

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2023

19th 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

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Lisa Thompson

Leader: We are not here because we have found God, but because God our Creator has called us here.

People: Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

Leader: But the call is also God's promise.

People: A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace and courage in the struggle for peace and justice.

All: In God we live, move, and have our being!

***Opening Hymn**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

No. 20

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

Lisa Thompson

Loving God,

We thank you for the opportunity to gather together this morning to worship you in spirit and in truth. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Gracious God,

We humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience, and quickness to misunderstand—forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference, and self-centering—forgive us. For unkindness and the lack of kindness—forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering—forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love—forgive, heal, and transform us anew into your servant people. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Take My Life

No. 697

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Shout for Joy

Chancel Choir

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lisa Thompson

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Relationships Matter!

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

We Are So Blessed

Susan Brown

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all

crea - tures great and small, all things wise and

won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and

lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
riv - er run - ning by, the sun - set, and the
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the ripe fruits in the
lips that we might tell how great is God Al -

14 *to Refrain*
col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky:
gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
might - y, who has made all things well.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sain - ter and with - out end, and spring - time and fall - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shed - der of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their courts - es above
 thine own clear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions they fall not,
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to day and bright hope for to - mor - row

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be,
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, inter - ce - pt and love,
 bless - ing all mine with ten thou - sand be - sides!

*Oy "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator"

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this song is one of the few hymns among the 1910 hymns by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune first appeared here was composed especially for these words, and the joining his proved enduring.

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Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Great is thy faith - ful - ness,
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see,
 날 파 다 자 미 를 배 례 사 피

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 황 또 론 것 내 라 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord in - ter - med.
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 의 구 주