

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024

2nd 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. 13

John Holt

***Call to Worship**

Brian Beckmann

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the cost and joy of discipleship.

People: **A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.**

Leader: A season to slow down and spend more time in prayer and contemplation.

People: **A season to examine our hearts and to ask ourselves some hard questions.**

Leader: A season to ask God to help us make necessary changes along the way.

All: **A season to prepare our minds and hearts for the road to Jerusalem.**

***Opening Hymn**

Come! Live in the Light!

No. 749

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

Brian Beckmann

Amazing Creator,

We thank you for revealing yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself in Christ, who shared our human life, walking the path of obedience all the way to the cross. May we also die to ourselves and share your love with the world, through the empowerment of your Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

O God, we confess that we are reluctant to move into this Lenten journey to Jerusalem. The past appears pleasant in comparison with the unknown future. We meet pressing human need with fear and pain and inaction. In a chorus with worshippers everywhere, we say, "We have fallen short, we live in a state of brokenness and alienation. We have sinned." O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, help us to discover the gifts of power, talent and energy which you give us that we might bring healing into a broken world. Forgive our sin, strengthen our resolve, and renew us in your ever-vibrant Spirit. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me

No. 726

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Ordination and Installation of a Member of the Session

Presentation of Elders: Ms. Moderator, on behalf of the congregation, I present Noel Harding to be ordained and installed as an elder.

Prayer

Constitutional Questions

Congregational Affirmation

Elder: Do we, members of Oak Hill, accept Noel as an elder of this church, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Response: We do!

Elder: Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

Response: We do!

Prayer of Installation

First Scripture Reading Micah 6:6-8 Brian Beckmann

Second Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38 Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon *Cross Training* Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 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 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** *The Glory of These Forty Days* No. 165

Benediction Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude Brian, John, and Paul

First Scripture Reading Micah 6:6-8

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.



Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988
 Text and Music © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc.

WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
 Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE
 13.13.7.7.13

165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

TEXT: Gregory the Great, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.
 MUSIC: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

ERHALT UNS, HERR
 LM