

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Sing To the Great Jehovah's Praise

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Sandy Kay

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.

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

***Opening Hymn**

Here in This Place

No. 401

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

Sandy Kay

Most Holy God,

We await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Help us to put our faith into action by welcoming everyone. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Creator God,

We come into your presence with hearts full of gratitude for all that fills our lives with joy. We thank you for the love of friends and family, the comfort of our homes, the challenge to work. 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 and help us to practice kindness and to welcome everyone with grace and peace. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn**

I Come with Joy

No. 515

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me

Donna Cook, soloist

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Sandy Kay

Second Scripture Readings

Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Fear Less

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

He Knows My Name

Susan Brown

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

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We believe in God, the Creator, who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation, who created all that is, and who spoke through the prophets of old.

We believe in Jesus Christ, into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness and in power, that the whole creation might be restored and unified; and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful with power to witness to the mighty love of God.

We welcome the Spirit today with longing hearts, seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ, with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope.

Glory to God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—now and always. Amen.

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....)

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

Eternal God, having shared in your sacred covenant-renewing meal, let us now also share in your sacred work on earth. As we have received sustenance for the bodies, minds, and spirits, may we share our transformed selves with other persons and families in our communities. We dedicate our lives to your service. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn**

For Everyone Born

No. 769

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Spirit, Now Live in Me

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Sandy Kay

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Readings

Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Wanda Lawry

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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.

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-ish-ed 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.

I Come with Joy

515

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

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE
 8.6.8.6.6

For Everyone Born

E *Leader 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* *Bsus* *B*

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/G#* *A2* *Bsus*

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 - ger, 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 Erena Murray, 1998
 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

FOR EVERYONE BORN
 11.10.11.10 with joy

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain *B* *All* *E* *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,
 com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

E *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

joy,
 com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m *C#m/B* *A2*

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

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