

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 13, 2022

23<sup>rd</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**

*New Songs of Celebration Render*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Sandy Kay

Leader: We thank you God for the turning seasons.

**People: We thank you God for Autumn; for the colorful leaves, red ripe apples, pumpkin, and apple pie....**

Leader: We gather in the harvest of our lives, the plenty, the good, and rake up the scatterings—dried hopes and fallen dreams.

**People: We thank you God for who we are and we offer ourselves to you as we gather together today in worship.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*We Gather Together*

No. 336

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

Sandy Kay

God of life and all living, we give you thanks on this November Sunday for the chilly, windy beauty of these late autumn days—for the leave-lost trees and wet streets, for geese and birds flying south, for squirrels finishing their acorn gathering, for early dark and for the sober brown and gray of earth and sky and pond. We thank you for the warmth we find in family, friends, and church that sustains us now and in the winter months of our lives.

We thank you for the harvest of good words. We find in the Good News. We thank you for Jesus Christ who is our model, strength, redeemer, and friend, and in whose name we gather together in worship today. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

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Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear, when we have acted out of anger, when we have acted out of selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded, when our thoughts have been unruly, when our thoughts have been bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling, when our words have been thoughtless, when our words have been admirable—but empty, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, when we have not lived out of love, we have sinned. But you are the source of love and life, and we ask your forgiveness and your reforming of our very selves—for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Peace**

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**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Special Music**

*Creation Will Be at Peace*

Avery and Josh Smith, duet

**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 12

Sandy Kay

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Sermon**

*A Critical Spirit or a Grateful Heart?*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Meditation**

*Pie Jesu*

Susan Brown

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

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**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned of blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**Moment for Mission**

Brian Heuckroth

**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**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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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.**

**Announcements**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living*

No. 37

**Benediction**

Rev, Wanda Lawry

**Postlude**

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

Susan Brown

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**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 12

Sandy Kay

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. <sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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<sup>12</sup>But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup>See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*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).*

# We Gather Together 336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Atr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894  
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Cedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER  
 12.11.12.11  
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

# 37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

G D G Am D

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

G C G D G

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.  
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 Music Harm. © Royal School of Church Music

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