

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 28, 2018

30th 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, are invited to stand where you see the*.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

Humperdinck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 131

One: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

Children: *O God, I am watching for you!*

Many: **I will not be distracted, I will not be overwhelmed.**

One: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Children: *God you are great! You are marvelous!*

Many: **And though there may be noise and commotion and chaos all around, I stay focused on you.**

One: I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

Children: *I hold tight to you, God.*

Many: **I rest my hope in you, O Lord, from this time on and forever more.**

One: We rest our hope in you, O Lord.

Children: *All our hope is with you, God!*

Many: **We greet you here with hope, quiet trust, and love, O Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN**

Womb of Life and Source of Being

No. 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the Book of Common Worship (2018)

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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

The Right Hand of God

Dexter

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:30-36

(see insert)

SERMON

The Hour is At Hand

The Rev. Vanessa Hawkins

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** *Arise, Your Light is Come!* No. 744

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 *In His Time* arr. Kerrick

***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!)

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 307

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Spirit, Now Live in Me* Leech

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**IN THE COMMUNITY
ELECTION DAY IS COMING!**

Get Ready to Vote: Know Before You Go

You can go to the League of Women Voters web site (www.lwv.org) type in your address and you will see the ballot you will be voting on. St. Louis County's ballot is VERY long....read it before you go to the polls!

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the League of Women Voters have created an online ballot tool- you can go to the Post-Dispatch website (www.stltoday.org) and scroll down to the Missouri Voter Guide. When you click there, it will take you to a page to enter your address, and you can go through and read and select candidates and position votes. At the end, it will email you a copy of your picks, that you can print out or take with you when you go vote.

Learn about the Ballot Measures! You can read the exact text of each ballot measure on the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.mo.gov/elections/petitions. St. Louis Public Radio hosted a forum on Prop D, Amendment 1, Prop B, and Amendments 2, 3 and Prop C last week. They will broadcast the conversation on St. Louis on the Air on Monday and Tuesday this week. You can find more information about that conversation at www.stlouispblicradio.org.

JOIN MCU TO GET OUT THE VOTE

Metropolitan Congregations United is setting up GOTV phone bank nights now to get people out to vote. Our vote is our voice and we want to be heard. Join an already planned phone bank, just show up with your cell phone, and we'll train you on how it is done! Let Sarah know if you have any questions or if you are coming by contacting her at sarahcrosley@mcustl.com or 913-948-3779.

October

Monday 29th, 5pm-8pm at Eliot Chapel, Kirkwood
Tuesday 30th, 6-8PM at College Church, Lindell

November

Saturday 3rd, 1-4PM at the MCU Office
Sunday 4th, 2-5PM at the MCU office with the Ethical Society of St. Louis
Monday 5th, 5-8PM at Eliot Chapel, Kirkwood
Monday 5th, 6-8PM at College Church, Lindell

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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 28, 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	2018 Nominating Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	5:30 p.m.	Handout Halloween Candy on the front steps of the church
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 in the Theleos Room
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Presbytery Gathering at Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis

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 we welcome visiting preacher, the Rev. Vanessa Hawkins. Rev. Hawkins serves as the Designated Associate Presbytery Leader for the Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy. She holds a BA from North Carolina Central University; a MA Union Presbyterian Seminary; a M.Div. from Johnson C. Smith Presbyterian Seminary; and a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Currently she is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, in Interdisciplinary Studies/Practical Theology. Over the years, Vanessa has served as a Presbyterian campus minister, mission partner, pastor, and staff at denominational and presbytery levels. We are thrilled that she is able to be with us, and to share with us, at worship today!

Today's Liturgist is **Brian Heuckroth**. Greeters are **Toby Eckert and Deb Wiethop**. Ushers are **Quinn Colwell, Sarah Gibson, Lisa Thompson, and Valery Welch**. Nursery Caregivers are **Kim Smith and Karen Zigler**. 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.

Doris Finley and Kathon Moore
Mary LaTragna
Rosemary and Alan Meyers

HALLOWEEN IS COMING!

Please plan to join us after church today to help bag up treats for Halloween. 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 will meet on Thursday, November 1, at 10 a.m. in the Theleos Room. Please bring a sandwich -- drink, chips and dessert will be provided.

The Stewardship and Property Committee is hosting the November fellowship luncheon next Sunday, November 4, and it will be strictly potluck. Please bring a dish to share (and a dessert, if you wish) and join us. Everyone is welcome.



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 11, following worship, to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2018, receive a report from the 2018 Nominating Committee, and to present the 2019 Asking Budget. Donuts will be served! See you there.

FREE BOOKS - In giving our library an update, we are getting rid of some books of fiction. They will be in boxes in the Large Assembly Room for about a month. Please feel to take what books you like. The remaining books will be donated to charity.

Support Isaiah 58 when you shop!

Isaiah 58 Ministries has been selected to be a part of the Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program! This amazing program has helped us to raise funds in support of all the work we do and now we have the opportunity again! As a reminder of how the program works, every purchase of the Hunger bag with the "Every Bag Feeds a Neighbor in Need" message will generate a \$1 donation to Isaiah 58. For this round we are the beneficiary at the Schnucks located at 3 different locations (7450 Hampton Ave., St. Louis MO 63109, 3430 S. Grand, St. Louis MO 63118, and 60 Hampton Village Plaza, St. Louis MO 63109) for the entire month of November! For more information about the Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program, including updated sales numbers, please visit schnucks.bags4mycause.com.

Around the Presbytery

"HEALING JUSTICE" Today!

On Sunday, October 28, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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. The screening will take place at Webster Groves Presbyterian, located at 45 W Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, Missouri 63119.

UKIRK OPEN HOUSE

The Fall Open House is scheduled for Sun., Nov. 4th, 7 - 9 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 6800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

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pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
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³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
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the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:30-36

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[e] to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. 34 The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah[f] remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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