

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2, 2022

17th Day after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

A Song of Peace

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Wendy Barrow

Leader: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Sacrament of Communion as one family dining together under one roof.

People: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia, and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Leader: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but one symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

People: Praise be to Christ, our Creator and Redeemer, and Savior! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 318

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

Wendy Barrow

O God of Majesty, as we gather today to worship you, disquiet us and your whole creation with your peacemaking Holy Spirit, quietly insisting know justice, know peace! As your son broke bread and gave it to thousands, so call us anew to a peace marked by a just distribution of your abundance, until that day when no one shall hunger nor thirst anymore. Through you son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Merciful God, in your living presence we confess our sins. God of the universe, we have not always acted in ways that enhance life for our communities, our world, or our environment. We have forgotten to honor the sacredness and grandeur of your creation. Our fears and our selfishness have prevented us from seeing others as your children. Restore us, O God of life. May your spirit sweep over us as it swept over the waters on that first day of creation, calling forth life from the void. Birth in us a spirit of love, compassion, and courage that you reign might be on earth as in heaven. In Jesus name. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:8-12

Wendy Barrow

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:10-17

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Bread for the Journey

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</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
*Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	
	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.	
Communion Anthem	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	Oak Hill Singers
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	
	As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy, and selfish ambition. Unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.	
Announcements		Rev. Wanda Lawry
*Closing Hymn	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	No. 526
Benediction		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Postlude	<i>Redeemed</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:8-12

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured. ¹²The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” ¹³But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵They did so and made them all sit down. ¹⁶And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
 CM
 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.