Happy Lord's Day, Oakwood! 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 afterwards 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

April 5, 2020 Opening Message from Associate Pastor, Owen Hughes

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

Psalm 9:9-12

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples his deeds!

For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;

he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Traditional Service Music

Blessed Assurance

Hymn No. 693

(Click on the blue song title above for a YouTube video with the lyrics in the recording.)

See page 13 for sheet music.

Contemporary Service Music

Praise To The Lord The Almighty (lyrics included in video)

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680, Music: Lobe den Herren, Ander Theil des Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665.

- 1. Praise to the Lord,
 The Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him,
 For He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear,
 Now to His temple draw near;
 Join me in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings,
 Yes, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen,
 How all thy longings have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.
- 4. Praise to the Lord,
 O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath,
 Come now with praises before Him.
 Let the Amen,
 Sound from His people again,
 Gladly forever adore Him.

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. Ben Lee

God of All Comfort,

In this time of global crisis, we feel the effects of fall acutely. We hear it in the news. We see it in the suffering of our neighbors. We feel it in our fears and uncertainties. But we do not lose heart, for you are the Lord who sits enthroned forever. You sit enthroned over the fall, over evil, over suffering, even over death itself. For the glory of your name you have established your throne for justice and judge the world with righteousness and uprightness. This you planned to do from before the foundations of the world when you willed to triumph over all these things through the cross where you reconciled the world to yourself. Jesus Christ is the hope of a broken world. Because of Him where there is now sickness, there will be healing; where suffering, peace; where death, life; where tears, joy forevermore. Father, thank you that through these promises you are our stronghold in times of trouble. Now lift up our hearts through the promise of the gospel that we might find comfort in you and worship your great name. 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

Philippians 4:4-7 Rev. Ben Lee

Father in Heaven,

We confess that our lives are often ruled by fear. Rather than turning to you in faith we turn to ourselves or to the world for security and comfort. We forget your acts of faithfulness in the past. We ignore your promises for the future. We mistrust what your word reveals about the kindness of your character and your commitment to your people. Because of these sins we miss opportunities to take joy in our trials, to give a reason for the hope we have, and to do everything for your glory. Father, forgive us of our sins, cleanse of us guilt and shame, and empower us by the Spirit to trust you at all times.

Time of Silent Prayer

The promise of the gospel for fearful believers is that in spite of our sinful fear we belong to God our Savior. We have been redeemed from all sin through the blood of Jesus and he promises to be with us forever. Do not be afraid, but rest in Him. Amen.

God's Promise to Pardon

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Traditional Service Music

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn No. 247

(Click on the blue song title above for a YouTube video with the lyrics in the recording.)

See page 14 for music. Please note that attached sheet music does not match all lyrics and layout of this linked song.

Contemporary Service Music

Thy Mercy, My God (no lyrics in video)

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- 1. Thy mercy, my God,
 Is the theme of my song,
 The joy of my heart
 And the boast of my tongue;
 Thy free grace alone,
 From the first to the last,
 Hath won my affections,
 And bound my soul fast.
- 2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
 Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
 But, through Thy free goodness,
 My spirits revive,
 And He that first made me
 Still keeps me alive.
- 3. Thy mercy is more
 Than a match for my heart,
 Which wonders to feel
 Its own hardness depart;
 Dissolved by Thy goodness,
 I fall to the ground,
 And weep to the praise
 Of the mercy I've found.
- 4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love Of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, And righteousness mine.

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 - Psalm 6

<u>Leader</u>: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. <u>God's People</u>: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

<u>Leader</u>: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? <u>God's People</u>: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

<u>Leader</u>: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

<u>God's People</u>: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

<u>Leader</u>: My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

<u>God's People</u>: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

<u>Leader</u>: The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

<u>God's People</u>: All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

Prayer of Petition Rev. Cam Smith

Gracious God we come to you with a profound sense that this is not the way things are supposed to be. We were not made to distance ourselves from our neighbors. We were not made to be isolated from one another in worship of you. We were not made to fear the future. You made us to live in peace with you and one another forever. We take comfort that you know all our fears and not a hair can fall from our head without you taking notice. You do not take pleasure in suffering but you do take pleasure in comforting us in the midst of it.

