

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 28, 2022

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

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

**Gathering Music**

Brian, John, and Paul

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Prelude**

*Prelude on "Nicaea"*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 81 and Jeremiah 2):

Sheryl Ream

**One:** Sing aloud to God our strength!

**Many:** **Sing the story of our faith.**

**One:** Sing of God's providential care:

**Many:** **Water in the desert, honey from a rock.**

**One:** Sing of God's sorrow at our wandering!

**Many:** **Sing of God's love that calls us anew.**

**All:** **Sing aloud to God our strength!**

**\*Opening Hymn** (from Psalm 81)

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

No. 667

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)** (based on Psalm 81 and Luke 14)

Sheryl Ream

**Lord, you are the God of Mount Sinai, the One who proclaimed: "I am the Lord your God."**

**You are the God who summons us. You are the God of the wilderness, sending bread with the morning dew and honey from the crags. You are the God who loves us. Summon us again.**

**Love us passionately. We pray in the name of Jesus, whom you summoned and loved. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Prayer of Confession (unison)** (based on Hebrews 13 and Luke 14)

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**Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves—power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods—rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Peace**

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**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Special Music**

*All Are Welcome*

Sandy Kay, soloist

**First Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sheryl Ream

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Meditation**

*He Is Enough For Me*

Susan Brown

**Offering**

*You can make an offering online at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org),*

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*place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.*

**\*Response**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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### Announcements

#### \*Hymn

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

No. 343

#### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

#### Postlude

*Rejoice*

Susan Brown

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### First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

### Second Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>14</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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*The Call to Worship, the Prayer for the Day, and the Prayer of Confession today  
are drawn from materials on the Ministry Matters website.*

*Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more  
information and updates: [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).*

## 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

# Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heaven above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.