

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2020

6th 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

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Early American
Folk Hymn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Voice 1: Many years ago, Moses handed the law to God's people, invited them to follow, and reminded them that it would not be too hard, nor too far away.

Voice 2: It's not just up in the heavens, or far out beyond the sea, where God calls us and invites us into this covenantal relationship.

All: It's here and now that we choose to love our God, we choose to listen to God's call, we choose to follow God's way.

Voice 1: It's here and now that we get to choose life, for us and for our descendants.

Voice 2: It's how we live now, how we advocate now, how we share now, how we love now, that shows we've chosen life in faith, for us and for all our community.

All: Today, and always, we choose to love God, to listen for God's voice, and to cling always to God's hope.

Voice 1: Come, let us worship our God.

***OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

No. 755

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: Holy God, you have given us guidelines and expectations, commandments and stories. You have asked us to be faithful and righteous, brave and just. But we have wandered from your way. We have cheapened your message. We have lost focus on your blessing. Our slips have hurt our neighbors, your creation, and our whole community. We've also broken your heart. Forgive us, Lord. By your mercy, renew our hearts, free our spirits, and

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

restore our faithfulness. Help us to listen again for your call on our lives, and help us always to follow. In Christ's name we pray, 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 3rd grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

ANTHEM

Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

Cruger

Kim Smith, flutist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:1-8

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-37

(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

Be Thou My Vision

No. 450

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 worshiping with you.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory

I Will Be There

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 with Us, Lord

No. 748

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

Evans

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



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Free webinar on ‘Basics of Reformed Theology’ - Thurs., Feb. 20 | 12 p.m.

Learn the basics during a one-hour webinar led by theologian, speaker and author the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and co-chair of the Reformed Theology and History Unit of the American Academy of Religion. Rigby is also an associate editor for the Journal of Reformed Theology and the Journal of the American Academy of Religion. Free online registration available here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KMzfsYAGTOyjEdSK9lYf8g

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 16, 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)
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
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Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Class in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
	6:30 p.m.	Mission and Justice Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee Meeting in The Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Open Gym Night

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 **Carole Adams**. Greeters are **Wendy Barrow and Jeff Dahl**. Ushers are **Brian Beckmann LeAnne Smith, Don Stanford, and Scott Stanford**. Nursery Caregivers are **Matt Hanify and Lisa Thompson**. **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.

Paul, Ellis, and Nayell Bordeaux and Sophie Kohn
Mary and Robert Schlemeier
LeAnne and Aidan Smith

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.

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the March newsletter are due, in writing, by Monday, February 17, 2020.

The third Friday of the month, February 21, will be Neighborhood Open Gym Night. Snacks, of course, and basketball, games, and puzzles. Same time, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Save the Date:

Isaiah 58 Ministries' annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be here at Oak Hill on Tuesday, February 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come for food, fellowship, and live music. Invite your friends and neighbors. It's a fundraiser for Isaiah 58, so bring a free will donation at the door. For more information call 314-776-1410.

LENT IS COMING!

Ash Wednesday is February 26. We will have Ashes-to-Go at the corner of Arsenal and Grand from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Then we'll also share in Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Worship here at Oak Hill at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

This year we will share an **online Lenten Devotional**, featuring videos and questions from our members. Be sure to follow our Facebook or Instagram pages to join in the conversation!



A new Flower Chart for the entire year of 2020 is posted in the hall next to the church office. If you would like to purchase Chancel flowers for worship on a special Sunday morning, sign your name and indicate the person(s) or event being honored. The usual double spray arrangement costs \$55.00. Payment should be made to the church office in person or by mail. If you would like to bring your own flower arrangement, please sign the chart and notify the office.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

In Their Own Words Concert at Ladue Chapel - Sun., Feb. 16 | 3:00 p.m.

“The Power of Spirituals” is an interactive event based on Eileen Guenther’s recently-published book *In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals*. In this program Guenther, a graduate of Kirkwood High School, combines first-person narratives from books written by those formerly enslaved, interviews conducted with them in the 1930s and her own commentary. These narratives are interwoven with the singing of spirituals by guest soprano and St. Louis native Marlissa Hudson, our Ladue Chapel Choir, and the audience. Many Americans have gaps in their historic and cultural education; this powerful music and the texts of this presentation not only shine a light on the events of the past, but also offer hope and reconciliation to present-day circumstances.

Jefferson City Advocacy Day on Gun Reform – Tues., Feb. 18 | 7:00 a.m.

Join members of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church on the bus Tuesday, February 18, as they lobby for gun violence prevention with MOMS Demand Action in Jefferson City. (All are welcome, not just MOMs!)

The bus leaves WGPC’s parking lot, at 45 W. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, 63119, at 7:00 a.m. and returns at about 5:00 p.m. Save your seat on the bus by registering online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca5ac2dabf94-wgpc>

After February 1st, cost is \$15 and remaining seats will be opened to the community.

NOTE: On the sign up page choose “Pay online now” and select “Registration Fee” in the drop down, then type “Jeff City bus trip” in the memo. More info at www.wgpc.org.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.
²Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
⁴You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
⁵O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
⁶Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
⁷I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.
⁸I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:21-37

- 21 ‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.
- 27 ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.
- 31 ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (cont’d)

- 33 ‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!