

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2019

3rd 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

Meditation on "Kedron"

Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, you who thirst,

Many: Come now to the waters,

One: Friends, you who are weary,

Many: Come and rest with God.

One: Friends, you who are seeking,

Many: Stay a while, and be found.

One: Friends, you who are lonely,

Many: Come and let this community be with you.

One: Friends, you who have worries,

Many: Come and find safe space to share.

One: Friends, you who have questions,

Many: Come, ask, and listen.

One: Friends, you who need God.

Many: Come, let us find God here.

One: Friends, let us worship our Lord!

Many: Come, let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN**

God Welcomes All

No. 399

OPENING PRAYER

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan

Sandy Kay, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE

(see insert)

***HYMN**

Ho, All Who Thirst

No. 479

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 *Heart of Jesus, Holy Mystery* Hurd

***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** *O Christ, Surround Me* No. 543

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Spirit, Now Live In Me* Leech

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Isaiah 55:1-9

55Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9

13At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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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

March 24, 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	Time of Fellowship (and snacks)
	After Worship	Mission Trip Meeting in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Committee in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee in the Theleos Room
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Class 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 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 **Christine Woodward**. Greeters are **Dena Roper and Rich Wiethop**. Ushers are **Mary LaTragna, Josh Smith, Scott Stanford, and Anne Stoltz**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Daniel Graber**. **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.

Bev Brickey
Linda and Joe Orellana
Sheryl and Bob Ream

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.

MISSION TRIP

We will have a meeting of people going on the summer mission trip today, 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 see 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.

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!



AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Lenten Prayer Retreat at Ladue Chapel: Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 9 a.m. – 12N

You are invited to rest in God's presence and allow yourself to receive the pure gift of God. This morning of prayer includes an opportunity to pray with words, music, and art. Join Dieter Heinzl and Anne Peacock, as we nurture contemplative practices to enhance life's journey. The labyrinth will also be available to walk in Fellowship Hall before and after the retreat. RSVP to Anne Peacock: apeacock@laduechapel.org or 314-993-4771.

UKIRK Open House and Dessert Auction

Join us on Sunday, March 31, for dinner, worship, a fundraiser silent auction (homemade desserts!), and connection with our collegiate faith community! We'll gather from 7-9 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church in U-City. RSVP to Pastor Miriam at miriamfoltz@gmail.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

St. Louis Public School Board Candidate Forum

On Monday, March 25, at 6pm at St. Louis Central Branch Library (1301 Olive St.) a group of local political organizations are hosting a public forum with the candidates running for the Elected Board of Education for the city public schools, moderated by the League of Women Voters. ASL interpreters and child care will be provided.

From the Birth of Blackface to "The Birth of a Nation" at the Missouri History Museum

Blackface has been a part of American culture for almost two centuries. Join the Missouri History Museum and the Ethics Project for this two-part series exploring how stereotypes and the expectations of blackness show up in performance, from stage to screen.

PART 1: THE HISTORY OF BLACKFACE | MARCH 24 AT 2 PM

How did blackface come into existence, and why do these images still linger in today's society? Katrina Thompson Moore (Saint Louis University) will present an exploration of blackface, from its origins to its continual presence in daily life. The presentation will be followed by a conversation with Moore and Christi Griffin (The Ethics Project) and a Q&A session.

PART 2: THE BIRTH OF A NATION | APRIL 2 AT 6:30 PM

The tradition of blackface in stage performance continued on as film began to captivate American audiences. View selected clips from the 1915 film *The Birth of a Nation*. Stay for a panel discussion led by Kim Norwood (Washington University in St. Louis) and Christi Griffin that dives deeper into the film's representation of blackness.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE

(based on Psalm 63:1-8)

Voice 1: God of living water, God of life and truth, God of comfort and grace,
we come to you with our whole selves; our whole hopes.

Voice 2: O God, you are my God, and I seek you.

**All: My throat thirsts for you, my arms reach for you, my heart yearns
for your love to fill it completely.**

Voice 1: Every part of me knows I need you and hopes to find you, Lord.

Voice 2: For I live and function and exist in this dry, parched land.

Voice 1: For I live and function and exist in this dry, parched body.

**All: And the weight of selfishness, anger, and resentment overwhelm
me.**

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and our homes.

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Voice 2: God, we like to point our fingers, and name the sins of our neighbors,

Voice 1: And it is so easy to name the sins of our enemies.

**All: But you see us. You know us. You know our hearts and words and
actions.
You know how we've hurt, how we've ignored, and how we've
offended.**

-Silence-

Voice 2: So God of grace, as this dry body, as this dry community, as this dry
world reaches out for you in longing and thirst....

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Voice 2: Tear away our pride and pretense.

All: Notice my weary self, turning back to you.

Voice 1: Hear my raw voice admitting my own wrongs.

Voice 2: Know that I want to change.

All: Know that I want to be changed.

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Voice 2: Which can and will and does challenge me, change me, transform me.

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Voice 1: These weary hearts,
Voice 2: These rumbling minds,
All: These hope-filled bodies,
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All: And hope in your power.
Voice 1: For you have been my help,
Voice 2: And my soul is satisfied with your rich feast.
All: And in your living water, at last, I am filled,
Voice 1: Again and again,
All: And I sing for joy,
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All: And you hold me in the palm of your hand.
Voice 1: Forever.
Voice 2: And ever.
**All: Always.
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