

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 18, 2019

20th 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

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Greek Melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: What does God require of us?

Many: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: What does Christ command of us?

Many: To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: With our all of who we are and as one community, let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN**

God Is Here Today

No. 411

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: God of Grace, we seek to love and follow you, but we confess that we have neglected your call, cheapened your message, and wandered from your path. We allowed greed into our hearts and policies, we have allowed violence into our homes and institutions, and we have rested in silence as our neighbors our oppressed. Children die in our streets. The earth warms on our watch. We, the Church, continue to reject people who need your love. God of welcome, God of wisdom, sing a new song into this place, blow a fresh spirit throughout our community, and place a clean heart in each of our bodies. Forgive us, renew us, and inspire us, O Lord. Call us back to your truth, engage us in your witness, and fill us with your love, to share wildly and joyfully. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“My soul proclaims the Lord my God. My spirit sings God’s praise.

Who looks on me and lifts me up, that gladness fills my days.” (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 – BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

(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

Hills and Valleys

Wells

Tegan Counihan Ratliff, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 27:1-11

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Max Hill

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**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

No. 757

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 Cannot Tell***

Irish Melody

**William Young Fullerton was a minister and writer born in Belfast, Ireland. Drawn to a lovely Gaelic melody he wrote a heartfelt poem to fit the beloved tune that is our offertory today.

“I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship Should set His love upon the sons of man, Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers To bring them back, they know not where or when. But this I know, He heals the brokenhearted And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear. And lifts the burden from the heavy laden, For the Savior, Savior of the world is here.”

*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

Song of Hope

No. 765

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Andrews

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 27:1-11

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.² They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said,³ "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons.⁴ Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers."

⁵ Moses brought their case before the LORD.⁶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:⁷ The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them.⁸ You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter.⁹ If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.¹⁰ If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.¹¹ And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses."

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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

August 18, 2019

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	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	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Presbytery Gathering at First United and Westminster Presbyterian Churches in Belleville, IL

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.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Max Hill to Oak Hill. Max is Pastor of UKirk - St. Louis. UKirk, or "university church," is the PC (USA) Campus Ministry at Washington University in St. Louis & Saint Louis University and is open to college-aged students around the St. Louis area. Oak Hill is a proud supporter of UKirk and we are so grateful for Pastor Max's leadership in worship today. Pastor Max will be around after worship with all kinds of UKirk information and materials- so if you want to support this ministry, as a volunteer, donor, or participate as a student, be sure to come see him in the Large Assembly Room after worship.

Today's Liturgist is **Christine Woodward**. Greeters are **Sarah Gibson and Anne Stoltz**. Ushers are **Joe Bradshaw, Toby Eckert, LeAnne Smith, and Will Woodward**. Nursery Caregivers are **Heather Macarthur and Karen Zigler**. **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.

Jillian Embrey and Dan, Jamie and Lillian Graber
Sheryl and Bob Ream
Dena Roper

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.

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

Choir Rehearsal resumes today beginning at 9:30 a.m. Beginning September 15 it will move to 9:00 a.m.

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.

Volunteer with Isaiah 58 Ministries!

Monday morning help is needed at Isaiah 58 Ministries. Arrive about 9:30 a.m. and finish by noon. The gig is the Monday fresh food distribution. Help is needed to sort the various local grocery donations and then help facilitate the distribution by supervising one of the stations. Sometimes there are leftover fruits, veggies and breads that could go to your home for consumption rather than adding to the food waste in the dumpster. A great group of volunteers and awesome clients. Questions? See Donna Cook.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MCU BREAK THE PIPELINE MONTHLY MEETING – August 20 at 6:30 p.m.

at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

Our monthly meeting to break the school-to-prison pipeline! If you want to be a part of creating a better future for St. Louis' children, join us! We will be preparing for our November 3 public meeting with a special focus on how we get the word out! Never been to an MCU meeting before? COME! Each meeting has a newcomers orientation to help you find out more about MCU and figure out your place in this community!

Photojournalism and the Pulitzer Prize for Documenting Ferguson

Missouri History Museum, Lee Auditorium, August 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Join St. Louis Post-Dispatch Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalists Robert Cohen and David Carson as they share their first-hand experiences documenting the unrest in Ferguson in 2014. This is a free program.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS – August 24-25

Join the International Institute St. Louis in Tower Grove for the region's premier multicultural celebration, featuring over 40 ethnic food booths, non-stop dance and music, arts and crafts, and an international shopping bazaar with unique gifts from around the world. Please note: 2019's Festival of Nations will be relocated to a larger and shadier area of the park, closer to Kingshighway & Magnolia. Updated maps, directions, and instructions will be posted on the website.

CLOSE THE WORKHOUSE: COURT MONITORING MEETING 8/21 at 6 p.m.

at the Deaconess Foundation

Interested in getting involved with the court monitoring program for the campaign to Close The Workhouse? Come join us for a brief training on what to expect in court, how to use our form, and what to do with the information you gather. If you are unable to attend this meeting but want to be trained, please email ctwcourtmonitoring@gmail.com and we will connect you with someone who can train you individually.