

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

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 Loving Savior

Gounod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 23:1-6

One: The Lord is my shepherd.

Many: **I look to you, God.**

One: The Lord is with me.

Many: **I do not let fear take over, because I know you are with me, God.**

One: The Lord leads me, guides me, restores me, and anoints my head with oil.

Many: **You are always watching out for me, Lord.**

One: And so, I make my home in the One who is always with me.

Many: **I dwell in you—in your presence, in your protection, in your guidance, in your love—I dwell in you, Lord God.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our shepherd.

Many: **Come, let us worship our God!**

*OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 643

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: God of Love, we gather in this space to listen to your story, to share with you our prayers, and to be together for this journey we call faith. But when we scatter, we confess, we try to do it all alone. We try to come up with the answers, to hatch our own plans, to seek after our own agendas. We try to lead the way for ourselves. Forgive us. Remind us that we are called to follow you. Help us to make our dwelling place in you. Teach us, again and again, that this work, this life, is so much better, so much stronger, so very much more interesting and impactful, when we approach together, as a community, with you. Remind us that you know us, and love us, completely. And help us locate our confidence and hope in that, in you, always. 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

Shepherd Me

Wagner

Chancel Choir

Wendy Barrow, Donna Cook, and Toby Eckert, handbells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

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

I Will Come to You

No. 177

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 worshiping with you.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Davis

***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

Now Go in Joy

No. 745

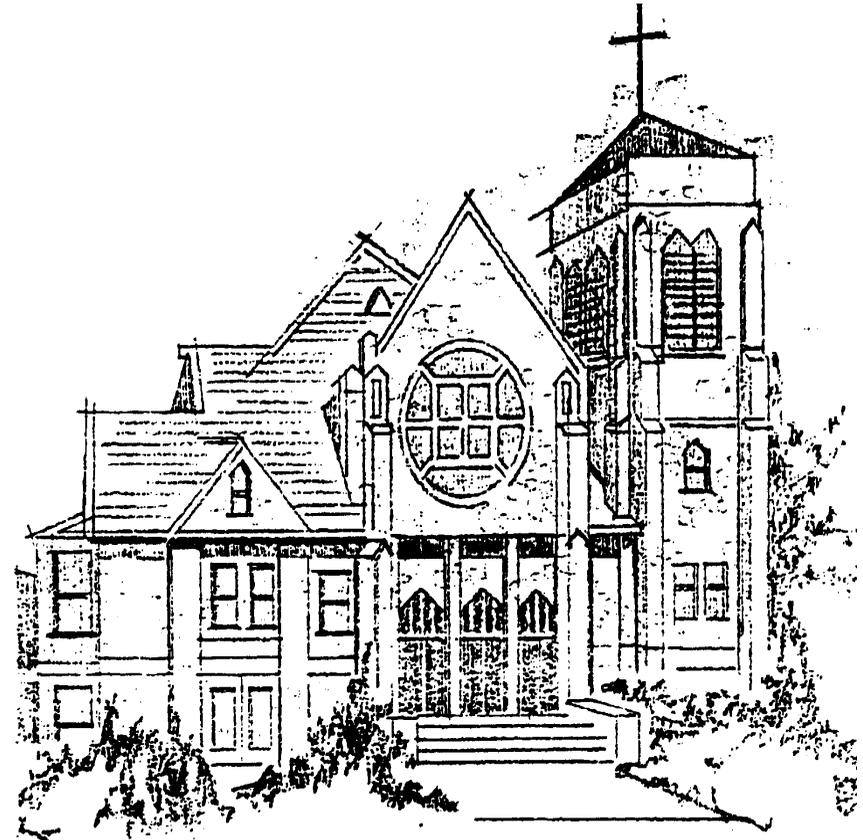
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Williamson

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate

Ms. 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

May 12, 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
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 St. Louis Bread Company, Loughborough and I55
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Friday	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Open Gym Night

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 cake and punch as we honor Mel Soles.

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

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Donna Cook and Rich Soles in honor of Mel Soles who will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 15.

Today's Liturgist is **Kim Smith**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Avery Smith**. Ushers are **Brent Crittenden, Heather Macarthur, Scott Stanford, and Lisa Thompson**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Dan Graber**. **The Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in May.

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.

Jeff and Catherine Rose Dahl
Mel Soles, 5723 Loran Avenue
Christine and Will Woodward

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.

Birthday Celebration –Please join us in the Large Assembly Room today following worship as we honor Mel Soles. Mel is celebrating his 100th birthday on Wednesday. Chat with him after church sometime about his life experiences growing up on a farm in Windsor, Missouri, how he met his wife Grace in Philadelphia, PA, during WWII, his military experience in the South Pacific, and his years as a member of the Oak Hill Breakfast Club. Don't forget to ask him about all the church building secrets and old boiler tips as well!

Book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at the St. Louis Bread Co., Loughborough Avenue and Interstate 55. We will discuss *"The Brethren"* by John Grisham. Please read the book and join us. We are always looking for new members.

OPEN GYM NIGHT - Open gym night is on Friday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for some fun basketball, games, puzzles, and snacks! Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Join us Sunday, May 19, after worship for a community canvass! We'll be spreading the word to our neighbors about our summer programs, including Micah 6:8 Camp, Open Gym Night, and weekly Human Foosball. It's okay if you feel nervous about going door-to-door! We'll practice what we're going to say together, and you won't be alone. When we overcome our fears together, canvassing can be tons of fun and a beautiful way to get to know our neighbors better! Gather in the Large Assembly Room after worship, May 19!

Micah 6:8 Camp for Middle Schoolers - June 17-21 2019, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

AMEN St. Louis and Oak Hill Presbyterian Church are thrilled to offer our first ever "Micah 6:8 Camp" for middle schoolers from the St. Louis metropolitan area. This one-of-a-kind day camp will offer your kiddos a chance to learn more about the Bible and their faith, to do service projects for community organizations, and to learn about social justice and becoming an agent for change. From 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day, campers will complete service projects at local non-profit organizations, explore their faith formation, and hear from diverse leaders in the community about standing up for social justice. And, of course, we'll have lots of fun, too! Cost is sliding scale, \$75-\$175. Lunch, snacks and transportation to and from service sites are included each day. Age range includes rising 6th to rising 9th graders. Go to www.amenstlouis.org for more information.

Attention Children and Youth: the Worship and Christian Education committee is coming up with some special plans for the celebration of Pentecost on June 9th. If any children and youth want to be a part of this special service, please let Sarah Gibson or Pastor Erin know.

Session News

At Wednesday night's meeting, the session of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to add the following statement of clarity to our church website, so that visitors and neighbors, old friends and anyone just starting to look for a faith community, wouldn't have to wonder what our policy is on inclusion of LGBTQ folks in life of our congregation.

Statement of Clarity:

At Oak Hill we invite and welcome all who are seeking God into faithful community.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) and our congregation do ordain and install LGBTQ individuals to church leadership positions.

Our pastor has and will officiate weddings for same gender couples.