

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Christ Is the World's True Light

Fritsch

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

Many: **To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.**

One: I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

Many: **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

One: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

Many: **Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into Your Kingdom." (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

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

arr. Martin

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

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**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

No. 718

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 *Safe in the Arms of Jesus* arr. Leatherman

***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**

Be Thou My Vision

No. 450

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lead Me., Lord

Becker

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

15After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him....

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates....

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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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

March 17, 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
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Sunday	After Worship	Mission Trip Meeting 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.

We are most grateful to Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, our Parish Associate, for his worship leadership today. We give thanks to God for Alan and his wonderful ministry among us! Pastor Erin is on a Continuing Education Leave and will return to the office on Tuesday, March 19.

Today's Liturgist is **Sandy Kay**. Greeters are **Karl Kelley and Avery Smith**. Ushers are **Brian Beckmann, Donna Cook, Brent Crittenden, and Jeff Dahl**. Nursery Caregivers are **Toby Eckert and Sarah Gibson**. **The Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in March.

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.

Jillian Embrey and Daniel, Jamie and Lillian Graber
Mary LaTragna
Joe Suda, Jr

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.



The Stewardship and Property Committee will host the March fellowship luncheon today following worship. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day they will be serving corned beef and cabbage (a kids' meal will also be provided). Come and enjoy. Everyone is welcome! A free will offering will be received to help defray expenses.

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the April issue of the Oak Hill News are due, in writing, by Monday, March 18.

Lenten Devotionals available in the back of the sanctuary

Don't worry! We still have Lenten Devotionals available for you to pick up and take home in the back of the sanctuary.

MISSION TRIP

We will have a meeting of people going on the summer mission trip after church on Sunday, March 24, following worship. This is a planning meeting for travel, fund-raising and other logistics. Lunch will be served. The remainder of the fees for all mission trip participants will be due at the end of April. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Easter Flowers – If you wish to purchase a fresh potted flower to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter, order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Forms need to be returned no later than Friday, March 29.

**The Oak Hill Scholarship Fund
April 1 Deadline**

Attention Current and Soon-to-Be College Students: Application forms for the Oak Hill Scholarship Fund will be available from the church office beginning on March 1 and are due back, completed by April 1. Full-time traditional students (e.g., High School Seniors intending to go to college full-time) should apply by April 1 for assistance for the full year. Part-time or non-traditional students should use this deadline for either the Summer or Fall semester. If you have any questions about the fund, please contact Deb Wiethop at 314-852-8629.

Individually wrapped candies that will fit in plastic Easter eggs are needed for Oak Hill's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. Please place your donations in the boxes in the Large Assembly Room or in the church office by April 12. We appreciate your help!

