

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22, 2019

25th 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

Majesty

Hayford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The prophets and angels, our ancestors and teachers, all our tradition's stories and songs, they teach us to wait for God.

Children: They teach us to trust God.

Many: They encourage us to run and not be weary,

One: They teach us to mount up our wings like eagles,

Children: They teach us to keep going,

Many: For God will renew our strength, again and again.

One: Beloved children of God, come to this space, to be renewed.

Children: Beloved children of God, come here and remember you are loved.

Many: Beloved God, we, your children, are here, waiting for you.

One: Come friends, let us worship our God.

*OPENING HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

No. 327

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: Gracious and Loving God, our hearts are sick. With worry, with weariness, with grief, with shame, our hearts feel full of the parts of this world that break us down. And we haven't left space for you—to refill, to renew, to recreate. In our despair, we've forgotten your hope, your strength, and your love. We've been too tired to work for your justice, too jaded to proclaim your peace, too discouraged to witness to your good news. Forgive us and restore us. Create clean hearts in us. Heal us and help us. Again and again. 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

I've Got Peace Like a River

arr. Coates

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 113

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Amy Bertschausen

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**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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 Will Be Here* Chapman

***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!)

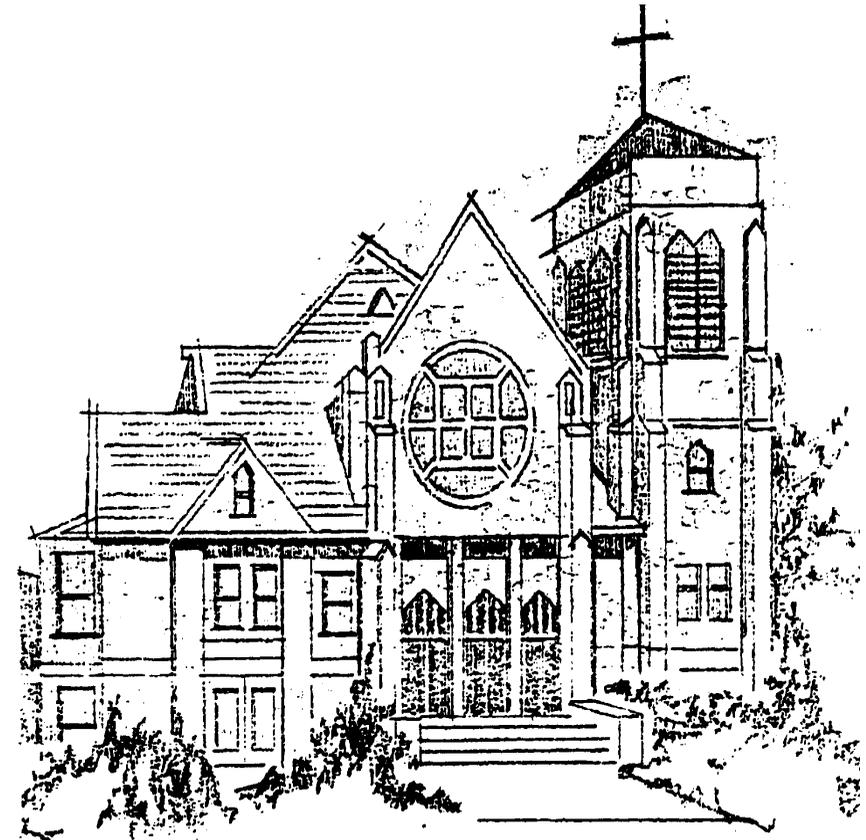
SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* No. 547

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Through All The World* Liljestrang

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Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 noon in writing.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Sunday | 2:00 p.m. | Blessing of the Animals Service on the front steps of the church |

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 thrilled to welcome today's preacher, the **Rev. Amy Bertschauen** to worship with us at Oak Hill. Pastor Amy is the Executive Director of Care and Counseling, a local inter-faith non-profit that provides mental health services for all ages, as well as congregational and clergy education programs. Care and Counseling uses several offices here in our Oak Hill building to see patients regularly. Pastor Amy is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is a graduate of Bethany College and the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Today's Liturgist is **Toby Eckert**. Greeters are **Adelaide Bay-Hanify and Matt Hanify**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Sarah Gibson, Anne Stoltz, and Will Woodward**. Nursery Caregivers are **Eva Bischoff and Heather Macarthur**. **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.

Paul, Ellis, and Nayell Bordeaux and Sophie KohnDenise and Gerry Gregory
Valery and Betty Welch

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.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals next 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!



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 113

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

⁹O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!