

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2, 2020

4th 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

Communion Sunday Notice: On the first Sunday of the month, in order to have all gathered together to celebrate and share in the Lord's Supper, we do not have nursery time for the children. We welcome kid noises and wiggles. There are crayons and activities in the back of the sanctuary, and the room just west of the sanctuary is available if anyone needs space for a break.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fugue in E \flat

Kingsbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Micah 6 and Matthew 5

One: To be blessed and loved by God is a wonderful thing.

Children: *God loves us!*

All: God knows us and sees us and hears us, and loves us still.

One: To be blessed and loved by God, and called to do a bit of work in God's great name, is such a wonderful thing.

Children: *God loves us, and wants us to love others!*

All: Because we are so blessed, we get to be a blessing to the world.

One: So, we get to offer mercy,

Children: *To do justice,*

All: To love kindness,

One: To comfort those who mourn,

Children: *To make peace,*

All: And to witness to God's story.

One: Because we are so blessed, we get to be a blessing to the world.

Children: *Blessed is our God!*

All: Blessed are we who know God's love!

One: Come, friends, let us worship the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: Gracious God, hear our prayer. We know your blessing and your love, but we have failed to share that love with our neighbors, with neighborhood strangers, and with your world. Forgive us when we are silent in the face of injustice. Forgive us when we do not do the work of peacemaking. Forgive us when we do not offer kindness. Forgive us, and renew our faith, increase our courage, and inspire our commitment. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.” (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

Blest Are They

Haas

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

(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...)

SANCTUS

No. 556

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

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

All who seek Jesus are welcome at the table he has prepared. There is no denominational or membership requirement to receive God's gift of life. At Oak Hill, we pass plates of bread to one another saying, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." You are invited to partake of the bread when you receive it. There is a gluten free option in the cup on each plate.

Then we pass the cups to one another saying, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." We wait until everyone has been served, then we all partake of the cup together.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: God of blessing and love, thank you for sharing this meal with us. May it always strengthen our faith, our commitment, and our connection. AMEN.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate

Rev. Jillian Embrey, Parish Associate

Ms. Susan Brown, Minister of Music

Ms. Annie Girresch, Director, AMEN St. Louis

Ms. Lisa Schoonover, Student Pastor

Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

February 2, 2020

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	Fellowship Luncheon
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 Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting 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
	1:00 p.m.	Presbytery Gathering at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Ballwin, MO
Friday	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	UKirk Courageous Conversation on Gun Violence at Graham Chapel, Wash U

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.

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 **Sheryl Ream**. Greeters are **Sandy Kay and Jan Stanford**. Communion Servers are **Jeff Dahl, Dena Roper, Richard Wiethop and Christine Woodward**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Rick Soles, Deb Wiethop, and Will Woodward**. There is no nursery this morning. **The Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in February.

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.

Dave Roberts
Dena Roper
Valery and Bette 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.

The Fellowship Luncheon to be held today following worship. It is a pasta buffet hosted by the Worship & Christian Education Committee. Everyone is welcome.

Be sure to share with your middle school and high school family and friends that they are invited to Great American Human Foosball on Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at GAHF, 3227 Morgan Ford. Pizza, snacks, games, friends and fun!

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, at Hartford Coffee Company, when we will discuss Lenny Duncan's *"Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US."* All are welcome to join!

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, February 6, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. or whenever you can make it. Please bring a sandwich - salad, chips and dessert will be provided. The coffee pot is always on.

FAITH AND ACTION: Courageous Conversations on Gun Violence

On Friday, February 7, 2020 at 7 PM – 8 PM at Graham Chapel on the WashU campus, UKirk St. Louis is hosting a special event to talk about gun violence in our community. Rev. Deanna Hollas is an ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor who serves as the Coordinator of Gun Violence Prevention Ministries. Rev. Hollas has been nationally profiled by CNN, NPR, and the New York Times as the first person in the country given a national ecclesiastical role of this kind. Her advocacy promotes that, "While all that we do as Christians should be rooted in worship and prayer, it should not stay there." This event is free and open to people of any faith or nonreligious background seeking to engage in action regarding gun violence prevention. Free parking is available in the Danforth University Center garage on Forsyth.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

6Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:1-12

5When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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People: thanks be to God!*