

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021

Worship Bulletin

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Erin Counihan

Prelude

Christus, der ist mein Leben

Susan Brown

Call to Worship

Dena Roper & Don Stanford

Voice 1: As we gather together, we make space for all that we feel this day.

Voice 2: For hearts that are weary, for energy that drags, for worries that hold heavy, we make space...

Voice 1: For voices longing to sing, for faces wanting to smile, for hugs that we must keep withholding...

Voice 2: For questions that beg to be asked, for ideas bursting forth beneath the surface, for those deep whispers in the back of our heads...

Voice 1: For hurts and hopes, for joys and fears, for grief and anticipation,

Voice 2: For we who are too busy and we who are just tired,

Voice 1: For we who are ready and we who are still pondering

Voice 2: And for all of us who just showed up- out of habit or in active hope

Many: We all gather to be with you, O God.

Voice 1: Make space for us here.

Voice 2: Make space for us now.

Many: As we make space for you, too.

Voice 1: Holy God, find us here.

Voice 2: Spirit of Love, embrace us here.

Many: Jesus our friend, know us here.

Voice 2: Come friends, and let us worship our God, right here, in this space, right now...

Many: Come, let us worship the Lord!

Song

Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me

Wendy Barrow

Prayer of Confession

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Gracious God, hear our prayer. You know the ways in which we have slipped this week. The moments when our words were too harsh, and when our actions weren't enough. You notice when we ignore our neighbors, when we withhold forgiveness from our friends, and when we avoid accountability in general. We know that you call us to follow Christ in loving others, welcoming others, and helping others. For the times when we have failed to do so, we are sorry. Forgive us and renew us, O God. Revive your Spirit, your charge, and your call in us. Renew us, by your mercy, so that we might continue to proclaim your justice, your hope, and your love, throughout the world, now and always. Amen.

Time for silent confession and prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Erin Counihan

Scripture

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First Reading: Psalm 1 (*Common English Bible translation*)

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

**Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the LORD's instruction,
and they recite God's instruction day and night!**

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.

Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked!

They are like dust that the wind blows away.
And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.

**The LORD is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.**

Second Reading Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Sermon

Rev. Erin Counihan

Song

Ancient Words

Susan Brown

Offering

*You can make an offering online or place your offering
in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

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Prayers of the People

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Announcements

Rev. Erin Counihan

Benediction

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Postlude

Holy Is the Lord

Susan Brown

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. You are invited to join us outside for a bit of fellowship after the service. Please check our website for more info and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.