

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 7, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Meditation on "Kedron"*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Dena Roper

Leader: On this day we gather in oneness with our brothers and sisters to celebrate God's gifts.

**People: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive strength for our common tasks.**

Leader On this day we will share the bread and wine, which are symbols of God's power and love.

**People: We will open our hearts to accept the gifts, seeking the grace to walk in God's ways.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory*

No.634

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

Dena Roper

Loving God,

**You have called us into the church. We thank you for the opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors. Wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding. Through Christ our Lord who is for us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

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Creator God,

**We come into your presence with thanks for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our home, the challenge of work, and the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding, that we may know our lives in the perspective of your sovereign authority. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your intention for the world and to be at home wherever your Spirit leads us, through Jesus Christ your faithful witness. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Hymn**

*We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

No. 510

**Peace**

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**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

<b>First Scripture Reading</b>	Psalm 119:9-32	Dena Roper
<b>Second Scripture Readings</b>	John 14:1-14	Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Way, The Truth, and The Life</i>	Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>Meditation</b>	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	Susan Brown
<b>Offering</b>	<i>You can make an offering online at <a href="http://www.oakhillpcusa.org">www.oakhillpcusa.org</a></i>	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.**

<b>Moment for Mission</b>		Donna Cook
<b>Special Anthem</b>	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Oak Hill Singers
<b>The Lord's Supper</b>		Oak Hill Community

**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....)

**Sanctus (No. 556)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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**

**God of All, through this meal and this gathering and these prayers, make us one in your love; and send us to the world as faithful disciples, to share your story, your truth, your freedom, and your joy. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

No. 625

**Benediction**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Postlude**

*I Will Follow*

Susan Brown

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 119:9-32

<sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

<sup>17</sup>Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.

<sup>18</sup>Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

<sup>19</sup>I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

<sup>20</sup>My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

<sup>21</sup>You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments;

<sup>22</sup>take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees.

<sup>23</sup>Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

<sup>24</sup>Your decrees are my delight, they are my counselors.

<sup>25</sup>My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.

<sup>26</sup>When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes.

<sup>27</sup>Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

<sup>28</sup>My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

<sup>29</sup>Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law.

<sup>30</sup>I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me.

<sup>31</sup>I cling to your decrees, O LORD; let me not be put to shame.

<sup>32</sup>I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

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

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Second Scripture Readings**

John 14:1-14

<sup>14</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak

### **Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)**

on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given by Sheryl and Bob Ream and Bertie and Scott Stanford in honor of Jan and Don Stanford on the occasion of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

*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).*

# 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in,  
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Lewis Lane Cook; 1875  
 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875  
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## 510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)  
B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;  
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)  
F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;  
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;  
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)  
C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:  
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:  
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)  
C7 F B<sup>b</sup> C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs;  
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
B<sup>b</sup> C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus - C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.  
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

# O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-

won-der con-sid-er all the \*worlds thy hands have  
 wan-der and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the  
 spar-ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it  
 ma-tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the \*roll-ing  
 trees, when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly  
 heart! Then \*I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thunder, thy power throughout the u-ni-verse dis-played:  
 grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze:  
 bearing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin:  
 ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!