

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Prelude No. 11

John Holt

***Call to Worship**

Don Stanford

Leader: In many and various ways, God has spoken of old to our ancestors by the prophets.

People: But in these last days, God has spoken to us through Jesus the Christ.

Leader: We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.

People: But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, and yet without sinning.

Leader: Let us then with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

No. 65

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

Don Stanford

O God,

You know us through and through, you know the many choices we face each day. We choose between right and wrong. We choose between greater and lesser evils. We choose what will be important to us in life. As you strengthened Jesus to choose rightly when he was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and spirit, when we face temptation that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to you. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Loving God,

As we enter into the season of Lent, we consider what it means to be tempted. When we hear your words of faithful promise, but are tempted not to believe, forgive us when we listen to voices of the crowd, and the false promises of advertising. Call us back again to your steadfast path. When we cannot quiet our minds or our lives long enough to be aware of your presence, invite us once more to pause in the green pastures and visit the still waters. Forgive us, God. Have mercy on us and receive us into your light and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn**

When We Are Tested

No. 783

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn**

Lead Me, Guide Me

No. 740

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Don Stanford

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Strength for the Journey

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Amazing Grace

John Holt

Offering

You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, Oak Hill Community

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.**

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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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**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

No. 166

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Brian, John, and Paul

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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.



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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When We Are Tested 783

Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Em Bm Em Bm

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)
F#m C#7 F#m Esus E

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)
A E F#m7 G

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)
Bm6 D Em Bm F#

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 4:1-11/Mark 1:12-13/Luke 4:1-13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins "when," not "if"; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1996
MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1996
Text © 1996 Hope Publishing Company
Music © 1996 Abingdon Press (admin. Music Services, Brentwood, TN)

ANGELS OF HEALING
10.10.10.10

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
 Refrain Eb (A7) Bb7 (Em) Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me
 o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your
 face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Fine
to Refrain

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953
 MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood
 Text and Music © 1953, ren. Doris Akers (admin. Chappell & Co., Inc./Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.)

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
 MUSIC: Day's Psalter, 1562.

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