

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2, 2019

7th 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

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

arr. Kellner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 97

One: Rejoice in the Lord!

Children: *Shout Alleluia!*

Many: Rejoice and give thanks to our God!

One: With noise and light, God shakes the earth.

Children: *With water and fire, God changes the earth.*

Many: The land, sea, and air all know of God's works.

One: And we who watch, we who know, we who experience God's power and action,

Children: *We praise the Lord!*

Many: We marvel in God's wonderful ways.

One: God moves, shakes, and sparks with righteousness and justice.

Children: *So, we listen to God...*

Many: We listen, we follow, and we rejoice in our Lord!

One: Rejoice in our God, O you righteous ones!

Children: *Give thanks to our God!*

Many: Let us rejoice, give thanks, cry out, and praise our God! Let us worship the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

No. 81

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: God of Mercy, hear our prayer. We love you, and we try to follow you, but we have lost our way. We have been silent while others are hurting, we have been careful when your world needs bold action, and we have been doubtful when you keep giving us reasons to believe. Your Word is freedom and truth, and still, we choose to bind ourselves to the systems and structures of our time,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

instead. Forgive us and renew your message in our hearts. Forgive us and inspire us with the stories of our ancestors. Forgive us and share with us your spirit of courage, commitment, and faith. We pray this through Christ, our friend and savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

The Bible tells me so.” (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

Sweet Adoration

Bannister

women's ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-40

(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 Come with Joy

No. 515

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

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin

*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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

No. 543

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everlasting Father

Batstone

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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 continues praying...)

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

No. 556 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Instructions for Communion by Intinction

All are invited and welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Take a hearty piece of the common loaf and dip it into the cup to consume the elements together. A gluten-free option is available upon request.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: God of Grace, we thank you for this meal and this moment; we thank you for your presence and love. Send us now, full of your Spirit, to love and serve and free your people in Christ's name. AMEN.

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

June 2, 2019

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	Following Worship	Fellowship Luncheon
	Following Lunch	Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	MOMS Club of St. Louis in the Nursery
	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.	Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group at Hartford Coffee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 in the Theleos Room
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church Work Day

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 Liturgist is **Janet Stanford**. Greeters are **Lucie Crittenden and Sarah Gibson**. Communion Servers are **Joe Bradshaw, Toby Eckert, and Anne Stoltz**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Matt Hanify, Dena Roper, and Lisa Thompson**. There is no nursery today. **The Evangelism and Membership Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in June.

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.

Akeya and Tra'niece Chapman
Victor, Toby, Paige, and Victor IV Eckert
Deb Wiethop

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.

Fellowship Luncheon - The Evangelism and Membership Committee is hosting the luncheon today following worship. Everyone is welcome! During the luncheon, the 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.

FOOSBALL

Everyone is invited for food, fun, foosball and fellowship! Bring a dish, appetizer or dessert to share with the crowd! (Fast food goodies are, yes, good!) This **Tuesday night, June 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Great American Human Foosball, 3227 Morgan Ford. There is no mission group at the AMEN House this Tuesday, but we will be "foosing" with our neighbors. Everyone is invited. Questions?? See Dena Roper.

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will be discussing "*Outside the Lines*" by Mihee Kim-Kort on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee. All are welcome to join the conversation!

Circle Three will meet in the Theleos Room on Thursday, June 6, at 10 a.m. Bring a sandwich -- salad, chips and dessert 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, 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.

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, see Rich Wiethop to sign up to help and to find out what work we will be trying to get done. Thank you.

MCU's Jammin' 4 Justice

It's time again for Jammin' 4 Justice, Metropolitan Congregations United's fun-for-all fund raiser. Join us for plenty of music, food, raffles, 50/50 and more. Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Ready Room, 4195 Manchester Rd in the Grove. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 for two. You can get your tickets from Lisa Thompson or Heather Macarthur or by visiting the MCU web site at MCUStLouis.org. Proceeds will fund MCU's work on Break the Pipeline, addressing the issues of the school to prison pipeline. Please call the MCU office if you have any questions: 314-367-3484.

Micah 6:8 Camp Registration & Volunteers

Time is running out - sign your middle schooler up for camp today by calling 314-664-5525 or visiting amenstlouis.org/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 shifts between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please send us an email at amenstlouis@gmail.com to sign up!

To sponsor a child for camp, please write a check to Oak Hill Presbyterian with a designation for camp sponsorship. We appreciate your generosity!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-20

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we

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are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

³⁵When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” ³⁶And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, “The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace.” ³⁷But Paul replied, “They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves.” ³⁸The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; ³⁹so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. ⁴⁰After leaving the prison they went to Lydia’s home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!