

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Heather Macarthur

Leader: We are here to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

People: In Jesus, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness and strength for our days.

Leader: Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world.

All: In the same way, may we let our lights shine before all people.

***Opening Hymn**

Here in This Place

No. 401

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

Heather Macarthur

O God, we are awed by the responsibility you entrust to us as your children, that you ask us to point the way toward you. Help us to be like salt, a small ingredient that gives flavor to the common life of humanity while drawing little attention to itself. Give us courage to live with faith, love, and hope through Christ, so that our lives may shine with your light, and all may worship you. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Holy God, for the day you have given us with all its possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise your holy name. Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative while your goodness surrounds us, that we feel alone when there are many who love us, that we despair when your strength is at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of your spirit. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

No. 507

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Great God of Every Blessing

Oak Hill Singers

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 112-1-9

Heather Macarthur

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Salt and Light

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Susan Brown

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.**

The Lord's Supper

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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

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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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

As we gather at your table this morning, 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

For Everyone Born

No. 769

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Go In Grace and Make Disciples

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 112:1-9

Heather Macarthur

¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Wanda Lawry

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)

Matthew 5:13-20

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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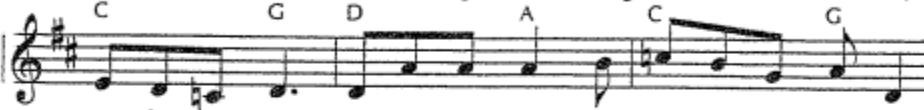
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

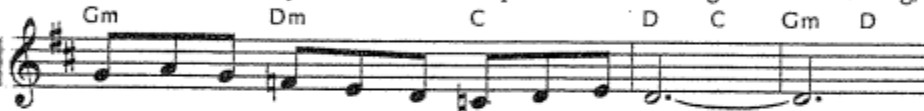
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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



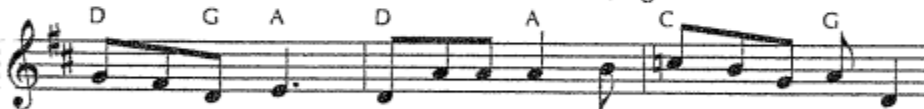
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

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

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

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

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

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

For Everyone Born

E Lender or All

 A2
 1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E

 A2
 for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er; a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7

 E/C# A2
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - get, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E

 Bsus E Bsus
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Ewea Murray, 1998
 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2005

FOR EVERYONE BORN
 11.10.11.10 with 1998

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

 B All E E/C# A2 Bsus B
 and God will de-light when we cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy,

E

 E/C# A2 Bsus B
 com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m

 C#m/B A2
 God will de-light when we cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B

 E A2 Fine E Bsus B
 jus - tice and joy!

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