WELCOME TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Here is everything you need to guide you through "Worship @ Home." The bulletin looks very much like the one you expect to receive when you come to Oakwood for worship. You can print a copy for everyone to use, but it's important to notice that there are links in the digital version which will take you to an introductory video, videos with music and lyrics for the hymns and songs (just click on the name of the hymn/song), and the video of the sermon. Take note that there is also a link to the church website for online giving of tithes and offerings as well. You may want to project the bulletin onto your TV from your computer or phone, if you have the means to do that - when you click on the videos they should pop up on the screen. Be aware that the song videos are on YouTube and may be preceded by commercials - you can click past them on the lower right-hand corner after a few seconds.

We are praying that the Lord will be glorified in and pleased with the worship in the homes of all those at Oakwood on this Lord's Day. Feel free to reply to email us afterward and let us know of any feedback that you might think would be helpful to us. May God bless you with His presence and favor!

In Christ, Pastor Dan

May 31, 2020

Opening Message from Senior Pastor Dan Kiehl

The Call to Worship

Worship is a conversation, a dialogue between God and His people. It starts with God calling us to come to Him to worship in His truth and be refreshed in our spirit.

God's Word of Invitation

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Traditional Service Music

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn No. 103

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Contemporary Service Music

Oh! Great is Our God! (Lyrics included in video)

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- Oh! Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!!
 No song is too loud! No orchestra too stately
 To hail the majesty of our King
 So lift your voices loud as we sing
- 2. Oh! Great is our God! So let our songs be endless! So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them? So we will make it known to our kids And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

Chorus

We will sing your praise and pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!

3. Oh! Great is our God! And we cannot contain it! We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness His mercy covers all that He's made Showing His glory and His grace

Chorus

Our Prayer of Adoration

After responding with singing to the call to worship, we pray to God a prayer of adoration. Adoring and praising Him for Who He is (His Character), What He has said (His Promises), and What He has Done (His Salvation of Us). Consider using The Call to Worship passage in adoring God in these three areas.

Optional Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Owen Hughes

Lord, thank you for creating all things and yet remembering us. Thank you for calling us from the ignorance of our own minds into the glorious light of your presence. Thank you for saving us through Jesus. This morning we pray that we will find rest in you as we worship you. Lord, show us once again that the gospel is your power to bring salvation to anyone who believes, and as you plant your word deep in our hearts, we pray that it will transform us to look more like Jesus. We pray these things for your glory. Amen.

The Confession of Sin & Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Sin (God's Law) is asking God for forgiveness of our sins, not because He does not already know them (because He does!) but to recognize how we have broken His law and are reliant on His grace to save us. Assurance of Forgiveness (Promise of Pardon) is a reminder that our God is faithful and mighty to save and that it is His kindness towards us that leads us to repentance. We never repent without also rejoicing in what He has done for us through Christ.

God's Law
Our Prayer of Confession

Habakkuk 2:18-20
Rev. Owen Hughes

Lord, reveal our idols to us. Show us the many ways we are turning to this world, to intellect, to money, to work, to relationships for fulfillment and satisfaction. Show us once again, in your mercy, how you satisfy us. We confess our idols to you now.

Time of Silent Prayer

Lord, you tell us that your kindness and patience leads us to repentance, and we rejoice that you are the God who is mighty to save and the joy of our salvation. Thank you for tearing down our idols by coming to us, living with us, dying for us, and defeating death once for all. Remind us of who we are in Jesus and let us rejoice in the new life we now have. Amen.

God's Promise to Pardon

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Traditional Service Music

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Hymn No. 465

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Contemporary Service Music

Take My Life (Lyrics included in video)

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- 1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 2. Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use Ev'ry power as You choose.

Chorus
Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee

3. 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.
Take my love my Lord I pour At Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be, Ever only all for Thee.

Chorus

The Blessings of Redemption

After hearing that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, we respond with a song and then remember the blessings of redemption. These blessings are that our God meets, hears, and provides for us. He meets us in His Word, as we read it together, He hears us as we pray to Him for our church, community, and world, and He provides for all our needs, physically and spiritually.

Responsive Reading - Isaiah 55:1-11

<u>Leader</u>: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

God's People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<u>Leader</u>: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

<u>God's People</u>: Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<u>Leader</u>: Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

<u>God's People</u>: Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<u>Leader</u>: Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

<u>God's People</u>: because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

<u>Leader</u>: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <u>God's People</u>: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

<u>Leader</u>: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord.

<u>God's People</u>: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

<u>Leader</u>: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<u>God's People</u>: so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

God's Promise to Hear Prayer of Petition

Romans 8:26-27

Elder Tim Eshelman

Dear Father in Heaven, we come together today to give you praise and adoration as a united body of Christ, your covenant people. Even though we may be separated physically, we are each ushered into your presence now as we pray this prayer together. Move your spirit upon us. Give us a deep sense of awe at the thought of your perfect holiness and our own exceeding sinfulness. We thank you that through Christ, we can enter into your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise for the great salvation, which you so graciously bestowed upon us. Let us meditate for a moment with reverence at your astounding grace and undeserved love toward us.

<Brief moment of individual meditation>

Lord, because you tore the curtain of the Holy of Holies in two, we rejoice that we can now approach you directly through Christ, our mediator. So, we humbly come today to present our prayers and petitions.

We are all navigating through uncharted territory as we react to this worldwide pandemic. We realize that it does not take much to throw our society into chaos or to assign blame for our difficulties. We can do very little with all of the acquired knowledge that we think we have. We are forced to humble ourselves before you, our Creator and Sustainer. We pray that you will use this situation to make people realize that you are the one to turn to and not our science. We pray that you will comfort those who have lost loved ones and heal those who are stricken with this illness. We pray for protection for the church at large and our own congregation as we move again toward physical gathering to worship this next week.

