



OAKLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROOTED IN CHRIST

Glorify God · Make Disciples · Change the World

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

COME TO
me
All who
ARE
WEARY & LADEN
HEAVY LADEN
AND I WILL
GIVE
you
rest
Matt 11:28

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

WE APPROACH GOD

Introit

Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin

Call to Worship

L: It's a great day to be here.

P: **There are so many things we can do to serve the Lord.**

L: Just listen for God's call to you. Let God guide your life.

P: **We are willing to open our lives to God's service.**

L: Come, let's worship and celebrate God's good news for us.

P: **Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with joy.**

*Hymn (No 461 Blue)

God Is Here

Fred Pratt Green

*Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious Lord, we have at times believed that to be a Christian is have no struggle, to be always happy, to be spiritually strong, and obedient to your commandments. We think that holiness is all about being perfect, so we get prideful when we succeed and shamed when we inevitably fail. And we use this same standard in judging others. Forgive us for how we have reduced your love to legalism. Send your Spirit to loosen our grip on our lives, and grow in our assurance of your grace. (*Time of silent confession*)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Act of Praise

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be: How marvelous!

How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

*Passing of Peace

Ordination/Installation of New Officers

Rev. Sumey/Clerk of the Session

Anthem

I See, I Hear, I Know

Courtney

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 11: 25-30

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Sermon

Mythbusters - Part 6: Your problems go away if you're a Christian.

Rev. Craig M. Sumey

*Hymn (No 591 Brown)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Adelaide A. Pollard

*Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism Q115

Leader: Since no one in this life can obey God's commands perfectly, why does God want them taught and preached?

People: We believe that God's commands helps us, the longer we live, to know our sinfulness and all the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness and restoration.

We also believe that we are called to never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God's image. Obeying God makes us more of a blessing to God, ourselves, and others.

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND DEDICATION

Call to Prayer

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Response to Prayer

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

Offering

It is Well with My Soul

Lloyd Larson

*Doxology

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

Robert L. Edwards

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn (No 276 Blue)

Great Is Their Faithfulness

Thomas Obediah Chisholm

Benediction

*Congregational Response

*God be with you til we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you.
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you til we meet again.*

Jeremiah Eames Rankin

Postlude

A Festal Postlude

John G. Barr

**Those who are able may stand when led to do so by worship leaders.*

Serving Today:

Director of Music: Jennifer Hunt
Accompanist: Diane Flagler
Lay Reader: Laurie Martin
Tech: Travis Nornhold

Special Concerns

At Home:

Elaine Berry, Jocelyn Gardner, Don Hickman, Phyllis Holbert, Clarence Hurt, Dominic Jamanila, Bill O'Doniel, Al Passwater, Lorraine Renaud

Assisted Care/Rehab:

Clermont Rehab: Janet Jackson, Rev. Stan Matthews
Madison: Tom Edwards
Golden Pond: Dina Asma
Solaris: Donald MacCorquodale
Sonata West: Peggy Lombardo, Jeanne Hinson
Superior Residences: Bill McMasters

Active Duty Military:

Christopher Barth, Jordan Berry, Nick Brock, Thomas Burbank, Rachel Chiles, Whitney and Patrick Greaney, Greg Jamanila, Nick Joiner, Caleb Spence, Carl Wingard, Nick Wozniak

Remember in Prayer:

Peggy Smith, John Hawthorne



The flowers on display in worship this morning are from the Eastlings in celebration of their 16th Anniversary and Eily's 15th Birthday.