

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 25, 2022

16<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. Wanda Lawry

**Prelude**

*O That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Heather Macarthur

Leader: Remember again the wonderful works of God; rejoice in the abundance of God's steadfast love.

**People: God has blessed us beyond all deserving; how wonderful it is to recognize God's presence!**

Leader Examine before God the quality of your commitment; come to worship the one true God.

**People: God promises to dwell with us; how easily we forget to look for God's signs.**

Leader: The glory of God fills the place where we are; we respond together to God's mighty power.

**People: God, who dwelt with our ancestors, meets us now. We will feast on God's presence together.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Earth and All Stars!*

No. 26

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Heather Macarthur

**O God, how shall we know you? How can we experience your presence with us? Do you really know our names and care about each one of us? If we have found favor in your sight, how will that be known? We cannot see you with our eyes or hear your voice with our ears. Speak to us in language our souls can receive. Enlighten our inner being that joy may radiate in our actions. Work in and among us, that we may glimpse your pleasure of all humanity. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Oak Hill Community

**Holy God, we have heard you call us, and we have answered yes. Yet, we have gone our own way, ignoring the paths you bid us travel and the work you would have us do. We have considered ourselves to be good people, deserving special favor, yet we have not put you first in our lives. We have been conceited and selfish in our relationship with others. Seeing ourselves in the mirror of Christ, we begin to realize that we sometimes deserve your wrath, not your forgiveness. We are not worthy of the love you offer and the acceptance you extend. Help us, Gracious God. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Peace**

Oak Hill Community

**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Special Music**

*On Eagles' Wings*

Wendy Barrow, soloist

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Heather Macarthur

**Second Scripture Reading**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Sermon**

*Rekindle the Gift of God Within You*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Meditation**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Susan Brown

**Moment for Mission**

Brian Heuckroth

**Offering**                      *You can make an offering online at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org), Oak Hill Community  
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**                      Oak Hill Community  
**The Lord's Prayer**                      Oak Hill Community  
**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. Wanda Lawry  
**\*Closing Hymn**                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                      No. 39  
**Benediction**                      Rev. Wanda Lawry  
**Postlude**                      *List to the Voice*  
Susan Brown

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**First Scripture Reading**                      Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16                      Heather Macarthur  
(Heather:) Our First Scripture Reading is from Psalm 91. This reading, and the Second Scripture Reading, are printed at the end of your bulletin if you'd like to follow along. Now let us listen for God's Word for us today.  
<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;  
<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.  
<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.  
<sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.  
*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*  
*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Second Scripture Reading**                      2 Timothy 1:1-14                      Rev. Wanda Lawry  
(Pastor Wanda:) Our Second Scripture Reading is from 2 Timothy, Chapter 1. Now let us listen for God's Word for us today.  
<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

## **Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)**

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*People: Thanks be to God!*

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*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).*

# Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the  
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song!  
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!  
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done  
 work - ers!  
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

TEXT: Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

MUSIC: David N. Johnson, 1968

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EARTH AND ALL STARS  
 4.5.7.D with refrain

## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923  
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FAITHFULNESS  
11.10.11.10 with refrain