

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 3, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> 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

*O Lord, You Are My God and King*

Parry

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the Lord, I take refuge.

Children: *God keeps me safe.*

**All: God knows me and loves me and finds me always.**

One: The Lord is my strength and my anchor.

Children: *God helps me.*

**All: God rescues us from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

One: The Lord is my hope, my help, and my trust.

Children: *Ever since I was little.*

**All: All my life, the Lord has been with me.**

One: All my life, Lord, I will sing of your praises.

Children: *All my life, Lord, I will pray to you.*

**All: All my life, Lord, I give you thanks and praise.**

One: Come, O church, and let us worship our Lord!

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 366

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

**Unison: God of Creation, we offer you our confession. We love you and seek your guidance and grace. You have offered us radical words of compassion, freedom, release, and good news. And we have softened your story and cheapened your message. You offer life, liberation, justice, peace. And we have gotten lost in order, power, control, and greed. You have offered us the**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

**gift of community, and we have been working to serve ourselves. Forgive us. Open our spirits again to receive your bold call. Help us to know and share your wild welcome, your counter-cultural justice, your unending grace, and your steadfast love. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray, AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Grace, grace, God’s grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God’s grace; grace that is greater than all our sin.” (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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

### ANTHEM

*The Gift of Love*

Hopson

Chancel Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(see insert)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30

(see insert)

### SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

### MEDITATION IN MUSIC



**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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



**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 4:21-30

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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**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**

February 3, 2019

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
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	MOMS Club of St. Louis in the Nursery
	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Foosball & Snacks @ the S.L.S. Building, 3227 Morgan Ford
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	5:00 p.m.	Worship and Christian Education Committee in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism and Membership Committee in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group at Hartford Coffee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 in the Theleos Room
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Presbytery Gathering at Southminster Presbyterian Church
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.

For more information about what’s happening at Oak Hill, don’t forget to check out our website at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).

Today's Liturgist is **Janet Stanford**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Donna Cook**. Communion Servers are **Jeff Dahl, Dena Roper, Richard Wiethop, and Christine Woodward**. Ushers are **Jeff Dahl, Matt Hanify, Karl Kelley, and Deb Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Daniel Graber..** The **Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in February.

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.

Kelsi and Steve Ream  
Dena Roper  
Karen Zigler

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.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** – Please join the Evangelism and Membership Committee as they host the fellowship potluck luncheon today after worship in the Large Assembly Room. Everyone is welcome.

**Our monthly Human Foosball is on Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.** It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! It's at the Great American Human Foosball, located at 3227 Morgan Ford Road. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

**The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will be discussing "Pacjinko" by Min Jin Lee on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee.** All are welcome to join the conversation!

**Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, February 7,** in the Theleos Room at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Bring a sandwich -- salad, chips and dessert will be provided.

**Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, February 8, 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 Roper know if you have any questions

## **MISSION TRIP**

Today is the day to sign up for the 2019 Mission Trip! We're going to Baltimore! The 2019 Mission Trip will be June 22-29. This is an all-ages trip to learn and serve together at The Center, a ministry of the Presbytery of Baltimore and the next host of the PCUSA's Hands and Feet Initiative. If you are interested in going on this trip, there's still room for you! We'd love to have you join us. The total cost of the trip is \$450 per person (plus travel expenses). There is a \$150 non-refundable deposit due per person at the time of registration. If finances are a concern, though, please don't let that stop you, just let Pastor Erin know. Please let Dena Roper know if you are considering going on the trip or learning more details. And get ready to come and serve with us!

## **OUR OWN LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

Be a part of writing our own Oak Hill Lenten Devotional. In the back of the sanctuary there is a collection of Lenten Devotional Prompts. Pick one up, read through it, think and dream and ponder a little. Then write, draw, photograph, or paint your reflection. Send it to Pastor Erin by February 21 to be included in this year's Lent Devotionals. If you have questions, please see Pastor Erin.

## **SAVE THE DATE! THE GREAT OAK HILL ICE SKATE**

Join us for a night on the ice! On Friday, February 15, Oak Hill will load up and head out to Steinberg Ice Rink for a night of skating under the stars. Dress warmly and bring a friend! Oak Hill will be paying for the rental skates and ice time. Meet at the church at 6:30p.m. to carpool over to Forest Park, or meet us there at 6:45 p.m. We hope to see you there!

