

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2023

14th 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

Laudation on "Lancashire"

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Dena Roper

Leader: On this day we gather in oneness to worship God and to celebrate God's gifts.

People: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

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 these gifts, seeking the grace to walk I God's way.

***Opening Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 14

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

Dena Roper

Eternal Source of all life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love and your wholeness. Fill us with your compassionate spirit so that we can serve the whole world into which we are called. Let us affirm your love, your life, and your work, amid our everyday world. Help us to remember that love and justice are not just words—but the kind of life we are called to live every day. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Creator God,

We come into your presence with thanksgiving for all that fills our lives with joy. We are grateful for the opportunity to recognize all of the ways in which you are at work in the world and in our lives. We thank you for your constant care and provision. We confess that we often take your gifts for granted. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding, forgive our shortcomings, and cut through our evasions and increase our courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn**

O for a World

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Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Holy Ground

Quinn Colwell, soloist

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 26:1-8

Dena Roper

Second Scripture Readings

Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Life Lessons

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Susan Brown

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

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This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 724

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

I Will Serve Thee

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 26:1-8

Dena Roper

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

²Prove me, O LORD, and test me; test my heart and mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

⁴I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

⁵I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Wanda Lawry

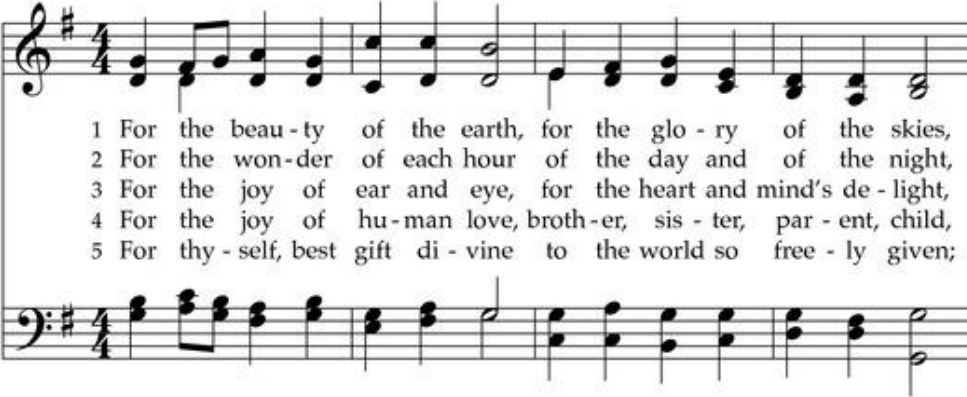
⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

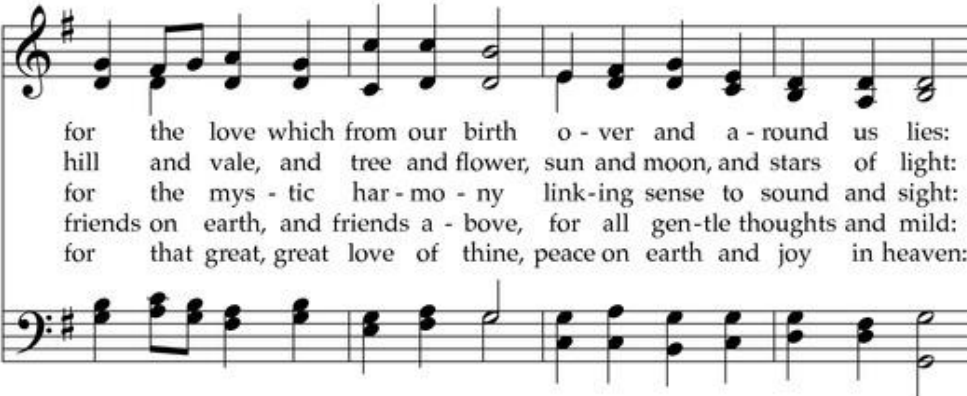
People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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O for a World

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- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY
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 (alternate tune: NYLAND, 725)