

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 30, 2023

9th 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

Lord, Here I Am

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Donna Cook

Leader: We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

People: In Christ we have been invited and called to be God's people and given God's Spirit and Word.

Leader: We have come to worship in spirit and in truth knowing that it may change us.

People: We have come to seek, to find, and to be found, with confidence not in ourselves, but in God.

Leader: We believe God's promise that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can move mountains.

All: May our faith be increased as we worship today.

***Opening Hymn**

God Is Here!

No. 409

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

Donna Cook

Gracious God,

We give thanks for the gospel record and for the simple words Jesus spoke, which help us understand your presence in the world and the coming of your reign. Help us to understand Jesus' words, and to see the signs and parables you have for us in the world today, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Creator God,

We come into your presence with a spirit of gratitude. We are grateful for all that fills our lives with joy. We are thankful for the love of family and friends, the comfort of our lives, the challenges of work and the delight of rest. Forgive us that too often we have taken these things for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. We pray that you would help us to be more faithful followers of Jesus in whose name we pray, Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Great Are You, Lord

No. 614

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Adelaide Bays-Hanify

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-11

Donna Cook

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 and
Matthew 17:20-21

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Mustard Seed Faith

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	Susan Brown
Offering	<i>You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.</i>	Oak Hill Community
*Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i> 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		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	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	No. 738
Benediction		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Postlude	<i>Give Thanks to God</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-11

- ¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
⁷He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
⁸He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
¹¹saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Readings Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 and Matthew 17:20-21

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

²⁰He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

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.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are symbols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our children find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of

7
 praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

13
 what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

20
 round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 preaching, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

27
 of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing, to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Glory to God 409
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Great Are You, Lord

Great Is the Lord

614

C Dm G C F G
 Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your
 F C C Dm G C
 love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your
 F G F C B^b
 mer - cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and
 F C B^b G C
 wor-thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of praise.
 B^b D G E Am
 Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
 Dm G Am Am/G Dm G C
 great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Although it is not a direct paraphrase of any particular psalm, this text echoes "great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," found in three of them (Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 145:3). Such songs of adoration lift up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.

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GREAT IS THE LORD
 Irregular

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.