Heavenly Father, comfort us as we grieve the loss of so many things. Comfort the graduating seniors who pictured a celebration feast but will experience empty tables. Comfort the anxious and depressed. Comfort those who have been laid off. Comfort the business people faced with hard decisions. Comfort and heal those who are sick or vulnerable to illness during this time.

Lord Jesus we ask that you would give us the faith to love our neighbors as you love us. Give us with the wisdom to know how to serve from a distance and when to draw close. Help us to be generous where we can and accept help where needed. Protect those who are loving their neighbor through works of necessity. Especially keep safe those who are working in health care and food services.

Thank you for bringing us to one mind and spirit though we are not together. Thank you for the pain of separation which reminds us of our oneness in Christ. Thank you for the signs of Spring which point us to your resurrection. Lord would you comfort us in the truth that you are making all things new. Help us to remember that where pain and suffering now exist there will be joy and gladness in the final resurrection.

We pray all these things in the powerful name of Jesus, 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

Online Giving Access

Matthew 6:31-33

Our Tithes and Offerings

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death (lyrics included in video)

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1. What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone in Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hands?

What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves

That bring back us nigh

Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

Chorus

3. Unto the grave what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives! And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord Then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

Traditional Service Music

Were You There?

Hymn No. 260

(Click on the blue song title above for a YouTube video with the lyrics in the recording for vs 1, 2,4 & 5.)

See page 15 for sheet music.

Contemporary Service Music

Oh! Great is Our God (no lyrics in video)

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- 1. 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

How Jesus Builds His Church

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¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, **18** who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

[&]quot;Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

[&]quot;Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

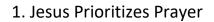
²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

[&]quot;Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



2. Jesus Picks Ordinary People

3. Jesus Gives the Right Perspective of Life

Traditional Service Music

It Is Well With My Soul

Hymn No.691

(Click on the blue song title above for a YouTube video with the lyrics in the recording. Please note that song layout is different from attached hymn sheet)

See page 16 for sheet music.

Contemporary Service Music

O Church Arise (lyrics included in video)

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- 1. O church arise and put your armor on Hear the call of Christ our Captain For now the weak
 Can say that they are strong
 In the strength that God has given
 With shield of faith and belt of truth
 We'll stand against the devil's lies
 An army bold whose battle cry is Love
 Reaching out to those in darkness
- 2. Our call to war
 To love the captive soul
 But to rage against the captor
 And with the sword
 That makes the wounded whole
 We will fight with faith and valor
 When faced with trials on every side
 We know the outcome is secure
 And Christ will have
 The prize for which He died
 An inheritance of nations
- 3. Come see the cross
 Where love and mercy meet
 As the Son of God is stricken
 Then see His foes
 Lie crushed beneath His feet
 For the Conqueror has risen
 And as the stone is rolled away
 And Christ emerges from the grave
 This victory march continues till the day
 Every eye and heart shall see Him
- 4. So Spirit come
 Put strength in every stride
 Give grace for every hurdle
 That we may run
 With faith to win the prize
 Of a servant good and faithful
 As saints of old still line the way
 Retelling triumphs of His grace
 We hear their calls
 And hunger for the day
 When with Christ we stand in glory

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.

Blessed Assurance

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:2



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Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. Is. 53:5 wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down; sa - cred Head, now 2. What 3. What thou, my Lord, hast fered was all for sin - ners' lan - guage shall row to thank thee, dear - est bor scorn-ful round - ed with thorns, thine crown; sur dead - ly gres - sion, but thine the mine, mine was the trans pain. this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? ry, what bliss ior! 'Tis I sa - cred Head, what glo till thine! now was fall, Sav serve thy place; here 1 my thine er; and should faint - ing be, for ev Yet, though de - spised and call thee mine. joy thy grace. fa - vor, vouch - safe look with thy on me to me Lord, let me nev - er, nev er out - live my love to thee.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153 Tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656 Tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830 PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D. Hans Lee Hassler, 1601 Anr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

Were You There?

It was the third hour when they crucified him. Mark 15:25



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It Is Well with My Soul

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7



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