

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

*Christ Jesus, Come Dwell in My Heart*

Peeters

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I lift my eyes to the hills

**Many: to look to you for help**

One:: I lift my ears to the hills

**Many: to listen for your wisdom**

One: I lift my voice to the hills

**Many: To sing your praises**

One: I lift my body to the hills

**Many: To feel your steadfast presence**

One: I lift my spirit to the hills

**Many: Because I know that you are with me.**

One: Come, friends, bring your all, and rest in God's love.

**Many: We come through the hills, we come to the hills, to find you, O God.**

One: Come, let us worship our God.

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 12

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

**Unison: Holy God, we have been confused, we have been lazy, and we have misunderstood your call and your story. For when we get it wrong, we grieve. Forgive us and renew us. By your grace, meet us where we are and answer our questions. And give us faith—faith to keep seeking you, and faith to keep trusting you. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Rain down, rain down; rain down your love of your people.

Rain down, rain down; rain down your love, God of life.” (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

*Psalm*

Sleeth

Chancel Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

(see insert)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

(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 worshiping with you. )*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory** *All My Trials* Traditional Spiritual

**\*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**

*We Will Walk with God*

No. 742

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go Out and Tell*

Christopher

# *Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*



**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

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### LENT AT OAK HILL (cont'd)

**Adult Sunday School Class:** Sing (or read!) your way through this Lenten season with "Will You Come and Follow Me? An Adult Lenten Study on Hymns." Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this six-session class takes a look at the text of various Lenten hymns. Each session will challenge participants to work through the meaning of the text and learn more about the hymn writers. We will also discover how the text relates to us today. Join us for one session or join us for all!

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The St. Louis Public School district is looking at another round of school closures, although they have not specified which schools. Public hearings from the end of February and through mid-March will be good opportunities to provide comment. The last scheduled hearing will be at Roosevelt High School in Tower Grove East on Thursday, March 12, from 6 - 8 p.m.

### 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

March 8, 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)
	12:30 p.m.	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, Corner of Morgan Ford and Connecticut
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study 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 **Valery Welch**. Greeters are **Avery Smith and Don Stanford**. Ushers are **Jeff Dahl, Toby Eckert, Kim Smith, and LeAnne Smith**. Nursery Caregivers are **Eva Bischoff and Heather Macarthur**. The **Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in March.

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.

Joe Bradshaw  
Sandy Kay  
Karen Zigler

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.

**Today is Girl Scout Sunday at Oak Hill.** Our Girl Scouts are Miriam Hale, a Brownie Girl Scout in Troop 774 at Mallinckrodt Elementary School, St. Louis; Liberty Lents, a Daisy Girl Scout in Troop 55065 at Mann Elementary School, St. Louis; Roz Zigler, a Brownie Girl Scout in Troop 3705 at Null Elementary School, St. Charles,; and Alison Stanford, an Ambassador Girl Scout in Troop 4219, Oakville High School, Oakville.

**Book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10,** at Destination Café at the corner of Morgan Ford and Connecticut. We will discuss "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens. Please read the book and join us.

**ATTENTION ELDERS – Session will meet on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If any elder is unable to attend they should notify Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

**Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Theleos 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.

**OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the April newsletter are due, in writing, by Monday, March 16.**

**The Stewardship and Property Committee will host the March fellowship luncheon to be held on March 22.** To celebrate St. Patrick's Day they will be serving corned beef and cabbage (a kids' meal will also be provided). You don't have to bring anything, just come and enjoy. A free will offering will be received to help defray expenses.

### **The Oak Hill Scholarship Fund April 1 Deadline**

Attention current and soon-to-be college students: Application forms for the Oak Hill Scholarship Fund will be available from the church office March 1. In order to be considered, completed applications should be received by the church office no later than April 1. Full-time traditional students (e.g., High School Seniors intending to go to college full-time) should apply by April 1 for assistance for the full year. Part-time or non-traditional students should use this deadline for either the Summer or Fall semester. If you have any questions about the fund, please contact Deb Wiethop at 314-852-8629.

**Individually wrapped candies that will fit in plastic Easter eggs are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 11.** Please place your donations in the boxes in the Large Assembly Room or the church office beginning March 15.



### **LENT AT OAK HILL**

**Online Lenten Devotional:** We are sharing 1-minute reflections and questions each day on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Come and journey with us, watch the video, and share your own thoughts, wonderings, photos, or questions.

**Wednesday Bible Study Class:** The Wednesday Bible Study Class is taking a break from our ongoing study on Church History (with *The Story of Christianity* by Justo Gonzalez), to spend a few weeks with Mary Oliver. Beginning March 11, we'll dive into Mary Oliver's poetry, and pair it with some readings from scripture, and then discuss each week. It will be a new class every week, with materials provided as we go. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;*

*People: thanks be to God!*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3:1-17

<sup>3</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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