

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 4, 2022

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Pastor Wanda

Prelude

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Lisa Thompson

One: Thanks be to Christ Jesus who has called us into service and enlisted us in a new expedition.

People: We have been shown much mercy since we enrolled as pilgrims in the faith.

One: Let us surge forward as comrades in the company of Christ; let us make preparations for a spiritual journey.

People: We do not know just what we may encounter. The mysteries of God are many and the will of God is often hard to track.

One: Shoulder your packs and gear. The Spirit will be our guide.

People: We are ready to map out the uncertain terrain. We have our orders. It is enough for us to know that we start out with a perfect guide who would even give his life for us.

***Opening Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

No. 321

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

God of all time, we gather together in this time, set apart for worship, to remember the story of your faithfulness throughout all generations to celebrate our own awakening to new life in Christ. We sing the new song you have given us—a song of gratitude and praise for your goodness and compassion. We give this time back to you who gives life and breath to us, day by day. Amen.

Call to Confession

Pastor Wanda

Prayer of Confession

Oak Hill Community

God of the present moment, the eternal now, we confess that we miss the fullness of the present by dwelling on the past and the future. Though you have redeemed the past, we have difficulty letting it go, forgiving ourselves and our mistakes. We delude ourselves that this time is ours when in truth all time is yours. Though faith affirms that our future is secure with you, we are often fearful. In our insecurity, we take our time into our own hands, pushing and pulling the affairs of our lives, ringing life out of time, rather than allowing time to unfold according to your plan. We waste or worry our time away, when with relief we could offer our time and energy into your hands with thanksgiving. Forgive us, O God, for opportunities wasted to love, to care, to encourage, to feed, to clothe, to comfort. With our time, continue to empower us to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in this world. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Wanda

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Pastor Wanda

Special Music

O God, You Search Me and You Know Me

Oak Hill Singers

First Scripture Reading	Psalm 139:1-18	Lisa Thompson
Second Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 6:1-7	Pastor Wanda
Sermon	<i>Open Hearts, Open Mind</i>	Pastor Wanda
Meditation	<i>He Giveth More Grace</i>	Susan Brown
Offering	<i>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.</i>	Oak Hill Community
*Hymn	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	No. 507
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 pastors will continue in prayer....)		
Prayers of the People		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.		
Words of Institution		
Sharing the Meal		
Prayer After Communion		
We thank you, God, that we can make meaning of our time when we see it as yours and permit you to govern it. This can be the first day of the rest of our lives when we make a new beginning with you. You are with us, continuously, day by day, and moment by moment. We are thankful for your ongoing love, grace, and peace. Amen.		
Announcements		Pastor Alan
*Closing Hymn	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	No. 306
Benediction		Pastor Wanda
Postlude	<i>We Declare Your Majesty</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-18

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

First Scripture Reading (cont'd)

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

⁶Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

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People: Thanks be to God!

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

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
 F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008
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TABLE OF GRACE
 7.7.10.7

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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