



**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
Asian American Pacific Islanders Heritage Month
May 22, 2022 Worship**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Heather Chase

Call to Worship (words from Hymn 387 - Let us Come to Worship God, I-to Loh)

Let us come to worship God, bless the holy name.

Enter God's house with thanks and reverence for the Lord is good.

God's love endures forever. Let us sing and praise the Lord.

Make a joyful noise, sing to the Rock of our Salvation.

The Lord is full of grace and love for all. Praise the Lord.

Invocation

Opening Hymn

We Come to You for Healing, Lord #796

Stuempfle

OUR HUMANITY

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Heather Chase

Gracious God,
we confess that we have failed our Asian American and Pacific Islander siblings.
We have bought into the “model minority” and “honorary white” myth
while treating our siblings as perpetual foreigners.
We fail to learn about the many different peoples, cultures, and nations
you have created and you love.
We fail to seek out and tell the stories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
in our schools, colleges, seminaries, and churches.

Forgive us, God.
Forgive our neglect and indifference.
Forgive our stereotyping, prejudice, and racism.
Forgive us for making our Asian American and Pacific Islander siblings invisible.

Inspire us to turn around,
to build connections,
to stop “othering” our siblings,
to embrace one another in love,
and to make your beloved Asian American and Pacific Islander children visible.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer of Pardon - Embodied Prayer of Healing

Rev. Heather Chase

At a protest against anti-Asian racism, Black and Asian ministers shared stories of embodied hurt and a form of an embodied movement as non-verbal gestures of healing and blessing. In solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander siblings in Christ, I invite you to join me in this embodied blessing and healing.

Take a deep breath. Exhale.

Place hands on heart.

Bow.

Bow.

Look around.

Cup hands to ears.

Fold arms across chest.

Open hands, palm up, with a breath.

Touch your heart with one hand and extend the other hand to another person.

Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 67

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May God Bless You and Keep You

Anthem

Revelation 19:1

LaValley

New Testament Reading: John 5:1-9 Alfred Appiah

Sermon: Why are you here? Alfred Appiah

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3791 Rev. Heather Chase

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

You may give online at oakhurstpcusa.org/give ~ PayPal oakhurstpcusa@gmail.com ~ CashApp \$oakhurstpcusa ~ Mail 118 2nd Ave. Decatur, GA 30030.

Song of Praise Hallelujah, You're Worthy to Be Praised

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: Alfred Appiah, Preacher;
Rev. Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor; Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor;
Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen McLaurin, Musician**

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Prayer of Confession by [THE REV. DR. GRACE JI-SUN KIM](#)

Embodied Blessing created by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity for an anti-Asian violence protest in Oakland, Calif. on February 13-14, 2021. Asian and black leaders and the entire community gathered embodied this blessing for healing.

Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 22

10:00-10:40 am Children Education on Playground

10:00-10:45 am Adult Education in classroom , Coffee Talk in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 23

6:00 pm Rev. Barbee's Class - Antiracist Practices for Faithful Leadership seminar, [registration required](#). [Zoom](#)

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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 26

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

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

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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