

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church



September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day

Prelude

Meditation in C

John S. Dixon

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Jeff Bryan

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Passing of the Peace**

Gathering Song

Here I Am, Lord
Covenant Choir

(see insert)

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 124:8

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth.

One: Let us pray... Merciful God, in this time of worship, lead and draw our hearts unto your dear Son, that, confessing our sin and weakness, we may receive the grace promised to the weary and heavy-laden; and, being forgiven by his mercy, comforted by his Word, refreshed by his Spirit, and lifted up by his fellowship, we may find in this hour of worship a blessing for our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn #177

I Will Come to You
MacKenzie Hafer, soloist

(see insert)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jane Summey Mullennix

God of mercy, forgive our sins. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our bold and careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. (Silent prayers of confession) We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Hymn #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (see insert)

Responsive Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 1 Martha Purser

Anthem *Keep God's Light* (see insert) Mark Patterson
Chancel Choir

Children's Time

A nursery is available for walkers-three years. Following the Children's Time, children (potty-trained 3-year-olds-2nd grades) are invited to go with their leaders to Kids' Kirk (Scottish for "church"). They may be picked up in Room 105.

Epistle Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sermon Draw Near Rev. Jeff Bryan

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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, forever. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

You may give your gifts to God using the offering stations at the Sanctuary doors or the Welcome Center, by texting OAPC to 73256, through the Church Life mobile app, by mail, online, or in the office.

Hymn #757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (see insert)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *The Kingsfold Trumpet* Alfred V. Fedak

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Hymn Lyrics
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*All who are able, please stand.

Gathering Song

Here I Am, Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Hymn #177

I Will Come to You

I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice;
I claim you as My choice.
Be still, and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in Me.

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,
And all will know My name.

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!

Refrain

***Hymn #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (repeat three times)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Responsive Old Testament Scripture Psalm 1

One: Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

One: They are like trees
planted by streams of water,

**All: which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.**

One: In all that they do, they prosper.

**All: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

One: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**All: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

One: Let us pray... Holy Spirit of Christ, out of true love you have
connected us to yourself, and we are like trees planted by streams of
clean water. Feed our souls with forgiveness, fill our hearts with joy,
and fill our minds with your teaching, that we may bear fruit in every
season of life. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

Anthem

Keep God's Light

Mark Patterson

Refrain: Keep God's light before you; Keep God's truth beside you;
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.

Keep God's peace within you; Feel God's strength defend you;
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.

Hold on in time of sorrow; hold on through days of despair;
Even in the darkest valley God will always be there. (Refrain)

Look now to days of gladness; God's light still shines the way
Never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray, we pray. (Refrain)

Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.

Hold on, hold on; God will show you the way.

***Hymn #757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,

To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword.

To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,

To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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