

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 11, 2019 **19th 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 *Have No Fear, Little Flock* Zimmerman

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 50)

One: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
Many: From the rising of the sun to its setting.
One: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
Many: God shines forth.
One: Our God comes and does not keep silence,
Many: Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
One: Our God says, "Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
Many: To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."
All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *The Mighty God with Power Speaks* No. 13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

Unison: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"God's vision shall be our calling. God's purpose guiding as we serve.
God's spirit bringing peace in the world, through one body,
through one faith, through one love." (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 *Etude in E* Chopin
Kim Smith and Caitlin Stanford, flute duet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:32-40
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
(see insert)

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

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** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* No. 731

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 *Worship and Adore* Kendrick

***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** *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 307

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Arise and Sing* Ray

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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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

August 11, 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
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Block Captains Meeting in the Theleos Room
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	SESSION MEETING in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Club 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.

We are most grateful to the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, our Parish Associate, for his worship leadership today. We give thanks to God for Alan and his wonderful ministry among us!

Today's Liturgist is **Donna Cook**. Greeters are **Adelaide Bay-Hanify and Matt Hanify**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Brian Beckmann, Dena Roper, and Josh Smith**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Dan Graber**. **The Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in August.

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.

Donna Cook and Rick Soles
Karl Kelley
Karen and Bill Reeves

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 is on vacation 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.

ATTENTION ELDERS – Session will meet on Wednesday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend you should notify Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Open gym night is on the third Friday of every month. It will be held August 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for some fun basketball, games, puzzles and snacks! There will be pizza! We will have a sign up in the Large Assembly Room for volunteers. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the September issue of the OHN are due, in writing, by Monday, August 19.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 8. Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on the following Sunday, September 15.

"Now we shall possess a right definition of faith if we call it a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence toward us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit."

-- John Calvin