



**OAKLAND**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROOTED IN CHRIST

*Glorify God · Make Disciples · Change the World*

**October 3, 2021**

19th Sunday after Pentecost

**11:00 A.M.**



**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Prelude

*Christians, While on Earth Abiding*

Ben Logan

Welcome and Announcements

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Introit

*Restoration*

Heather Sorenson

Call to Worship

L: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

**P: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.**

L: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

**P: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.**

L: Come, bring your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

**P: Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.**

\*Hymn (No 276 Blue)

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Obediah Chisholm

\*Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Gracious Lord, the world shifts and moves under our feet every day, yet we often fail to cling to that which is unchanging: your strength, your love, and your gracious plan for our lives. We admit to you that we get distracted and overwhelmed by changes, and our grief can consume our hope. Instead of seeking and finding your will, we resist, overcommit, and take our cues from those who are no wiser than we are. Send your Spirit to help us hear your voice in the midst of the whirlwind, we pray. (*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

Anthem

*O Come and Mourn*

Hal Hopson

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

**Joel 1: 8-11**

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Sermon

Change Unchanging Part 1: MOURN

Rev. Craig M. Sumey

\*Hymn (No 363 Blue)

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Isaac Watts

\*Affirmation of Faith - based on 1 Peter 5:6-11

We believe that when we are overwhelmed and grieving, we will be lifted up by God's hand. We can cast all our anxieties on the Lord, because he cares for us. We can resist temptation and despair, because we know that we are a part of family of believers enduring persecution with hope and joy. We believe that through our season of mourning God will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast, because of his great power.

### 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

*Amen*

Offering

*His Strength is Perfect*

Steven Curtis Chapman

\*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 705 Brown)

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Horatio G Spafford

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

*The Solid Rock*

Edward Broughton

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

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Serving Today:

Director of Music: Jeremy Morada  
Accompanist: Diane Flagler  
Lay Reader: Connie King  
Tech: Travis Nornhold

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**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 Don MacCorquodale in memory of Susan.