

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Sarah Gibson

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength.

People: We place ourselves before God, that we may be touched and given new life by the power of God's Spirit.

***Opening Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 15

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

Sarah Gibson

Amazing God, you have shaped the world in wonder and mystery. With thanks we contemplate the good earth you have created. You have created us so that we can live as citizens and stewards of the earth. Help us to live so that your Spirit may become visible in our actions and relationships with every living creature. Help us to take none of these things for granted. Grant us the courage to meet the challenges of today motivated by your love and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moment for Mission

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

O God, source of all that makes life possible. Giver of all that makes life good. We gather to give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness: what we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than we, than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, open our eyes and our minds and our hearts and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Day of Arising

No. 252

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Carpet of the Sun

Avery Smith, vocalist, and Brian Beckmann, guitarist

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-10

Sarah Gibson

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Open Our Eyes

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

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.**

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**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 39

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-10

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself

Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)

in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu - ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu - ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu - ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Harmony

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!

Unison

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
 MUSIC: Gesellde Kirchegeung, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 LASST UNS ERERLEUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

252 Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
 Fsus F C F



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known,
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13-35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

TEXT: Susan Palo Chervien, 1996
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1999
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 Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

RAABE
 5.5.5.4.D

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923.
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923.
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신실 하신 주 오 신실 하신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 새 를 보 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신실 하신 주 나 의 구 주