

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prelude

Our Father By Whose Name

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Sandy Kay

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

Many: **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

Many: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

Many: **AMEN!**

***Opening Hymn**

For Everyone Born

No.769

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prayer of Confession

Oak Hill Community

Lord, it is easy for us to identify with today's scripture about the "Prodigal Son." Some of us are easily reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully sought our own way. Others are reminded about how unforgiving we were when others were not held accountable for their actions, while we have been so careful not to displease anyone. Still others can identify with the father who, feeling the loss of his son, welcomes him home again, reminding the brother that he has always been in the love and care of the father. We hear this story and it's a pleasant memory. But do we really understand what it is about? Do we know that we have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions? We are no different from these characters, in our own unique way. Yet, in your infinite love, we also are forgiven and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to your care, which is always extended to us. Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we pray. AMEN.

(Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. John Harrison

Special Music

How Blest Are They

Sandy Kay, soloist

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Sandy Kay

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. John Harrison

Sermon

Rev. John Harrison

Meditation

Beautiful Savior

Susan Brown

Offering

*You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org,
place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary,
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

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

***Closing Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

No. 69

Benediction

Rev. John Harrison

Postlude

All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving

Susan Brown

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are based on materials found in
“Worship Connection: March 27, 2022” on the website *Ministry Matters*.

*Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. If you worshipped with us in person,
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.*

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹⁵Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

³ So he told them this parable:

11b “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

For Everyone Born

E Leader or All

1 For ev - ery - one born,
 2 For wom - an and man,
 3 For young and for old,
 4 For just and un - just,
 5 For ev - ery - one born,

a place at the ta - ble,
 a place at the ta - ble,
 a place at the ta - ble,
 a place at the ta - ble,

A2 Bsus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

A2 Bsus B

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998
 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

FOR EVERYONE BORN
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m Cf#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E Bsus B

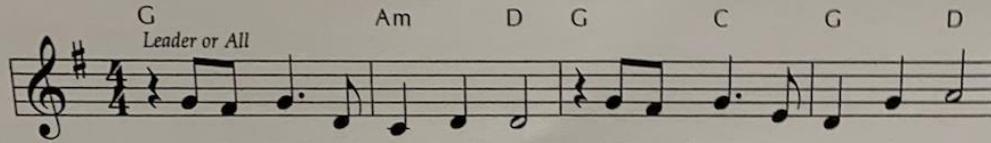
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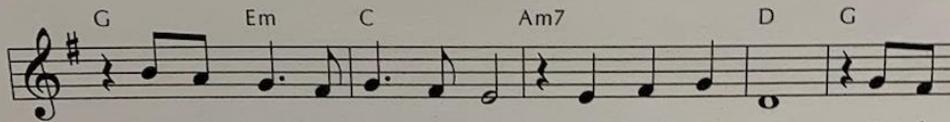
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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

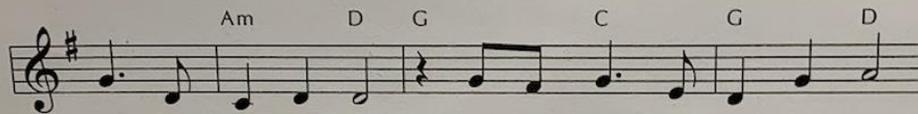
Here I Am, Lord



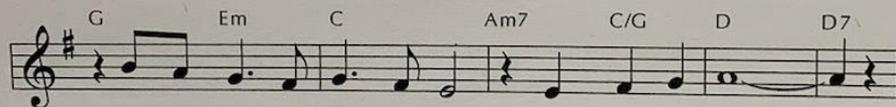
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



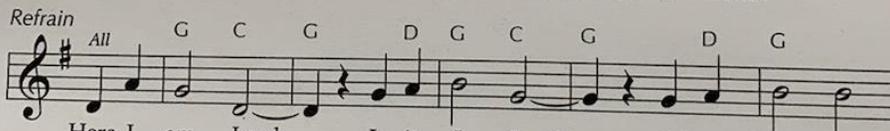
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



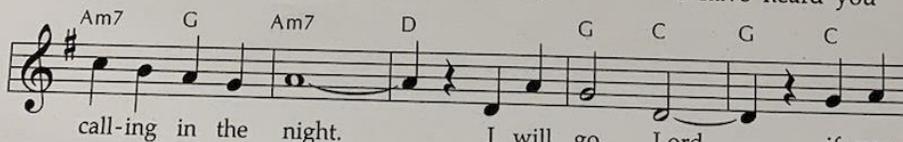
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



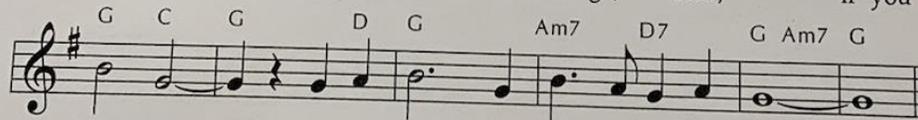
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.