for 2019!

This is your last chance to reserve a table for the AMEN Trivia Night on Friday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. Your support allows us to update and maintain AMEN House, expand our educational resources for our guests, and make our ministry stronger and more effective each year. Trivia Night is going to be a great time! We have Six Flags Passes, tickets to the Fox, St. Louis Symphony, and The Rep, and TONS more amazing prizes to bid on! Can't make the trivia night, but still want to support? Consider donating tickets for someone else!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with set up and clean up, selling raffle tickets, and concessions. Please see Dena Roper or Donna Cook to sign up today after service!

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.

Neighbor-Go-Bags

It's getting chilly out there! Downstairs where the Neighbor-Go-Bags are, we have added a few hats and scarves to the supplies on the table. Feel free to pick up a go-bag and some warm weather gear and keep them in your car to share with someone when you see a neighbor in need.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

“HEALING JUSTICE”

On Sunday, October 28, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Webster Groves Presbyterian Church Advocacy Team and the Dismantling Racism and Privilege Team of the Presbytery welcome you to a special screening of *Healing Justice*. The screening will take place at Webster Groves Presbyterian, located at 45 W Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, Missouri 63119. This powerful documentary addresses the school-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, and the importance of healing and restorative practices. Designed for dialogue, Healing Justice is meant to prompt questions and open conversations, exploring trauma, justice, and healing.

UKirk News – Save the Date

UKirk (Presbyterian Campus Ministry at WashU and SLU) will be holding their annual Fall Open House on Sun., November 4, 7 - 9 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 6800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130. All are invited to come and check it out!

Underground Railroad Bus Tour

The Presbytery History Team is pleased to announce its 2018 bus tour featuring the Underground Railroad in the St. Louis and Alton areas. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy a delicious lunch at a favorite Alton restaurant. For more information or to make reservations, please call Betsy Stoll at 314-821-0533.

GLOBAL FOOD WEEK

This summer, Oak Hill was designated as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation by the PCUSA. This week, the PCUSA joins other faith traditions in celebrating The Global Food Week of Action. This info is from the PCUSA website on Food Week:

Join us in building more equitable and ecological food & farm systems!

Beyond examining our food choices, we must recognize the lingering racism embedded in our food system. This system was founded on slavery and plantation agriculture, and still exploits food chain workers and despoils the environment. We call for changes which bring us closer to food sovereignty, where producers have control over seeds, land and livelihood, and where all have the right to food.

2018 Action Areas

The Action Areas are broad to encourage widespread participation and groups can choose which actions to promote or they may choose one based on the local context. The 56 co-sponsors of the 2018 Food Week were surveyed and voted on the most critical five (5) national actions.

Claiming Rights: Claim the right to food, freedom from want, and end racialized systems of oppression.

1. End the criminalization and mass incarceration of people of color
2. Resist ICE detentions, deportations, and cooperation between police and ICE

Fair Compensation: Demand fair prices for farmers, fishers and other producers, and fair wages for everyone in the food system.

3. Raise wages for workers through onefairwage.org, [fightfor\\$15.org](http://fightfor$15.org) or other living wage campaigns

Food Sovereignty: Resist harmful practices and policies and build just and sustainable local & regional food economies.

4. Farm Bill reform
5. Call on the EPA to better regulate factory farms, and ban the permitting of new factory farms

Ways you can participate in Global Food Week here at Oak Hill, TODAY:

1. After worship, head downstairs in the Large Assembly Room and read about Prop B, a Missouri ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage. Then later, if you like, you can go pick up a yard sign to show and share your support for the Proposition, at 8420 Delmar Blvd, Suite LL6, 63124. (Per the Raise Up Missouri post: We're around the back of the building – just look for the Yes on Prop B sign in the window.)
2. Also downstairs after worship, you can read more about the World Council of Churches' Ten Commandments of Food. You can even take home a copy of this helpful guide for your own use.
3. Learn more about the Farm Bill. Downstairs after worship, you can read about the Farm Bill, which has to be renewed every five years and is set to expire on this Oct. 30. If you have thoughts or opinions about reforms to the Farm Bill, there will be paper and envelopes downstairs to write your Member of Congress.
4. Join the Close the Workhouse Campaign today at 3pm for a direct action training. Close the Workhouse is a grassroots campaign fighting mass incarceration, cash bail, and the racism in both of those systems. You can read more about the campaign at www.closestheworkhouse.org. Today's training will be from 3-5pm at 1421 N. Taylor Ave.
5. Donate to the Buy-A-Bird campaign at Isaiah 58, send a check or donate through PayPal on Isaiah's website, to help fund a Thanksgiving dinner for neighbors in need.

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