



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

Longing to Know and Make Known
The Astonishing Grace of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 27, 2020

Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today. Oak Hills is a church of broken people who have been redeemed, and astonished, by God's abundant and free grace offered in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In everything we do, we aim to unpack the greatness and implications of that gospel. In this gospel we encounter two powerful truths that shape our entire lives and relationship with God: we are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, and we are more accepted and loved than we ever dared hope. Our prayer is that these gospel truths would shape us into a community and fellowship worth joining. May you be satisfied in fresh ways today through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love the chance to get to know you. Please fill out the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. We trust that you will find Oak Hills to be a warm community of people eager to care for you. Let us know if you have any questions.

Welcome to the season of the Spirit! Of course, the Spirit is active all year round and we are dependent on the Spirit for all of our spiritual vitality. Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, however, up until Advent is the season of the Spirit. During this time, Christians around the world reflect on what it looks like to live life by the Spirit. The apostle Paul commends the Spirit to the church multiple times:

Romans 8:13 *If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Galatians 5:16 *Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

Ephesians 5:18 *Be filled with the Spirit.*

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

I pray that through the ministry of the Word and Sacrament today you would yield more and more to the Spirit's work in your life.

–Pastor Dale

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Jesus thus teaches all future Christian workers, too – God the Father is in charge of all pastoral, teaching, evangelistic, and missionary successes and of all seeming failures (as here) too; this sovereign Father will see to it that Jesus and his people will always have a supply of people “whom the Father *is giving* [us]; and they *will come*” to us. Belief in the real sovereignty of God can greatly relax the Christian people and relieve them of a too statistical way of thinking and from all statistic-accompanying anxieties. God is alive and in charge of his Church’s mission, as Jesus himself is teaching all future disciples here in this remarkable paragraph and chapter.

From Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Gospel of John: A Commentary*, page 413.

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

The Call to Worship
is God's invitation to
us. Biblical worship is
a dialogue with God
where he initiates,
calls, and draws us by
his grace and we
respond in praise,
humility,
thanksgiving, and
faith.

Congregation reads
bold print.

CALL TO WORSHIP - From Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

We respond to God's
call with prayer,
inviting him to
minister to us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image, in Christ you reveal to us your love, and through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers; we bow in gratitude before you.

We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.

We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.

We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.

Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Immortal Invisible

God of Wonders

All Creatures Of Our God And King

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-8)

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

WORDS: WALTER CHALMERS SMITH (1867), MUSIC: WELSH FOLK TUNE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

GOD OF WONDERS

WORDS: MARC BYRD AND STEVE HINDALONG (2000)

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

Chorus

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy

Chorus

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

WORDS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1225), TRANS. WILLIAM DRAPER (1910)
MUSIC: "LASST UNS ERFREUEN" (1623), ARR. RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1906)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising dawn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Encounter God's Astonishing Grace

Confession is a normal and essential part of our relationship with God. Humility and honesty about our sin is welcome and safe in the presence of God.

See Psalm 51:17;
Isaiah 57:15; & 1
John 1:9.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

The Good News of
Jesus Christ is that we
are forgiven of our sin
by faith in Christ's
substitution for us on
the cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

This Is My Father's World
(LYRICS ON PAGE 11)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Stephen Sprague

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

WORDS: MALTBIE BABCOCK (1901), MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH MELODY

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and around me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light and the lily white declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world; O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Know God's Astonishing Grace

We believe the Scriptures are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life. If you are able, we invite you to stand in honor of God's Word.

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

SCRIPTURE READING - John 6:35-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE - Pastor Dale Thiele
John: That You May Believe
I Am the Bread of Life

Sovereign Grace Underpinnings

The Grumbling Trap

Come and Believe

Questions for
Further Study or
Group Discussion:

1. Read John 6:35-51.

Jesus' statement, "I am the bread of life," is one of his best known and loved from the gospels.

What have you learned about this statement? What do you love about it?

2. Consider verses 37

& 44. What is Jesus explaining in these verses? The word "grace" is not used in this context, but explain how these verses teach grace.

3. Why do the Jews grumble in verse 41? How are they blind to grace? How are you blind to grace?

4. What is the invitation of this passage? Why is it so simple?

5. How can we reconcile God's sovereignty (emphasized in v. 37 & 44) with human responsibility to believe? What comforts does God's sovereign grace give to you?

Memory Verse of the Week:

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (ESV)

Experience God's Astonishing Grace

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a symbolic meal for Christians. As part of our preparation to receive the bread and the cup, we profess our hope in Christ out loud. We join with Christians throughout history and the world in making such a profession.

