

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 22, 2023

21<sup>st</sup> 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**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Donna Cook

Leader: Come, let us gather together in the awareness of God's love.

**People: God's love has brought us to this place, it has made of us a church.**

Leader: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

**People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.**

**All: Let us praise God and offer our heart's true worship.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 35

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

Donna Cook

Loving God,

In mystery and silence, you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Oak Hill Community

Gracious God,

We confess that we have not always loved you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, our mind. We have not always loved our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not always loved ourselves and cared for our own truest needs. Transform our shallowness, enliven our deadness, heal our wounded, broken places, and so fill us with your Spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who brings us love that has no end. Amen.

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Hymn**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

No. 300

**Peace**

Oak Hill Community

**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Anthem**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Chancel Choir

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 96:1-9

Donna Cook

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Sermon**

*Hopeful Endurance*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Meditation**

*He Hideth My Soul*

Susan Brown



## Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, November 5, to present the 2024 Asking Budget, and to receive a 2023 Nominating Committee Report, nominating persons to fill positions of leadership in the church:

*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).*

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ri - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) Db (Em) Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) (Em) Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966  
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating in the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927  
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