



**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
July 10, 2022 Worship 11:00 am**

Order of Worship

Prelude

Mr. Michael Gordon

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Call to Worship

Rev. Heather Chase

We have come into this house of worship to listen for and to the Spirit
Lord, we need a word from you.

We seek your direction when we often feel that we don't have what we need.

Lord, we come with open hearts to receive your direction.

We admit that it is often difficult to walk in total faith.

Lord, we know that you are "the author and perfecter of our faith."

We come today out of faith, trust, hope, and love.

Help us to consider those enduring oppositions from sinful beings, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart as we seek your will for our lives, starting today, now.

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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OUR HUMANITY

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Rev. Heather Chase

Dear Creator God, we confess that in our humanity our faith and hope grows dim from time to time. We confess that when we don't have everything we think we need to get something done we often fall short and make excuses for not doing the work that you have asked us to do. We confess that we want details of a plan before we can trust it though we profess our faith in you. Forgive us for wanting to have total power over our lives and that often translates into having

power over others. Help us in our unbelief and transform us into disciples with willing spirits to do your will, your way. In Jesus' name, Amen

Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Patty Bonner

First Reading: Exodus 4:10-17 & Exodus 5:1-9

Anthem No Weapon Formed Against Me Fred Hammond

Second Reading: Exodus 5:10-22 Rev. Amantha Barbee

Sermon: Coming Out of the Dark (part 2)

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3791

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 I'm Expecting Great Things Preashea Hilliard

Doxology p. 608 - Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.
Sweet Holy Spirit. Sweet heavenly dove.

Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

**Worship Leaders today include: Rev. Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor;
Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor; Mr. Michael Gordon, Guest Musician;
Patty Bonner, Liturgist**

We welcome Michael Gordon to our worship leadership this morning. Michael is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and was educated in Metropolitan Nashville where he ultimately received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Tennessee State University. You can learn more about Michael [here](#)

Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, July 10

11:00 am Worship - Part 2 of our Summer Series 'Coming Out of the Dark.' Rev. Barbee preaching.

5:30 pm - All Youth Pool Party at RSVP to [Rev. Heather Chase](#)

Monday, July 11

6:00 pm Anti Racism Leadership Practices with [Rev. Amantha Barbee](#)

Wednesday, July 13

12:00pm Staff Meeting

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

Thursday, July 14

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

1:00 pm Centennial Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 17

11:00 am Worship Centennial Celebration with Rev. Nibs Stoupe and Rev Caroline Leach

2:00 pm New Members/ Seekers Class - RSVP to [Rev. Heather Chase](#)

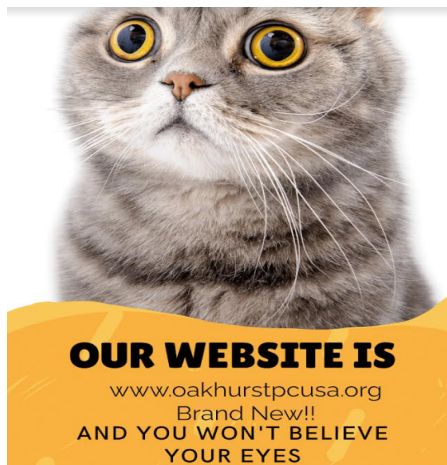
2:00 pm Membership 102, Digging Deeper - RSVP to [Rev. Amantha Barbee](#)

Check out the calendar on OneChurch to get more upcoming events

<https://oakhurstpcusa.onechurchsoftware.com/events/calendar?month=10&year=2021>

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Oakhurst PCUSA has a new WEBSITE



A LITANY OF REPENTANCE
(UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AT PCUSA-GA225 for white Presbyterians 7/6/22)

As white Christians we repent of our complicity in the belief in white supremacy: the belief that people of European descent are superior in intelligence, skills, imagination, and perseverance. We acknowledge that this belief in white supremacy has been the foundation of, and an excuse for, atrocities against people of African descent in the United States and in the world.

We repent of our failure to recognize and take responsibility for the legacy of slavery.

We repent of the injustice, pain, humiliation, and suffering imposed on African Americans by our ancestors and ourselves through actions and inaction. We repent of our complicity in failing to act in mutual loving relationship.

We repent of closing our eyes to the degradation and injustice forced upon African Americans who were enslaved, segregated, terrorized, and imprisoned.

We repent of covering our ears to the crying of families torn apart, to the sound of human flesh being struck, while songs of freedom and heavenly grace flow from our lips.

We repent that we have failed as an institution and as individuals to use our voices to abhor and end lynching, segregation, and racial profiling. We regret our generations of silence on these issues so that we could maintain a comfortable life in our churches, homes, and communities.

We repent of shutting our hearts to the experiences of fellow humans whose stories of pain, suffering, hardship, struggle, love, and joy mirror our own life journeys, yet are deprived of privilege and marred by racism. We have turned our backs and walked away pretending not to see, yet we saw, pretending not to know, yet we knew, and convincing ourselves that we were not complicit, yet we are.

We now know that we as white Christians have benefited directly and indirectly from these injustices. We name ourselves as complicit and repent.

Finally, we repent of our violent actions to suppress Black agency. African Americans, since the time of slavery, have actively pursued their freedom ... built this country ... laid foundational structures ... and demonstrated their capacity to fully participate in the construction of this American society in spite of white supremacy.

As repentance means turning and going the other way, with Christ's help we seek to do so. At the same time, we commit ourselves to walking with people of African descent toward the goal of healing, reconciliation, and eliminating racism as we seek to dismantle white privilege.



OAKHURST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH(USA) WELCOMES

NEW YORK HANDBELL RINGERS



JULY 29 2022
AT 7:00 PM

118 2ND
AVENUE,
DECATUR, GA
30030



This choir is made up of dedicated teens and adults ringing six-octave Schulmerich bells and seven-octave Malmark chimes under the direction of Scott Munson and Eiko Shimazu Cornelius, respectively. Their goal is always to be the very best ambassadors possible by upholding the motto of Handbell Ringers of America, "uniting people through a musical art".

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