In his Last Supper before crucifixion, Jesus commanded his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. By partaking of the bread and cup, you are proclaiming hope in this salvation and, by faith, enjoy fellowship with Christ (see 1 Cor. 10:16). The bread and cup are signs and seals of God's covenant promises to forgive our sin and make us new in Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Satisfied

(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

SATISFIED

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within

Chorus:

Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved

Feeding on the filth around me
Till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on

Chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Chorus

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me

Chorus 2x

Go and Make Known God's Astonishing Grace

God has blessed us by
graciously inviting us
to worship and by
reminding us of his
astonishing grace in
Jesus Christ. We end
our service with a
reminder of God's
promises to bless us
throughout our week.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

The Solid Rock

WORDS: EDWARD MOTE (1834), MUSIC: WILLIAM BRADBURY (1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus 2x

BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Oak Hills (in person or virtually) we're glad you are with us! We'd love to hear from you so we can connect and follow up. We're here to serve and care for all. [Use this form to introduce yourself to us](#) or fill out a visitor slip found at the back of the bulletin.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

October 18, 10:30am at [West Flanders Park](#)

Mark your calendars for our next outdoor worship service.

LIFE GROUPS HAVE KICKED OFF

It is not too late to get plugged in. All groups are open to new members and are studying the book, *Gospel Love*. Contact Pastor Dale for more information (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com).

FOR THE MEN

Men's Gathering - Monday, September 28, 6pm at [Stew Terry's](#)

Potluck dinner, devotional, and MNF with the Chiefs! Watch for more details.

Theology & Beer - Monday, October 12, 8:30pm at [Barley's Kitchen + Tap](#)

FOR THE WOMEN

Women's Retreat - Saturday, October 10

Women of Oak Hills, let's join together for some God-centered connection! We would love to have you join in our women's retreat — *Connection: Answering the Call to Reflect God's Image — Together*. Plan for learning from the Word, games, small groups and a whole lot more surprises to build some bridges in this crazy 2020. The retreat will be on Zoom, followed by an outdoor, socially-distanced evening fellowship (additional details coming). Contact [Madison Sprague](#) or [Suzanna Stagemeyer](#) with questions.

FOR THE YOUTH

Kid360 - Wednesday, September 30, Virtual at 5pm, and in person at 7pm at Church

OH, Youth! Fun Night - Wednesday, October 21st, 7pm at Incredible Pizza

You don't want to miss this one. We'll meet at incredible pizza for the all-you-can-eat buffet, and then hit the games and arcade. Pickup is between 9 and 9:30pm (doors close at 9:30).

Cost is \$10 a person; invite friends! Let Pastor [Stephen](#) know if you have any questions.

Join Us in Longing to Know and Make Known the Astonishing Grace of God

THE VISION OF OAK HILLS

"...that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

Be a part of what God is doing at Oak Hills. He calls us "oaks," which means we are...

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL

Sunday Mornings – The ordinary means of grace, the Word and Sacrament, in the context of weekly worship feeds us in God's grace.

Study the Bible with Others – Whether it is a men's or women's or age-specific study, or one of our Adult Christian Education classes, studying God's Word with brothers and sisters sharpens our understanding of the gospel.

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

Church Gatherings – God saves us into a community, his church. Know and be known in our community by coming to one of our regular gatherings.

Life Groups – Go deeper in knowing and being known by joining a Life Group for regular fellowship and prayer. Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

Membership – Members commit to be faithful contributors to the mission and vision of Oak Hills. The *Getting Acquainted Luncheon* is the first step toward membership (offered periodically). Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Serve the Church – The church builds itself up when each part is serving and contributing. Look for ways to serve, whether volunteering with children's ministry, joining the worship team or serving in some other way.

Serve Your Community – You are an ambassador for Christ wherever you live or study or work. How can you love others well, meet needs, and share the gospel?

Communication is important for any relationship. We send weekly emails and periodic text message announcements. Contact Gerie Owens (gerieowens@oakhillspca.com) to sign up.

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
June 2020	\$24,790	\$20,624	\$23,033	\$252
June YTD	\$117,782	\$120,532	\$138,198	\$2,527

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the space below.

I/We would like:

- to talk to a pastor about becoming a Christian
- to join Oak Hills
- info on Sunday School
- info on Children's Ministries
- a call from the pastor
(Best time: _____)
- info on Discovering Oak Hills Seminar
- info on Life Groups
- info on Student Ministries
- info on Men's Ministries
- info on Women's Ministries
- other: _____
- Check if you do not want to receive emails from Oak Hills

Thanks for Visiting Us Today!
We are glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out this card and help us to know and serve you better. Just drop it in the offering basket.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Children (Name/Age/Grade): _____

How did you learn of us? _____

Please check all that apply:

- Youth
- 18-21
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50+
- First time guest
- Repeat guest
- Regular attender
- Member

THIS WEEK AT OAK HILLS

September 28 - October 4

Monday, September 28

Men's Gathering @ 6pm at [Stew Terry's Home](#)

Tuesday, September 29

No Meetings

Wednesday, September 30

Virtual Kid360 @ 5-6pm

Kid360 & OH, Youth! @ 7pm at Church

Thursday, October 1

No Meetings

Friday, October 2

Men's Bible Study @ 6:30am at [Panera](#) (11401 College)

Saturday, October 3

No Meetings

Sunday, October 4

Sunday Morning Worship @ 9am & 10:45am; John:

That You May Believe: *Offensive Words of Eternal Life*,

John 6:52-71; Pastor Dale Preaching (In-Person and Live

Stream); The Lord's Supper Served



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