

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2023

12th 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

Prelude on "Brother James' Air"

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Toby Eckert

Leader: Why have we gathered this morning?

People: We have gathered to give witness to the presence of God's Spirit in our midst.

Leader: This Spirit has moved Christ's disciples throughout the centuries to proclaim Christ and to follow his example.

People: Christ's disciples strive to find new ways to put this faith into action.

Leader: We pray for God's Spirit to empower each of us to use our gifts to make a difference in the world in which we live.

All: May God's Spirit renew and rekindle and transform our faith, that we may have the courage to share God's amazing love and grace with everyone.

***Opening Hymn**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

No. 351

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

Toby Eckert

Tender and Compassionate God,

We know that your strength is made perfect in our weakness. We pray that you would help us to believe that you receive us as we are. We pray that you would help us to be receptive to the message that you have for us today. More than that, help us, imperfect though we are, to be carriers of the message of your love to the world. May we worship you in spirit and in truth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Loving God,

There have been times when we've been scattered about, disjointed, dried up, all our energy gone. There have been times when we have been out of joint with your Spirit, unable to move, dead, lifeless. Not trusting in your forgiveness or your power, we trust only in ourselves, and our lives become dry and brittle. Fill us with your Spirit that we might be transformed. We pray that you would forgive us, renew us, and refresh us. May what was dead, scattered, and disjointed become alive, that we may be one body in Christ, equipped to be your people in the world. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

No. 470

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert, vocal duet

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

Toby Eckert

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon	<i>Audacious Faith</i>	Rev. Wanda Lawry
Meditation	<i>The Love of 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>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	No. 465
Benediction		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Postlude	<i>Be Strong in the Lord</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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CHARLESTOWN
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PRAYER

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

All Dm Gm C F

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

Bb Gm7 A A7

you to re - veal your - self to us.

Dm Gm C F

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

Bb Gm7 A7 Dm (hold last time) Fine

on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

Dm Gm C7 F Bb Gm

1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord save us,	take pit - y,	Light in our

A A7 Dm Gm7 C7 F

hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
dark - ness.	We call you;	we wait:

Bb Gm7 A Dm to Refrain

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

TEXT and MUSIC: Anne Quigley, 1992
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LONGING
Irregular

1 What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to
2 Have we tri - als and temptations? Is there trou-ble an - y-
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad-en, cumbered with a load of

4 bear! What a priv-i - lege to car - ry ev-erything to God in
where? We should nev-er be discouraged; take it to the Lord in
care? Pre-cious Savior, still our ref-uge; take it to the Lord in

8 prayer! O what peace we of - ten for - feit;
prayer! Can we find a friend so faith - ful
prayer! Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee?

Glory to God 465
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MUSIC (CONVERSION): R.T.R.D. Charles C. Converse, 1868

11 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
O what needless pain we bear, all be-cause we do not
who will all our sorrows share? Je - sus knows our ev - ery
Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and

14 car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

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