

GROWING
BEARING
BRANCHING
OUT ROOTS



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2020

WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are so glad you've joined us today! We pray that you see Jesus Christ glorified in our midst, and that you are led to glorify Him as well. As a church our vision, by God's grace, is 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.

If you are new here and would like to receive Oakwood news and announcements, or just want to share a prayer request, please see the tear-off section on the last page of this bulletin or send an email with your information to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org.

For those with small children, we are currently offering nursery for ages 7 mo. to 3 years during the sermon. Due to current health concerns, the nursery will only be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We will not have Stepping Stones for the time being.

August 9, 2020

Prelude

Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Owen Hughes

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 118:24,28-29

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 33:1-8, 18-22

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

God's People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

God's People: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

God's People: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

God's People: For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

Leader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

God's People: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

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1. Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
put first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art

4. High King of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Owen Hughes

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

James 3:17-18

Silent Prayer

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 32:1-7

In Unison

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

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1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry

Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Confession of Faith

In Unison

The Belgic Confession, Article 20 - "The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ"

We believe that God—
who is perfectly merciful
and also very just—
sent His Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by His most bitter passion and death.
So God made known His justice toward His Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and He poured out His goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,
giving to us His Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising Him to life
for our justification,
in order that by Him
we might have immortality
and eternal life.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 71:1-3

Prayer of Petition

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

The Lord's Prayer

*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, for ever.
Amen.*

11:15 SERVICE

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

God Seals His Promise

Rev. Owen Hughes

Baptism

Zion Hope Olshefsky

We Praise His Work

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Refrain

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

THE WORD OF LIFE

Habakkuk 3:1-16

Rev. Ben Lee

MERCY REIGNS

¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

² O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. ³ God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran.

Selah

His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴ His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. ⁵ Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. ⁶ He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. ⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against

the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah*

You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. ¹² You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah*

¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. ¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

WHEN SUFFERING AND INJUSTICE ABOUND REMEMBER MERCY

Remember Mercy By...

I. Taking Comfort in the Covenant of Grace

II. Calling to Mind God's Acts of Deliverance

III. Resting on the Strength of the Deliverer

IV. Waiting for Coming Deliverance

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Reflection - Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

God's People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Leader: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

God's People: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

God's People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

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

God's People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Wonderful Merciful Savior

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1. Wonderful, Merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought
that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men,
Oh, rescue the souls of men.

CHORUS

You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore,
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost their way
Oh we've hopelessly lost the way.

CHORUS

3. Almighty, Infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness you find us,
Falling before your throne,
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Jude 24 - 25

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.

Postlude

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ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Please tear off this section, fill it out, and place it in the offering box, or hand it to an usher.

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I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Become a member
- Be contacted by an Elder
- Join a small group
- Volunteer for:

- Receive the e-announcements
- Add my info to the directory
- Update my contact information

Have a prayer request?

Please write it on the other side.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

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