

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 7, 2022	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.
Gathering Music		Brian, John, and Paul
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Prelude	<i>Do Not Fear, Little Flock</i>	Susan Brown
*Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 1 and Psalm 50):		Sandy Kay
One:	How shall we give praise to the Lord? Shall we offer thousands of rivers of oil? Shall we give ten thousand sacrificial lambs?	
Many:	How shall we come before the Lord to offer praise?	
One:	What shall we offer in prayer in supplication to please God?	
Many:	How shall we show God our devotion and our love?	
One:	Will God be pleased with our songs and shouts of praise? Will God love our festivals and our feasts?	
Many:	What does the Lord require of us?	
One:	We are called to do justice.	
Many:	We are called to love kindness.	
All:	We are called to walk humbly with our God. AMEN.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>The Mighty God with Power Speaks</i>	No. 13
*Prayer for the Day (unison)		Sandy Kay
	Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.	
Call to Confession		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Prayer of Confession		Oak Hill Community
	Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Time for silent confession.)	
Assurance of Pardon		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Peace		Oak Hill Community
Time for Growing Disciples		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Special Music	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	Valery Welch, soloist
First Scripture Reading	Luke 12:32-40	Sandy Kay
Second Scripture Reading	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Meditation	<i>Above All</i>	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.* Oak Hill Community

***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.**

The Lord's Supper Oak Hill Community

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The pastor will continue in prayer....)

Prayers of the People

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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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

God our Savior, we give you thanks that you have prepared this feast for us – the rich feast of our redemption. By the nourishment of this holy meal, make us more ready for the day when you will wipe away all tears and swallow up death forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

***Closing Hymn**

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

No. 517

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Postlude

Rejoice

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not

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The Call to Worship and the Prayer for the Day are based on materials from the Ministry Matters website. The Prayer of Confession and the Prayer after Communion are drawn from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Thank you for participating today in online worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1999; rev. 2011
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long,
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1855, alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

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