



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

Longing to Know and Make Known
The Astonishing Grace of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 19, 2021

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

Why were they more terrified in the calm than they were in the storm? Because Jesus was as unmanageable as the storm itself. The storm had immense power—they couldn't control it.

Jesus had infinitely more power, so they had even less control over him. But there's a huge difference. A storm doesn't love you. Nature is going to wear you down, destroy you. If you live a long time, eventually your body will give out and you'll die. And maybe it will happen sooner—through an earthquake, a fire, or some other disaster. Nature is violent and overwhelming—it's unmanageable power, and it's going to get you sooner or later.

You may say, that's true, but if I go to Jesus, he's not under my control either. He lets things happen that I don't understand. He doesn't do things according to my plan, or in a way that makes sense to me. But if Jesus is God, then he's got to be great enough to have some reasons to let you go through things you can't understand. His power is unbounded, but so are his wisdom and his love.

Nature is indifferent to you, but Jesus is filled with untamable love for you. If the disciples had really known that Jesus loved them, if they had really understood that he is both powerful and loving, they would not have been scared. Their premise, that if Jesus loved them he wouldn't let bad things happen to them, was wrong. He can love somebody and still let bad things happen to them, because he is God—because he knows better than they do.

*From Timothy Keller, *Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God*, pages 57-58.*

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

PRELUDE

Tess and John Buckley

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

We praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Indescribable

Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)

God Of Wonders

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-8)

INDESCRIBABLE

WORDS AND MUSIC: LAURA STORY AND JESSE REEVES (2004)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus:

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus 2x

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God

REJOICE IN ALL YOUR WORKS (PSALM 104)

WORDS AND MUSIC: WENDELL KIMBROUGH (2014)

Every mouth that cries for food
Every lung that yearns for breath
Every eye that searches through the dark for light
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

Chorus:

Oh rejoice in all your works
King of heaven, King of earth
Every creature you have made declares your praise
We rejoice in all you've made
God of all-sustaining grace
With the mountains, sky and sea we sing your praise

Every tree that thirsts for rain
Every bird that seeks its nest
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

Chorus

May the ponderings of my heart
And the song upon my lips
With the chorus of creation join in praise
To the God who made all things
To the Spirit who sustains
To the Son who over all creation reigns

Chorus

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

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 have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a holy, just, and humble life, to the glory of his holy name. 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

Galatians 3:10-14

All who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Thy Works Alone
(LYRICS ON PAGE 11)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bret Willoughby

THY WORKS ALONE

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR (1871), ALT. AJ HARBISON (2016)
MUSIC AND ADDITIONAL WORDS: AJ HARBISON (2016)

Thy works alone, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to my heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fears depart.

Thy pains alone, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my wounded soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole.

Chorus:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
In you my sin-bound soul is free;
You paid the debt I could not pay;
And I will sing forevermore
Of what Jesus has done for me.

Thy cross alone, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God.

Chorus

Thy righteousness, not mine, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is from thee.

Chorus 2x

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 - Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Memory Verse of the
Week:

Mark 4:40 He said to
them, “Why are you
so afraid? Have you
still no faith?”
(ESV)

MESSAGE - Rev. Tim Elliott
Living in the Storm

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

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church*. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* “one holy catholic and apostolic Church” refers to the universal church in all places, at all times

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Stricken Smitten And Afflicted

(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Doxology

WORDS: THOMAS KEN (1674), MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1551)

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

STRICKEN SMITTEN AND AFFLICTED

WORDS: THOMAS KELLY (1804), MUSIC: GERMAN MELODY (1850), ARR. FERNANDO ORTEGA

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

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

Amazing Grace

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON (1779), MUSIC: TRADITIONAL

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

This earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine!

BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Oak Hills (in person or virtually) we're glad you are with us! [Use this form to introduce yourself to us](#) or fill out a visitor slip found at the back of the bulletin.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday October 6 @ 7pm at Church and [Google Meet](#)

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OAK HILLS LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 10, Noon

Anyone interested in learning more about Oak Hills and membership is invited to join us for this luncheon. Food will be catered. Please RSVP to [Gerie Owens](#).

FOR THE MEN

OH Man Mondays! - Monday, September 20 @ 8pm at [Andy VandenHull's](#)

Men's Gathering - Monday, October 11, 6pm at [Stew Terry's](#)

All men are invited to join us for a great night of food and fellowship. Watch for more details. Please RSVP to [Stewart](#) (913.475.3034) so that he can notify the front gate.

FOR THE WOMEN

Bible Study - Wednesday, September 22 @ 9:15am & Thursday, September 23 @ 7:30pm

There is a choice of two times for the same study - every other Wednesday morning (9:15-11:30am), or Thursday evening (7:30-9pm). The morning study has childcare and meets at the church. The pm study meets at [Panera Bread](#). Contact [Lindsey Layzell](#) or [Eleanor Call](#) for more details. This study is just starting so there's still time to join!

FOR THE YOUTH

OH, Youth! - Wednesday, September 22 @ 7pm at Church

Kid360 Fun Night - Wednesday, September 22 @ 7pm at Church

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
July 2021	\$17,772	\$19,536	\$23,068	\$350
July YTD	\$126,522	\$141,217	\$161,476	\$1,559

YOU'RE UP!

See if you are on an Oak Hills Crew next Sunday.

September 26, 2021

Deacon of the Week: Mason Welsh

Greeters: Kurt Heinbach, Pauline Heinbach

Nursery: Kristi Fender, Eleanor Harbison

Outdoor Team: Thiele Team

Promiseland: Tess/Michael Buckley, Lindsey Layzell

Prayer: Bill Burns

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 20-26

Monday, September 20

OH Man Mondays! @ 8pm at Andy VandenHull's

Tuesday, September 21

Virtual Deacon Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday, September 22

Women's Bible Study @ 9:15 at Church

OH, Youth! @ 7pm at Church

Kid360 Fun Night @7pm at Church

Thursday, September 23

Women's Bible Study @ 7:30pm at Panera (SM Pkwy)

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

No Meetings

Sunday, September 26

Sunday School for All Ages @ 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; John: That You May Believe, *Love and Joy*, John 15:1-11, Pastor Dale Thiele (In-Person and Live Stream), The Lord's Supper Served

