

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 9, 2020

5<sup>th</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

*Prayer*

Matthews

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Inspired by Isaiah 58 and Matthew 5*

Voice 1: Beloved ones, you have been given a gift...

Voice 2: We have been given a gift of love, of community, of story, of grace.

**All: Shout out, do not hold back, for we are the salt of the earth!**

Voice 1: Beloved ones, we have been given a call...

Voice 2: To loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free...

**All: To shine with the glory of the Lord, to offer food to the hungry and to satisfy the needs of the afflicted.**

Voice 1: So we are to do the work of our faith,

Voice 2: And we are to teach the work of our faith,

**All: And we get to live the work of our faith,**

Voice 1: To honor the God who loves us;

Voice 2: To celebrate our God who loves us.

**All: Come, let us praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

No. 401

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: God of Grace, grant us your mercy. For how we have failed to proclaim your truth, do the work of your justice, pursue your peace, and offer welcome in your name. Forgive us and renew us, by your love, by your radical story, by your hope-filled promise, and by your steadfast faith.**

**Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

"We will glorify the King of kings; we will glorify the Lamb.

We will glorify the Lord of lords who is the Great I AM." (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

*Let It Shine*

arr. Besig

Chancel Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

(see insert)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20

(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**

*Take Us As We Are, O God*

No. 312

**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**                      *Meditation on "Holy, Holy Holy"*                      I James

**\*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 to the World!*

No. 295

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Alleluia, Praise to God*

Baedjo

*Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*



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**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

**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 9, 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	Time of Fellowship (and snacks)
	Following Worship	Worship and Christian Education Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Block Captains Meeting in the Theleos Room
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Book Club at the Destination Café at the Corner of Morgan Ford and Connecticut
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Club 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 **Mary LaTragna**. Greeters are **Gretchen Crittenden and Deb Wiethop**. Ushers are **Eva Bischoff, Sarah Gibson, Josh Smith, and Rich Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Daniel Graber**. **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.

Brent, Millie, Lucie, and Gretchen Crittenden and Sarah Gibson  
Rosemary and Alan Meyers  
Karen and Bill Reeves

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.

**Book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, at Destination Café, at the corner of Connecticut and Morgan Ford.** We will discuss "*The Water Dancer*" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please read the book and join us!

**ATTENTION ELDERS** – Session will meet on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If you are unable to attend you should notify Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

**Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleus Classroom,** for a fun night of crafting, visiting, and snacking. This will be a "bring your own project night." Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena Roper know if you have any questions.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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