

Caring for God's Creation



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
May 1, 2022 Worship
Earth Sunday
Invest in Our Planet

Order of Worship

Prelude

Matt Wauchope

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Call to Worship

John Baldwin

Like Job in the whirlwind, or Jonah in the storm at sea, we come before you in awe of your power, God. We recognize that today's storms and whirlwinds are not your judgment on your people, but the distortion of natural systems through our own sin and hubris. As the storms and whirlwinds of the climate crisis accelerate around us, may our sanctuary be a place of refuge and resilience, where all of God's creation might be protected and sustained, and from which we, People of God, might be sent forth to bring healing and justice

Invocation

Margie Ashe

Prayers for the World

For all those around the world who have lost their homes, livelihoods, or communities to the climate crisis and to raging wars.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nonhuman siblings whose habitats are destroyed by the effects of greed and accumulation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For decision-makers, that their choices might create a more beautiful, whole, resilient world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own church, that we might be bearers of hope and resilience in our community, a place of refuge in the midst of crisis and disaster.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil Frances Alexander

Refrain:

the Lord God made them all.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,

OUR HUMANITY

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Responsive Reading (Taken from the Psalms)

Peter Ward

Reader: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

All: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Grant us courage to act as your hands and feet.**

Reader: God covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

All: **We ask forgiveness as more of your world is wounded, as people suffer, as species die.**

Reader: You made people rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

Passing of the Peace

Peter Ward

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Suzette Gooch

Old Testament Reading:

Job 12:7-10 ESV

Anthem

Hear Our Prayer

Introduction of Speaker

Dorrie Toney

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 4:2 ESV

Hermina Glass-Hill

Sermon:

SOS! Canary in the Coal Mine

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Fred Kaan/Doreen Potter

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,

love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayers of the People

Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3790

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Tithes and Offerings

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Hymn of Praise

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises

Grindall

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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1. Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread;
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. [Refrain]

2. Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt;

strong in faith, free of doubt,
tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain

Doxology - Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
Praise Triune God, whom we adore

Call to Action

Anna Bennett

“Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world.” – Dolores Huerta

Introduction of Representative from Chattahoochee Nature Center

Micah Lipscomb

Remarks about our visitor – the owl

Mary Etta Gregory

Sending Song

God of the Sparrow

Vajda/Schalk

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Benediction

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Worship Leaders today include:

Hermina Glass-Hill, Speaker; Rev. Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor,
Matt Wauchope, Musician; EarthCare Team, Liturgists

We welcome Hermina Glass-Hill, Field Rep. GA Oceana Staff to our pulpit today. As Oceana’s Georgia Field Representative, Hermina builds on-the-ground support for Oceana’s U.S. campaigns in the coastal state of Georgia. She is a woman of great honors and work. Please find more about her [here](#)



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Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, May 3

6:00 pm Gospel Choir -virtual- Contact Rev. Dr. [Lisa Allen-McLaurin](#)

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 am Liturgical Arts

4:30-5:30 pm Racial Justice Vigil - Stand with others who know Black Lives Matter

7:30 pm Chancel Choir-virtual - Contact [Matthew Wauchope](#)

Thursday, May 5

10:30 am Prayer Group - Contact Rev. [Heather Chase](#) for more information

6:30 pm Session by Zoom

Saturday, May 7

10-11:00 am Racial Justice Vigil - Stand with others who believe Black Lives Matter

7:00 pm Creation Wise Team meeting - contact Kathy Hancock

Sunday, May 8

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Oakhurst Needs You

Though we started the year in a great financial situation our church building has cost us tremendously in the first quarter. Due to on-going deferred maintenance we have been forced to spend \$125,000.

We are still in need of additional work in and around the building. Please consider pledging an additional amount or giving to the building fund today. See links below. Thank you for your support of mission and ministry at Oakhurst.

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