

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Chorale: My Redeemer Liveth Yet

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Don Stanford

Leader: A new day has dawned. God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative Spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 268

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

Don Stanford

Eternal God,

We know that you created all things. We invite you to teach us to know the power of silence and prayer. We pray that as we worship together this morning, you would fill our emptiness with your peace and love. We pray that you would fill our darkness with light. We pray that you would help us to fulfill the potential you created in each of us. We pray that you would once again bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Merciful God,

We give thanks that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. We confess that we often create barriers that separate us from one another. We ask that you would reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness build walls that keep us apart. Forgive us and fill us with a Spirit of unity. Tear down the walls that isolate us and make strong the ties that bind us together. Help us to walk together with joy in all your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal!

No. 269

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Valery Welch, brass soloist

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 21:1-7

Don Stanford

Second Scripture Reading

John 17:1-18

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Empowered to Serve

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Jesus Loves Me

Susan Brown

Offering *You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, Oak Hill Community
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.**

Moment for Mission Brent Crittenden

Prayers of the People Oak Hill Community

The Lord's Prayer 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.

Announcements Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* No. 263

Benediction Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude *Lord, Reign in Me* Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Psalm 21:1-7

¹In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD, and in your help how greatly he exults!

²You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

³For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

⁴He asked you for life; you gave it to him— length of days forever and ever.

⁵His glory is great through your help; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

⁶You bestow on him blessings forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading John 17:1-18

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was

Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)

with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence- forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE
 7.6.7.6.D
 (this tune in a higher key, 233)

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail, him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
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