

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2019

22<sup>nd</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

*Now As We Gather*

Castillo

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Inspired by Psalm 71*

One: May the love of God greet you this morning.

Children: *Let God's song find your ear!*

**Many: Let God's healing find your broken heart.**

One: For it is in the Lord I take refuge.

Children: *Because I remember always that God loves me.*

**Many: When I need strength, when I need hope, when I need community, when I need to know that I am known and loved, I turn to my God.**

One: From the beginning, to now, to what may come...

Children: *God is always loving me.*

**Many: God is always loving us!**

One: So let us offer praises.

Children: *Let us sing and dance!*

**Many: Let us tell the story.**

One: Let us pray without ceasing.

Children: *Let us learn and lead.*

**Many: Let us serve and share.**

One: Come, let us worship our Lord!

\*OPENING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: Faithful and Loving God, we put our hope in your and your steadfast love, but we forget sometimes that you've put love back into us. Love, in the form of a call to action, love in the form of a community to care for, love in the form of justice to seek, love in the form of peace to make. We have failed to live out your love, your call, with bold faithfulness. We have neglected our neighbors. We have forgotten our witness. Forgive us, again and again. And renew your Spirit in our hearts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lives. AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine." (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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17  
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC



# 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 we seek Jesus are invited and welcome to the table he has prepared. 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 your 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

September 1, 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
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
	5:00 p.m.	Worship and Christian Education Committee in The Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism and Membership Committee 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

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 **Dena Roper**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Kristine Gould**. Communion Servers are **Joe Bradshaw, Dena Roper, and Rich Wiethop**. Ushers are **Brent Crittenden, Sheryl Ream, Rich Wiethop, and Christine Woodward**. There is no nursery today. **The Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in September.

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.

Carole Adams  
Rosemary and Alan Meyers  
Mary and Bob Schlemeier

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 next 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 today.***

**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!

#### **FOOSBALL**

Thank you for all of the help with Foosball this summer! There were lots of youth and lots of fun! We are now shifting back to Foosball on the first Tuesday of the month. This month it is on September 3 at 6:30 p.m. It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

**The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group** will be discussing "*A Gift From Darkness*," by Patience Ibrahim and Andrea C. Hoffmann on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee. All are welcome to join the conversation!

**All women who are available during the day are invited to attend Circle 3 on Thursday, September 5.** You are invited to work on one of the Circle's on-going mission projects, bring your own project, or just come and join us for fellowship. We begin meeting at 10 a.m., but you are welcome whatever time works out for you. Bring a sandwich - salad, chips and dessert are provided. The coffee pot is always on.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

##### **St. Louis Black Restaurant Week**

On September 3 to 8, 2019, you are invited to dine out, try some new foods, visit new restaurants, and support local-owned, minority-owned businesses. For this year's second annual Black Restaurant Week you will be able to try a 3-course dinner for just \$30 at participating restaurants. Go to [www.stlbrw.org](http://www.stlbrw.org) for more information, to learn about the participating restaurants, and for the link to purchase tickets.

**CommUNITY Arts Festival** - Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Intersect Arts Center (3636 Texas Ave) from 11 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

CommUNITY Arts Festival gathers local arts and public health organizations under one roof to provide free performances, workshops, and educational seminars for the community. The festival strives to celebrate arts programs making a positive impact in Saint Louis and connect them with community members in need who could benefit from their programs, and to educate community members on the public health issues contributing to the city's violence and connect community members with our city's programs and resources. More information is available at [www.communityartsstl.org](http://www.communityartsstl.org).

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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***People: thanks be to God!***

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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