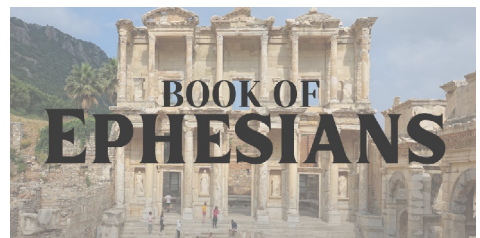


# GROWING BEARING BRANCHING OUT ROOTS



**Oakwood**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 24, 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.

**Get connected** on Church Center: 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](mailto:churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org).



**Children in Worship:** *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.*

**September 24, 2023**

**Prelude**

8:30 – Garrett Banyay | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

**Welcome and Announcements**

Ben Lee - OYM

**Silent Time of Reflection**

Preparing our hearts for worship

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**God's Word of Invitation**

*Isaiah 60:1-3*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

## 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn #168

## 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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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 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

### Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**God's Law**

**Our Prayer of Confession**

**God's Promise to Pardon**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

Silent Prayer

*2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

**8:30 SERVICE MUSIC**

**'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

Hymn #679

**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

## **Responsive Reading - Isaiah 2:2-5**

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

**God's People: and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,**

Leader: and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

**God's People: that He may teach us his ways and that we may walk in His paths."**

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**God's People: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;**

Leader: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

**God's People: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**God's Promise to Hear**

*1 John 3:1-2*

**Prayer of Petition**

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

**God's Promise to Provide**

*1 John 3:16*

**Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

**NEW CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

**God is For Us**

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1. We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley  
With You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge  
Only You can save

**BRIDGE**

Neither height nor depth  
Can separate us  
Hell and death  
Will not defeat us  
He who gave  
His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love

**CHORUS**

Sing with joy now: our God is for us  
The Father's love is a  
Strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our  
God is for us

**CHORUS**

2. Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still  
Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
With never ending grace

**CHORUS**

## 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn #353

## 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 WORD OF LIFE\*

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

## NO LONGER STRANGERS

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



## 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC\*

### The Church's One Foundation

Hymn #347

## 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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1. How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

2. Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon He has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

3. Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed

4. Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed  
He rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that Cross

### ENDING

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that Cross  
It was finished upon that Cross  
It was finished upon that Cross

# THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## **God's Promise of Blessing**

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

## **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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## OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Online giving is available by going to  
[www.oakwoodpca.org/give](http://www.oakwoodpca.org/give)

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## I WOULD LIKE TO:

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

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- ☐ Add my info to the directory
- ☐ Get more info about Oakwood

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

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