

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prelude

Trust in the Lord

Susan Brown

Call to Worship

Lisa Thompson

One: Come before the God of love. Come as you are, no pretense, no judgment.

Many: **We come with our thoughts and our feelings, in the highs and lows of life. We come with our successes and failures, knowing that we are loved unconditionally.**

One: Come before the Lord your God, in the quiet spaces and the busy places, in worship, praise and thanksgiving,

Many: **for all we have and all we are is a gift from God. Amen.**

Special Music

All Are Welcome

Sandy Kay, soloist

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prayer of Confession

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One: Gracious God, We come celebrating the depth of your love and the wonder of your grace.

Many: **Though we fail you time and time again, you never walk away, and you never fail us.**

One: Undeserving though we are, you show us mercy. You do not turn away in the moments when our faith is feeble, in the moments when we doubt.

Many: **You are beside us when we are hesitant disciples, reluctant to share your word and witness with others, fearful of what that might mean for us.**

One: God of never-ending patience, you dust us off when we have fallen from grace and help us to start again.

Many: **Your grace defies expression, too wonderful for us to fully comprehend.**

All: **Though we fail you, you never fail us. Lord, continue to grant us, unworthy as we are, your grace. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

First Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Lisa Thompson

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Sermon

"Meant for Good"

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Meditation

Amazing Love

Susan Brown

Offering

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www.oakhillpcusa.org or mail your check to the church.*

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Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Susan Brown

Holy Lord

First Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3-15 (NRSV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession today are adapted from the Church of Scotland worship resources.

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