

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 19, 2019

5th 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

Jerusalem

Parry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!

Children: *Praise the Lord right here!*

Many: Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

One: Praise God, all you shining stars!

Children: *Praise God, all you sea monsters and wild animals!*

Many: Praise God, all you fire and hail, snow and frost, and wild, stormy winds!

One: Praise God you creeping things and flying birds!

Children: *Praise God all you bugs and spiders and mosquitos, too!*

Many: All you people, come and praise the Lord!

One: All you faithful, all of creation, praise the Lord!

Children: *Come, let us sing and pray and worship and praise!*

Many: Come, let us worship our Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

God of Great and God of Small

No. 19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: Almighty God, we offer our prayers and confessions. Today, on this day when we read about the wideness of your love, we confess that we have stifled our own imaginations, tempered our own spirits, and succumbed to reasonable expectations. You are a God of abundance, you offer a message of plenty, you give and share love wildly and freely. And still, we keep trying to box you in, and to restrict you to the possibilities of our own understanding. But God, your love and power, your presence and pull, your welcome and embrace are so much bigger and better than we could ever imagine or create. So, forgive us. Forgive us, and strip us of our self-created limitations. Forgive us, and help us to join you in dreaming

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

bigger. Forgive us, and help us to find our hope in your greatness. Forgive us, and teach us that in you, there is always more. So very much more. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!” (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

Oceans

Crocker & Houston

Tegan Counihan Ratliff, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

(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

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

No. 23

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

We Will Glorify

Paris

***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

He Is the Rock

Barrett

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

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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 19, 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)
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
		OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship 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 Chancel Flowers are given by Pastor Erin Counihan in honor of Tegan Counihan Ratliff upon her high school graduation.

Today's Liturgist is **Heather Macarthur**. Greeters are **Adelaide Bay-Hanify and Matt Hanify**. Ushers are **Donna Cook, Josh Smith, Anne Stoltz, and Rich Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Bertie and Scott Stanford**. **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.

Susan Brown and Bill Bandy
Matt Hanify and Adelaide Bay-Hanify
Josh, Kim, and Avery Smith

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.

Community Canvass

Join us TODAY 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 today after worship!

Micah 6:8 Camp Registration & Volunteers

Thinking about sending your middle schooler to Micah 6:8 camp? Give AMEN Director Annie a call at 314-664-5525 or shoot her an email at amenstlouis@gmail.com so we can answer any questions and get a count of who's coming to camp. Camp is June 17-21, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fees are sliding scale \$75-\$175, with scholarships available!

We'll be looking for volunteers for the week of camp to help with morning and afternoon shifts. Please send us an email at amenstlouis@gmail.com to sign up for a shift!

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the June issue of the Oak Hill News are due, in writing, by Monday, May 20, 2019.

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.

We will close out our Christian Education Year for all Sunday classes next Sunday. At Oak Hill we take a break from Sunday School during the summer. We'll be back in the fall with all new classes.

Calling College Age Students

UKirk will be having a Summer Book Club for any college student in the St. Louis area this summer, and kicks off on June 5th. The book chosen is: *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

If you are around St. Louis this summer and interested in Christian collegiate fellowship, UKirk will host dinners and discussion (and likely at least one pool party!) on the first three Wednesday evenings in June from around 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (June 5, 12, and 19.) Let Pastor Miriam know if you need a copy of the book.

New Bible Study Class

Pastor Erin is teaching a class with the Wednesday Bible Study class on the journey in the early Church from renegade, outsider, persecuted Jesus movement to Constantine's Church of the Empire. We're using a number of texts, but leaning heavily on Justo Gonzalez's *The Story of Christianity*. Join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM in the Faith and Fellowship Room. Materials will be provided.

For the Bible Tells Me So

The Adult Sunday School class has spent this spring in study with Pastor Alan and Pastor Erin exploring what the Bible says about LGBTQ issues. On Sunday, June 9, after worship, we'll host a showing of the documentary *For the Bible Tells Me So*. The film looks at how different people of faith in different traditions, but all in a very American context, have addressed this conversation in their own families and congregations. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech. *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers a whole lot of questions, and a few answers, too. This film has become a classic in just 10 short years. Come and join us to watch and discuss.