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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RUF-I SUNDAY
MARCH 14, 2021

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 months to 3 years during the sermon today. We do not offer Stepping Stones at this time.

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Prelude

Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,

vindicated by the Spirit,

seen by angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed on in the world,

taken up in glory.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 22:22-31

In Unison

I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For He has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to Him.
From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

How Great Is Our God

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1. The splendor of a King,
clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
trembles at His voice.

CHORUS

How great is our God! (sing with me)
How great is our God! (and all will see)
How great, how great is our God!

2. Age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end,
Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one:
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God!

CHORUS

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou Art,
how great Thou Art
Then Sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee
how Great Thou Art,
how great Thou Art

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

James 2:1-4

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Ephesians 2:11-13

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 65:1-5

Leader: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

God's People: O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

Leader: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

God's People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

Leader: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,

God's People: the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Before The Throne Of God Above

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1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied.
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless, Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

8:30 AND 11:15 SERVICE

1 Peter 3:8-16

Leader: Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

God's People: Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Leader: For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

God's People: let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

Leader: For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer.

God's People: But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Leader: Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

God's People: But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.

Leader: Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;

God's People: yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

**God's Promise to Hear
Prayer of Petition**

Colossians 4: 2-4

8:30 am Elder Ling Rothrock

11:15 am - Elder Dave Borch

THE WORD OF LIFE

Acts 14:8-23

RUF-International Pastor, Rev. Richard Smith

THE GOSPEL AND CULTURAL CONFUSION

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

I. Paul and Barnabas in Lystra: The Power of the Gospel

II. The Power of the Gospel is Misunderstood

III. Paul and Barnabas' Answer to Gospel Confusion

IV. A Determined Gospel

V. Application

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Application - Psalm 67

In Unison

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one ov'r all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Jude 24-25

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

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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Please tear off this section, write your name on the other side,
and place it in the offering box, or hand it to an usher.

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.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

SPOUSE / CHILDREN'S NAMES

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
- ☐ Offer my info for contact tracing use only

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including what's going on
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