We give thanks for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic virtual fundraising event as they achieved 62% of their financial goal for the year. We continue to pray for the expansion into Lock Haven and we ask that organizations such as Planned Parenthood be kept away, and that the entire abortion industry be extinguished in this nation.

We pray for the women's ministry and their mentorship program. Give our mentors wisdom as they counsel with other women that all may find blessing and receive spiritual growth at the Holy Spirit's direction and guidance.

We pray for those who have moved out into the world from our congregation. Bless those who have gone to pursue their vocational callings. Strengthen and encourage the Rufener's in their church planting effort and the Dentici's as they minister in their new church. Bless the students who had to go home because of the pandemic and give them peace and direction in these uncertain times.

We try to honor and be grateful for the men and women who sacrificed their lives for us in defense of our nation and our republican way of life. We ask you to work in the lives of families who have lost loved ones or to the men and women whose injuries have changed their way of life forever. Help them to adjust. Help us to support. Give them a glimpse of your perfect plan and the knowledge of a better life through Jesus Christ.

We come before you ashamed of our worldly pursuits and our entitled mentality. We ask forgiveness for our selfishness, apathy, laziness, political partisanship, and unreal expectations. The world sees us and characterizes Christianity with political bickering, moral relativity, lawlessness, and all kinds of depravity. Instead, we pray that you would make us a light shining on a hill, living as obedient children and servants of Christ in our home, our community, and our nation and, indeed, the world. And to that end, we pray for unity in our government and wisdom for our leaders to find godly solutions to ease the tensions among the nations. There is enough for all both spiritually and physically through Christ, so we pray for contentment in the face of the many daily blessings you shower upon us. Help us to have compassion for the lost, the needy, the hurting and the destitute. Help us to provide the only hope that is a blessing to all.

Lord we lift up to you the situation in Minneapolis. Our hearts are saddened by the tragic death of George Floyd. Lord, this travesty reminds us of how deep our sin runs, and how desperately we need you. We pray for the Floyd family, for the community at large, for the police officers involved and their families, and for the many other police men and women that faithfully serve that city. We pray that you will send true peacemakers to that community who will preach the Gospel of peace and love in Christ. Lord only you can heal our land.

Lord Jesus, you are the solution to men's problems, and you have made a way for us to be in your presence in your perfect kingdom for ever and ever. Place this vision solidly before us today.

We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Tithes are what we are commanded to give back to God. Offerings are what we give to God above and beyond our tithe. We give to God because He has given everything to us. We give to God out of gratitude and with a happy heart, because God loves a cheerful giver.

God's Promise to Provide Our Tithes and Offerings

Online Giving Access

Romans 8:31-32
Offertory Music

The Sower's Song

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Oh God, I am furrowed

like the field

Torn open like the dirt

And I know that to be healed That I must be broken first

I am aching for the yield

That You will harvest from this hurt

Abide in me

Let these branches bear You fruit

Abide in me, Lord As I abide in You

So, I kneel

At the bright edge of the garden

At the golden edge of dawn

At the glowing edge of spring

When the winter's edge is gone And I can see the color green

I can hear the Sower's song

Abide in me

Let these branches bear You fruit

Abide in me, Lord

Let Your word take root

Remove in me

The branch that bears no fruit

And move in me, Lord

As I abide in You

As the rain and the snow fall

Down from the sky

And they don't return but they water the earth

And bring they forth life

Giving seed to the sower bread for the hunger

So shall the word of the Lord

Be with a sound like thunder

And it will not return it will not return void We shall be led in peace and go out with joy

And the hills before us will raise their voices

And the trees of the field

Will clap their hands as the land rejoices

And instead of the thorn now the cypress towers

And instead of the brian

The myrtle blooms with a thousand flowers

And it will make a name
Make a name for our God

A sign everlasting that will never be cut off

As the earth brings forth sprouts from the seed

What is sown in the garden grows into a mighty

tree

So the Lord plants justice, justice and praise

To rise before the nations till the end of days

As the rain and the snow fall

Down from the sky

And they don't return but they water the earth

And they bring forth life

Giving seed to the sower and bread for the

hunger

So shall the word of the Lord

Be with a sound like thunder

And it will not return it will not return void

It will not return it will not return void

It will not return it will not return void

We shall be led in peace

And go out with joy

And the sower leads us

And the sower leads us

And the sower leads us

Traditional Service Music

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn No. 599

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Contemporary Service Music

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (Lyrics included in video)

Arrangement by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken

For by my side the Savior, He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price, it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!

Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For He has said that He will bring me home

And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to Him

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I but through Christ in me

<u>Luke 8:4-21</u> (ESV) Rev. Dan Kiehl

Hearing Problems

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⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

¹⁶ "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will

Luke 8:4-21 (ESV) Rev. Dan Kiehl

be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." ²¹ But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

How the Message of the Kingdom Spreads

1. The Life-Giving Power of the Word

2. The Condition of the Heart

3. The Faithfulness of the Witness

Traditional Service Music

This Is My Father's World

Hymn No. 111

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Contemporary Service Music How Firm a Foundation (Lyrics included in video)

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- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

The Blessing & Sending of God's People

Just as we were called into God's presence we are sent out with His promise and blessing. These are words we hear every week, but as you read them this week consider the power that this blessing brings.

God's Promise of Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen.



Our Vision: By God's grace, we long to become 'oaks of righteousness,' growing roots deep in God's Word, bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship, and branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3



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Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20



I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14



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This Is My Father's World

Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24



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