

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 2019

21<sup>st</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

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Keeble

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Inspired by Psalm 80*

One: Storms will rumble and people will move,

**Many: The chill of that breeze that blows just before everything changes....**

One: We notice the noise, the confusion, even our own senses kicking in,

**Many: With hearts beating faster, breaths coming quicker, and skin responding to the energy it is picking up....**

One: For the Lord is stirring up her might!

**Many: For God is up to something new!**

One: And all of creation does take notice.

**Many: And God's people do react.**

One: And even my little voice might whisper: Stir up your might, O God.

**Many: Stir up your strength, O God!**

One: Stir up your passion, O God!

**Many: Stir up your justice, O God!**

One: Stir up your love, O God!

**Many: And stir something within us.**

One: Lite a new fire...around, among, and within us.

**Many: And help us to burn with your love.**

One: Come, people of God, let us worship the one who is already at work, stirring up the world....

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

No. 291

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: Almighty God, shower us with your mercy this day. For we have listened but not heard. We have known but not acted. We have loved, but not welcomed.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

**We have been compelled, but remained silent. We are so moved as to gather together in your presence week after week and year after year, but still stubbornly refused to be moved in spirit, to be changed in structure, to be completely transformed by your radical love. Forgive us. Forgive us, and keep working on us, keep believing in us, keep inspiring us, keep stirring us up, and keep setting these hearts on fire for your Gospel message. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance

**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

(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 Gathering of Spirits*

Newcomer

Valery and Bette Welch, vocal duet (see insert)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

(see insert)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:49-56

(see insert)

### SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

### MEDITATION IN MUSIC



**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 5:1-7

5Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

*People: thanks be to God!*



**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 12:49-56

49'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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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 25, 2019

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| 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  |
| Wednesday | 11:00 a.m.        | Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room                        |
|           | 6:30 p.m.         | Mission Committee in the Theleos Room                               |
|           | 7:30 p.m.         | Stewardship and Property Committee 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 **Avery and Kim Smith**. Ushers are **Jeff Dahl, Sarah Gibson, Matt Hanify, and Lisa Thompson**. Nursery Caregivers are **Bertie and Scott Stanford**. 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.

Richard Adams  
Mike and Miriam Hale and Kristine Gould  
Anne and Steve Stoltz

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.

### **RALLY DAY**

Rally Day is Sunday, September 8! Mark your calendars and pick through your recipes now! This is a day we welcome all to worship, we share about our plans for the new program year, and then we celebrate with a potluck lunch outside, in front of the church with food, games, and prizes. All beef hot dogs will be provided and we are asking people to bring side dishes and desserts. Volunteers are always needed for set up and clean up. And all Oak Hill friends, family, neighbors, and strangers are welcome, invited, and expected! ***Because of all the fun planned for Rally Day, we will not be having our first-of-the-month potluck meal on September 1.***

**The new Sunday School Classes for ALL AGES will begin on Sunday, September 15.** This fall's **Adult Class** will be centered on the theme of Community and Care. Through scripture and guest speakers we'll look at how we as a community provide care for one another. Join us on September 15 for our kick off lesson, then on September 22 for a presentation from guest speaker, the Rev. Amy Bertschausen, Director of Care and Counseling. **Our Youth Sunday School Class** will be working through the lectionary cycle with Ms. Lisa and Ms. Sarah, using the Feasting on the Word curriculum. Join us for lessons, crafts, and conversation!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Mann Elementary School Open House and PTO Meeting**

Monday, August 26, at 4 p.m. at Mann School

Come kick off the school year at Mann's annual open house! We will have a brief PTO meeting as part of the open house to introduce the board and discuss plans for the year.

### **City-Wide Town Hall on Gun Violence, hosted by Congressman Lacy Clay and the St. Louis African American Aldermanic Caucus**

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Harris Stowe University, Givens Building, Main Auditorium (3026 Laclede).

### **Weekly Lunch at the International Institute of St. Louis**

Starting August 28, then Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 3401 Arsenal St. Join us in IISTL's cafeteria for weekly lunch offerings. Menus will change weekly and will be updated by each Tuesday afternoon. Vendors are client owned catering companies. Dine-in or Carry-outs available.

### **Benton Park Walking Tour**

Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m. at 3100 S. Jefferson Ave

St. Louis History and Architecture is hosting a historic walking tour of the Benton Park neighborhood. The tour will start in Benton Park at the corner of Arsenal Street and Missouri Ave., and will showcase the historic architecture of the neighborhood, dating from 1848 through the 1920s. The neighborhood is filled with the stories of a variety of people from beer barons to Icarian French settlers to Frontiersmen, and showcases a wide variety of architecture from different periods of history. The tour will cover the area along Cherokee street and near the Lemp Brewery, as well as the area to the north of the park. Ticket purchases include a 2-3 hour tour. Tickets are \$15 and are available online.

### **The Last Jungle Boogie Concert of the Summer!**

Friday, August 30, at 5 p.m. at the St. Louis Zoo featuring the band, Ticket to the Beatles. Located at Schnuck Family Plaza in the center of the Zoo. Admission to Zoo and concerts is FREE! Please feel free to bring a lawn chair to ensure you have a seat. Jungle Boogie concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved inside Lakeside Cafe.

*The Gathering of Spirits*  
Congregation joins in singing chorus.

Chorus:  
Let it go my love my truest,  
Let it sail on silver wings  
Life's a twinkling that's for certain,  
But it's such a fine thing  
There's a gathering of spirits  
There's a festival of friends  
And we'll take up where we left off  
When we all meet again.

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