



**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
May 8, 2022 Worship**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Heather Chase

Frig 99 - Brady Bennett, Outreach Session Liaison

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Dawson

Though the way seems long and the road rough

Yet will we trust the One who leads us.

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.

It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord. AMEN.

From Ministry Matters, 4th Sunday of Easter Year A

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Faith of Our Mothers

1. Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

4. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death

OUR HUMANITY

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Rev. Heather Chase

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Kathy Dawson

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 23

Anthem

Safe in His Arms

New Testament Reading:

John 10:22-30

Rev. Heather Chase

Sermon:

My Sheep Follow Me

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3791

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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Song of Praise

Just Wanna Praise You

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

Final Blessing

Sending Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Worship Leaders today include:

Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor;
Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Musician; Rev. Kathy Dawson, Liturgist

Call to Worship #4 from Ministry Matters, 4th Sunday of Easter Year A
Prayer of Confession by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

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Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 8

10:00-10:40 am Children Education in Fellowship Hall

10:00-10:45 am Adult Education in classroom on second floor- AAPI

Tuesday, May 10

11:00 am Hope Circle in Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, May 11

10:00 am Liturgical Arts

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - zoom

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 12

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

1:00 pm Centennial Team meeting

Saturday, May 14

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

2:00 pm Service for Ann Dunivin

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

Sunday, May 15

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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