

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Welcome

John Holt

Prelude

Prelude Number 1

Don Stanford

***Call to Worship**

Leader: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems.

People: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.

Leader: As persons who love imperfectly and are love imperfectly.

People: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of love and faith.

All: Let us worship with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples.

***Opening Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 366

Don Stanford

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

Loving God, we thank you that you don't judge us by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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We confess that we often substitute our own wisdom and goodness for the way of life shown to us by Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and help us to open our hearts to the simple, gentle, loving ways that Jesus taught us to live. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Together We Serve

No. 767

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Josh Smith, soloist

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Don Stanford

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:21-30

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

The Heart of the Matter

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Meditation Number 1

John Holt

Offering

You can make an offering online at 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

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.

Rev. Wanda Lawry

No. 729

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Benediction

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:21-30

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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