

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2019

24th 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

Savior, Source of Every Blessing

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

One: We gather together to offer praises to our God.

Many: **We offer praises to our God, who lifts us up!**

One: Our God, who frees the prisoners!

Many: **Our God, who opens hearts and minds!**

One: Our God, who delivers justice for the oppressed!

Many: **Our God, who watches over strangers!**

One: Our God, who provides for those who need help!

Many: **Our God, who keeps faith forever!**

One: Come, O friends, and let us worship our God!

Many: **Come, O friends, and praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN

Praise God for This Holy Ground

No. 405

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: God, you watch over us. You know when we are with you, and when we have wandered away. You know the neighbors we've ignored, the scriptures we've avoided, the welcome we've withheld, the forgiveness we've refused to offer, and the restoration we've been slow to seek. O God, find us where we are, and guide us back into your embrace, with grace, truth, and hope. By your great mercy, forgive us, encourage us, and love us always. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"O how I love Jesus. O how I love Jesus.

O how I love Jesus because He first loved me." (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

The Ninety and Nine
women's ensemble

arr. Brown

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:7-14
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10
(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

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**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

No. 435

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 *God of the Ages* arr. Ijames

***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**

O for a World

No. 372

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sing and Rejoice

Jonas

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;
People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

¹⁵Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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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
September 15, 2019

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	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
Friday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Open Gym Night
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon	Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy Session Records Review in the Large Assembly Room @ Oak Hill

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.

Today's Liturgist is **Heather Macarthur**. Greeters are **Jeff Dahl and Dena Roper**. Ushers are **Brian Beckmann, Eva Bischoff, Joe Bradshaw, and Donna Cook**. Nursery Caregivers are **Christine and Will Woodward**. **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.

Christine and Kim Marx
Dave Roberts
Mary Lou Woodward

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.

The new Sunday School Classes for ALL began this morning. 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 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!

Open gym night is Friday, September 20, 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.

LeAnne Smith is inviting her church family to a party at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the West Picnic Grounds in Tower Grove Park to help her celebrate her 50th birthday.

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the October newsletter are due, in writing, by Monday, September 16, 2019.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m. Bring your favorite furry or finny or feathery friend (or a picture of them). We'll have a brief worship service on the front steps and then celebrate with cookies for all! Tell your friends and neighbors!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Arts & Faith: Interfaith Concert- Sun, Sept 15 @ 5:30 p.m. at Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Join us for "Songs of Hope" & a free concert commemorating 9/11 & featuring musicians from six faith communities, celebrated soprano Christine Brewer and other local musicians.

Mother 2 Mother: 5 Years Later

Sunday, Sept 15 2-4 p.m. at the Missouri History Museum, Free

Weeks following the killing of Michael Brown and the ensuing upheaval in Ferguson, eight African American mothers took the stage at the Missouri History Museum to have a conversation with an audience of white mothers about "the talk" they have with their sons about driving, walking, and living while black in America. Five years later, much has changed and much has stayed the same. What has happened in the lives of those mothers and their sons? What grew out of those conversations and the work being done to change the reality of too many mothers across America?

Panelists include:

Dr. Christi Griffin • Tango Walker Jackson • Donna Rogers Beard • Kimberly Jade Norwood • Marlowe Gaines • Nadida Matin • Riisa Renee • Dr. Leah Gunning Francis • Carol Daniel • Rev. Traci Blackmon • Simone Phillips (Moderator, Q&A)

South Grand FallFest! Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

South Grand Fall Fest returns to St. Louis next Saturday. The annual event, now in its 6th year, will include more than 70 retail vendors and community organizations, as well as specific activity areas perfect for families. During South Grand Fall Fest, businesses located on the boulevard will offer varying specials, discounts and entertainment. Tucked between the storefronts attendees will find themed groupings of activities and offerings, including craft activities and games. More info available at www.southgrand.org.