

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2019

5th 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**

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE: There will be no nursery for today's service, so that we all might be together to share in communion. We invite children of all ages to remain in the sanctuary during the entire worship service. Noises and wiggles and interruptions are expected and welcome! We have planned this service to be more comfortable for children, as they participate in the service. There are also crayons and activity sheets, books and some quiet toys in the back of the sanctuary, if that helps. We are trying something new, and invite you to see how it goes!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

High Praise

Douroux

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 126 and Isaiah 43:16-21

One: When God makes a way...

Children: *When God helps us...*

Many: When the Lord restores us...

One: When we are known and comforted and held so very close...

Children: *When we are sure of God's love...*

Many: When we are sure of God's love and care for us...

One: In those previous moments,

Children: *We have such joy!*

Many: We have such confidence.

One: We have such hope.

Children: *So, when we don't feel very good.*

Many: In the days and years of waiting and suffering,

One: In the seasons of aching and crying out,

Children: *When we feel lost or confused,*

Many: When we aren't sure how we'll make it through,

One: We gather together to tell the stories,

Children: *So we won't forget!*

Many: So we always remember!

(continued)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (cont'd)**

One: The Lord has done great things for us!

Children: *God loves us so very much!*

Many: The Lord our God is with us always!

One: Friends, let us worship our great God!

***OPENING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of Love, we offer you our prayers and our confessions. We are easily distracted, Lord, and we lose connection to your story, your message, and your charge. We hold tight to our own rules, structures, orders, and expectations. And we forget your promise of abundance, grace, welcome, and love. Forgive us for trying to close you in. Forgive us for trying to close ourselves in. Open us up to the new things you are doing now. Open us up to the new ways your steadfast Gospel is needed now. Open us up to the new ways you are providing for us to find faith and courage in you. 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*)

“As we gather in this place, we have come to seek your face.

May our lives reflect Your grace, as we gather in this place.” (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

When God Restored Our Common Life

Early American

Chancel Choir

Folk Tune

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

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 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* No. 727

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 *Woman in the Night* Fedak

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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 *Go Forth* Manalo



Sunday, April 7, 2019

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

4111 Connecticut • St. Louis, MO 63116 • (314) 664-5525

office@oakhillpcusa.org (office)

www.oakhillpcusa.org

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

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

April 7, 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
	Following Luncheon	Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Block Captains Meeting in the Theleos Room
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Book Club at the Barrow Residence
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Club in the Theleos Room
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Make Palm Crosses and Stuff Easter Eggs in the Kitchen and Large Assembly Room
Sunday	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast 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.

For more information about what's happening at Oak Hill, don't forget to check out our website at www.oakhillpcusa.org.

Today's Worship Leaders are **Donna Cook and the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Don Stanford**. Communion Servers are **Joe Bradshaw, Brent Crittenden, LeAnne Smith, and Lisa Thompson**. Ushers are **Heather Macarthur, Dena Roper, Josh Smith, and Scott Stanford**. No Nursery today. **The Mission Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in April.

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.

Mike and Miriam Hale and Kathy Gould
Rosemary and Alan Meyers
Valerie and Bette 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.

The sympathy and support of the congregation is extended to George Soscia and his family upon the death of his wife, Iris Soscia, on April 2. Visitation is a John L. Ziegenhein & Sons Funeral Home, 7027 Gravois Avenue, 63116, today from 2 to 5 p.m. The funeral is on Monday, April 8, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

The Mission Committee is hosting the April fellowship luncheon today following worship. A free will offering basket will be available. All funds raised will go toward the mission trip for renting vans and gas money. Everyone is welcome!!

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, at the Barrow residence. We will watch the movie, *"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society."* Please bring your dinner and join us. We are always looking for new members.

ATTENTION ELDERS – Session will meet on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If you are unable to attend you should notify either Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleos Classroom, for a fun evening of crafting! It will be a "bring your own project" evening, but there will be a sewing project available if anyone wants to bring their sewing machine. We need to sew the edges of some sheets for Winter Outreach. Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena Roper know if you have any questions.

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 Friday, April 12. We appreciate your help!

Palm Crosses and Easter Prep

On Saturday, April 13, at 9 a.m. everyone is invited to meet in the kitchen to make Palm Crosses to be handed out after the Palm Sunday worship service. We'll also be prepping some crafts for Good Friday and Easter worship services. No special skills are required, just show up ready to help out! In addition, we'll be stuffing Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt at the Turkish Pavilion in Tower Grove Park on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FUNDRAISER

Our annual pancake breakfast will be held next Sunday, April 14, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Large Assembly Room. Be on the lookout for a couple of new breakfast options! A free will offering will be received. Funds raised will go toward the mission trip for van rentals and gas to help the team get to Baltimore! Any help is appreciated. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions

HOLY WEEK AT OAK HILL

4/14	Palms to Passion Sunday	Worship at 10:30 a.m.
4/18	Maundy Thursday	Worship at 7:00 p.m.
4/19	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross self-guided prayer open from 3:00-7:00 p.m.
4/20	Saturday Easter Vigil	Individual Prayer times in the sanctuary from 2:00- 10:00 p.m.
4/21	Easter Sunrise Service	Worship outside on the front steps at 6:30 a.m.
4/21	Easter Sanctuary Service	Worship at 10:30 am

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: God, it is with so very much joy we offer you thanks and praise, we sing your songs, we share our prayers, and we gather to be church in your name. When we come to this table, we remember all the wild and wonderful ways you have created, nurtured, guided and sustained, not only us, but all of your creation. We celebrate how you've been there, the works you've done, and the love you've always, always shared. We thank you for the prophets and angels, the teachers and thinkers, the artists and poets, for all the faithful who have witnessed to your story. And we thank you for Jesus, who we journey with still. Knowing that your Spirit is among us always, and especially right now, we offer thanks and praise and join with the choir of the faithful of all times, places, and traditions who sing of your glory, singing...

SANCTUS

No. 556

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Adapted by youth from Camrose United and Sherwood Park United Church

Mysterious Creator!

Guiding us from Heaven and Earth, precious be Your names.

We celebrate Your Kin-dom

when Your thoughts become our actions,

when Your words become our songs.

Please, nourish our bodies and souls.

Please, forgive our faults and mistakes.

Please, help us find compassion to forgive others.

Please, teach us to overcome temptations,

and strengthen us against evil.

For Heaven and Earth are your Kin-dom,

and for all Eternity, we give our Love! Amen!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek Jesus are welcome at the table he has prepared. 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. There is a gluten free option on each plate, should you need 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.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: God, we love you! Thank you for being with us, in this moment, and always.

Fill us with your goodness, your strength, your faith, and your joy, so that together, we might share it with all the world. Amen.

(continued on reverse side)