

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28, 2019

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Praeludium*

Alcock

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we gather together, we tell the stories of our tradition.

Many: **We remember the ways God has been faithful throughout the generations.**

One: We tell stories of God's grace and forgiveness.

Many: **We tell stories of the restoration God offers, again and again.**

One: We tell stories of steadfast love, of reconciliation, of peace and renewal.

Many: **And remembering these stories, retelling our tradition, reminding ourselves of this long relationship between us and God—this is faithfulness!**

One: The God who loves us is faithful still!

Many: **So let us gather in worship, in remembering, in re-telling...let us gather in faith to sing to our God!**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

\*OPENING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

No. 450

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: God of Grace, you have created, shared, and gifted, you have remembered, reformed, and restored, and we, your people, bear witness. We know your stories and we hear your call. And we seek to follow faithfully, but we grow distracted and restless. We worry there isn't enough- time, resources, love, whatever...we store up and hold on, while others starve, we accumulate and wield, while others are silenced and squashed, we forge ahead and find**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

**our own way, while ignoring your voice and your plan. Forgive our restlessness. Forgive our selfishness. Forgive our faithlessness. Gather us up and restore our spirits, hold us together and renew our understanding, fill us completely and refresh our giving. Remind us of who you are, and who we can be, together. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, 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's Prayer*

Malotte

Wendy Barrow, soloist

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:1-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13  
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

No. 471

**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.**

**\*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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 366

**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** *I Give You My Heart* Morgan

**\*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.*

**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** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* No. 753

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King* Helriegel

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**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

## Worship Notes: A few thoughts on Prayer

“Prayer is like lying awake at night, afraid, with your head under the cover, hearing only the beating of your own heart. It is like a bird that has blundered down the flue and is caught indoors and flutters at the windowpanes. It is like standing a long time on a cold day, knocking at a shut door.”  
—Wendell Berry, Jayber Crow

“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing—that when we look for what’s best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we’re doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we’re participating in something sacred.”

—Fred Rogers, *Commencement Address at Marquette University*, May 2001

“Rituals are routines that force us to move faithfully even when we no longer feel like being faithful. Until our heart has the time to arouse itself and find its way back to those we love, rituals make us show up for duty.”

—Renita J. Weems, Listening For God: A Minister's Journey Through Silence And Doubt

“My belief is that when you're telling the truth, you're close to God. If you say to God, "I am exhausted and depressed beyond words, and I don't like You at all right now, and I recoil from most people who believe in You," that might be the most honest thing you've ever said. If you told me you had said to God, "It is all hopeless, and I don't have a clue if You exist, but I could use a hand," it would almost bring tears to my eyes, tears of pride in you, for the courage it takes to get real-really real. It would make me want to sit next to you at the dinner table.

So prayer is our sometimes real selves trying to communicate with the Real, with Truth, with the Light. —Anne Lamott, Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” —Teresa of Avila

“I prayed for freedom for twenty years, but received no answer until I prayed with my legs.” —Frederick Douglass, Autobiographies: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass / My Bondage and My Freedom / Life and Times of Frederick Douglass

## 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

July 28, 2019

Sunday	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
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 in the Theleos 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 **Sandy Kay**. Greeters are **Dena Roper and Deb Wiethop**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Emily Bischoff, Joe Bradshaw, and Jeff Dahl**. Nursery Caregivers are **Matt Hanify and Lisa Thompson**. The Mission Committee is hosting the time of fellowship in July.

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.

Bev Brickey  
Marge Kalhorn  
Jan and Don Stanford

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.

**Pastor Erin will be on vacation from August 3 through August 13.** If you are in need of pastoral care during this period, please contact the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, our Parish Associate, or the office.

**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, July 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Great American Human Foosball, 3227 Morgan Ford. This week we'll be "foosing" with a mission group from Westminster Presbyterian Church from Des Moines, Iowa, who are staying at AMEN House from July 28 to August 3. Everyone is invited

**Circle Three will meet in the Theleos Room on Thursday, August 1, at 10 a.m.** This is a gathering of Presbyterian Women. Bring a sandwich -- salad, chips and dessert will be provided. Newcomers are always welcome!



**The Stewardship and Property Committee is hosting the Sunday Fellowship Luncheon next Sunday, August 4.** It will be a true potluck. You may bring a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

**August Church Calendar** – Some corrections, additions, and deletions have been made to our August church calendar. Copies of revised calendar may be found in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Sharing Cabinet**

The Sharing Cabinet items are available for anyone who needs something from it. It is located in the Large Assembly Room and is restocked mainly by donations. So, if you have extra, please feel free to put any stuff you bring into the cabinet. We are all in this together!

### **On the Road to Reconciliation: Presbytery Trip to Alabama October 18 to 21**

The Dismantling Racism and Privilege (DRAP) Team of the Presbytery welcomes you to join them on the Road to Reconciliation, as they travel to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama. With programming for both adults and youth, you're invited to join this courageous journey into beloved community. There's a one-day pre-trip training in September and some advanced reading required. \$425 for lodging, transportation, and breakfast, with scholarships available if needed. Registration and \$100 deposit due on **August 1**.

Contact the DRAP team at [blarez@charter.net](mailto:blarez@charter.net) for more info or to register.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 85:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.  
<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.  
<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?  
<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.  
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup>The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

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

*People: thanks be to God!*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 11:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”  
<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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