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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023

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, you can use the QR Code to the right, complete 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 offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years and "Stepping Stones" for 3 years - 1st grade during the sermon in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our Church Center system. PLEASE NOTE: children need to be picked up by a parent during the last song. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our ushers or talk to someone at the Welcome Center.

May 7, 2023

Prelude

8:30 - Rick Betts | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Deacon Jim Bennett - *Bellefonte Pledge Update*

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

"Adam stood on his own legs, and therefore he fell; we stand in the strength of Christ. Under the covenant of works, the justice of God, as an avenger of blood, pursues us; but if we get into the covenant of grace we are in the city of refuge, we are safe, and the justice of God is pacified towards us."

- Thomas Watson

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalms 104:1-2, 31-33

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a
garment,

stretching out the heavens like a tent.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they
smoke!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have
being.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #115

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

And Can It Be

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1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

CHORUS

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

CHORUS

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

CHORUS

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ
my own.

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Richard Smith

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Romans 1:18-23

Silent Prayer

Romans 5:18-19

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Hymn #518

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

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1. Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt
Blow through me

And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

2. Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

3. Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary

This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

4. Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured

ENDING

Christ the sure of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

James 5:16

Prayer of Petition

Elder Bill Bonness

God's Promise to Provide

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:15 NEW CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Not in Me

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1. No list of sins I have not done
No list of virtues I pursue
No list of those I am not like
Can earn myself a place with You
O God, be merciful to me
I am a sinner through and through
My only hope of righteousness
Is not in me, but only You

2. No humble dress, no fervent prayer
No lifted hands, no tearful song
No recitation of the truth
Can justify a single wrong
My righteousness is Jesus' life
My debt was paid by Jesus' death
My weary load was borne by Him
And He alone can give me rest

3. No separation from the world
No work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience
Cleanse my hands
I cannot cause my soul to live
But Jesus died and rose again
The power of death is overthrown
My God is merciful to me
And merciful in Christ alone

My righteousness is Jesus' life
My debt was paid by Jesus' death
My weary load was borne by Him
And He alone can give me rest
Yes He alone can give me rest

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 2:6-11; 3:20-24

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE COVENANT OF WORKS

Genesis 2:15-17

^{2:15} The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Romans 2:6-11

^{2:6} He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

Romans 3:20-24

^{3:20} For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Hymn #524

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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CHORUS

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,”
we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
upheld, protected, gathered up.

CHORUS

2. In the dark of night before the dawn,
my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning,
Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

CHORUS

3. Every vow we’ve broken and
betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

CHORUS

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Dan Kiehl

Celebrate the Lord's Supper! Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service. Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before we come to the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 11:28). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be observed in remembrance of Christ, and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor. 11:23-26). If you are a member in good standing of a Bible-believing church, and profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to join in the Lord's Supper. If these conditions do not describe you, but you desire to be admitted to the Table, please contact the Pastor or an Elder after the service to discuss participating in the Lord's Supper. Please note: Due to the dietary concerns of some of our members, our communion bread is gluten-free.

Mercy Fund Offering

Our Deacons will use this offering to meet the material needs in our congregation and the community.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

Hymn #175

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

All Creatures of Our God and King

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1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

3. All the redeemed
washed in His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4. He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will e'er proclaim;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

2 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, May 21, Resurrection OPC Church (1795 W College Ave, State College) will be hosting a combined worship service with other area reformed churches.

Pastor Angelo Valle will be preaching. Service begins at 6:00 pm.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Did you know you can donate your tithes and offerings to Oakwood online? Your generous gifts help provide for the needs of our ministries at a time when the world desperately needs the witness of the church.

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

GET > > > > CONNECTED



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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
- ☐ Get more info about Oakwood

Have a prayer request?

Please complete the other side.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn about ministry events
going on throughout the week,
& learn more about our church online!

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