

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 26, 2019

6<sup>th</sup> 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

*Meditation*

Beethoven

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from Psalm 67:1-7*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make their face to shine upon us.

**Many: May God find us here, meet us throughout this week, and notice us when we pray.**

One: Beloved God, listen to how we praise you!

**Many: Beloved God, hear us when we cry out to you!**

One: Beloved God, feel us when we cling to you!

**Many: Beloved God, let us praise you.**

One: Let your way be known,

**Many: Make your power clear,**

One: And continue to bless your people.

**Many: Beloved God, bless us, your people.**

One: Come, blessed ones, let us worship our God!

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

No. 305

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: Holy God, you gave us your Word, you walked with us to teach us, you sent an Advocate to remind us, and still we forget. We forget your story. We forget your charge. We forget that you have commissioned us to love and to serve, to learn and listen, to help and share. God, you are forever reaching out, and we keep finding new ways to hold back. You forgive us over and over again, while we cling tight to grudges. You give to us with wild abundance, and we neglect to share what we've stored for ourselves. You are always doing a new thing, and we keep getting stuck in our own old ways. God of Mercy and Love, forgive us. Gather us up and renew us. Use your Word, use your Breath,**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

**use your Life to refresh our spirits. Help us to know. Help us to understand.**

**Help us to believe. Help us to act.**

**In faith and hope, we pray all this in Jesus' name. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

### ANTHEM

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Rutter

Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert, vocal duet

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

(see insert)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

(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

*Take My Life*

No. 697

**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**                      *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*                      Thompson

**\*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**                      *We Are God's People*                      Brahms

*Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*



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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 14:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

<sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

<sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

*Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;*

*People: thanks be to God!*



**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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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 26, 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
Tuesday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Foosball & Snacks @ the S.L.S. Building, 3227 Morgan Ford
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee Meeting 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](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).

Today's Liturgist is **Lisa Thompson**. Greeters are **Jan and Don Stanford**. Ushers are **Brian Beckmann, Jeff Dahl, Mary LaTragna, and Deb Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Toby Eckert and Karen Zigler**. **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.

Brendan Gregory  
Denise and Gerry Gregory  
Kelsey Thompson

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.

### FOOSBALL

**It's summer! That means it is time for weekly Foosball! We will be "foosing" every Tuesday from May 28 until August 6 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Great American Human Foosball, located at 3227 Morgan Ford Road. It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids and AMEN mission teams. Please consider signing up to help. Sign-ups will be in the Large Assembly Room. We definitely need help on June 26 as many of our regular volunteers will be on the Mission Trip. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

### 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, in the Theleos Room, 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.

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

**Fellowship Luncheon** - The Evangelism and Membership Committee is hosting the luncheon on June 2. They are furnishing pasta. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Inquirers and New Members Lunch:** On June 2, after worship, at our regular Fellowship Luncheon, the Evangelism and Membership Committee will have a special table set up for anyone interested in learning about membership here at Oak Hill. If you have questions about being a Presbyterian, what membership entails, the very difficult written test all members have to pass (this is a joke), how our church is governed, or, really anything else, come and sit with us! Pastor Erin and a few elders (see, we'll even tell you what it means to be an elder) will lead a casual conversation and answer any questions.

**The church work day is Saturday, June 8.** The time is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be various projects and lunch will be provided. If you are planning to come and help, please sign the work day signup sheet at the coffee hour this morning or see Rich Wiethop. Thank you.

### Micah 6:8 Camp Registration & Volunteers

Thinking about sending your middle schooler to Micah 6:8 camps? Give AMEN Director Annie a call at 314-664-5525 or shoot her an email at [amenstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:amenstlouis@gmail.com) so we can 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](mailto:amenstlouis@gmail.com) to sign up for a shift!