## **Opportunity to Talk about the Confessions**

There will be a weekly discussion of *The Book of Confessions* this spring. The course on the Confessions is offered by Eden Seminary. You are invited to join the discussion as we read and ponder the confessions that are a crucial part of our Presbyterian constitution. The conversations will be held every Wednesday on the Eden campus at 9:00 a.m. There is no cost to you nor do you have to be part of every discussion. Come for the ones that fit your schedule. I would like to hear from you that you are interested in joining us or if you have any questions. Contact Rev. Barbara Willock, for more information at [bwill2@mindspring.com](mailto:bwill2@mindspring.com).

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Yes, We're Doing Something a Little Differently Today

Each month, Pastor Erin writes a communion liturgy to go with the service of worship on our Communion Sundays. Some months, we lean on the traditional liturgy and language in the Book of Common Worship, and other months, we share in fresh words, written to be timely and in context with the rest of the service. Presbyterian Polity, via the Book of Order and the Book of Common Worship, give Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (Pastor Erin) the responsibility of proper administration of the sacraments, as well as flexibility in style and language in that administration. So today, we're trying something different with the liturgy—we're sharing it. We'll all take part in the invitation, the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Words of Institution. This may feel new or even uncomfortable for some, and it may be exciting and special for others. Let's try it, and see what God can do with us!

### The Season of Epiphany

Did you know we're in a season right now? We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord on January 6, or the Sunday nearest January 6. And then the season after that, but before Lent begins is this Season of Epiphany. Our friends over at the Episcopal Church explain this well:

*A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.*

From: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiphany-season>

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE and THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Voice 1: God created for us a world.  
Voice 2: God sent us a word.  
**All: God spoke each of us into being.**  
Voice 1: God offers us grace.  
Voice 2: God offers us hope.  
**All: God offers us love.**  
Voice 1: God shares with us in moments.  
Voice 2: God gives to us eternity.  
**All: God is with us always.**  
Voice 1: Come to this moment and be with God.  
Voice 2: Come to this table and let God meet us here.  
**All: We have come to be with God.**  
Voice 1: May the Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Voice 2: Let us lift our hearts, and offer thanks and praise.  
**All: We lift our hearts to God and offer all our thanks and praise.**  
(The prayer 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.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

- Voice 1: God, we give you thanks and praise and share with you our prayers, our needs, our desperate cries, our fabulous celebrations, and our deepest longings.
- Voice 2: God of all, enter into the hurts and horrors of this time. Make your strength, comfort, justice and love known. Pour your healing, freeing love into our work and our words and our lives.
- All: God of all, we pray for our neighbors, our friends and our families.**  
*(the congregation may say aloud names of any who need prayer, or you are welcome to name them only in your heart)*
- Voice 1: God of all, we pray for strangers, enemies, and those who have hurt us, for those we have silenced.  
*(the congregation may say aloud names of any who need prayer, or you are welcome to name them only in your heart)*
- Voice 2: God of all, we pray for our leaders, for the nations, for institutions and governments, for your church.  
*(the congregation may say aloud names of any who need prayer, or you are welcome to name them only in your heart)*
- All: God of all, we pray for your creation and for all your children. We pray your love into every corner of this building, our community, and your world.**
- Voice 1: Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.
- Voice 2: Guide us, O God, to serve as Christ served.
- All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, in love, now and always.**
- Voice 1: We pray all this using the words Christ taught us, saying,
- All: 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

- Voice 1: On the night he was betrayed by one of his most dear friends,
- All: Jesus took the bread. He gave thanks to God for it. He broke it. And he gave it to them.**
- Voice 1: He said,  
Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.
- Voice 2: In the same way, he took the cup, saying:
- All: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**
- Voice 2: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
- Voice 1: God of love in this sacrament, remind us of your wild and wonderful love. Call us together, draw us to you, and be present in every bit of this moment.
- Voice 2: We give you thanks and place our trust in the great mystery and miracle of faith, in you, always.
- All: Come, Lord Jesus. Now, and always. Amen.**

## SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who seek Jesus are welcome at Christ's table. 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. There is a gluten free option on each plate.*

## Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**Unison: God, in this meal and in this moment, unite us all with you and your Word, with Christ and your world, and by your Spirit, make us one in your love. AMEN.**