



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
July 17, 2022 Worship

Order of Worship

Prelude

Largo
Tommy Teaver

Antonin Dvorak

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

give God glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come crying to you.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

Let us sing praises to your name!

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Guide My Feet # 741

Wendell P. Whalum

100th Anniversary Focus

Kathy Hill

OUR HUMANITY

Litany of Repentance & Pardon

(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.

Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Amantha Barbee

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Anthem

Surely Goodness and Mercy

Alan & Lily Ashe

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon:

From Many Branches, One Tree

Rev. Caroline Leach
Rev. Nibs Stoupe

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Baptismal Hymn

Baptized In Water # 482

Baptism - Amaya Denise Murray, Daughter of Ashley Giles and Curtis Murray

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3790 or use the "Green Sheets" in the window sills and return to the baskets when completed

Tithes and Offerings

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

3rd Sunday Hunger Offering Collection - please add your offering to the plate as it is passed with a note on your check or gift to signify it is for Hunger offering.

Doxology p. 608 - Prayer of Thanksgiving

Final Blessing

Sending Song	My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout # 100	Rory Cooney
Postlude	Thanks Be to Thee	George F. Handel

Worship Leaders today include: Rev. Nibs Stroupe, Rev. Caroline Strope, Preaching; Rev. Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor; Tommy Teavor, Lilly and Alan Ashe, Musicians

This morning we welcome Rev. Caroline Leach and Rev. Nibs Stroupe to share in worship today.

The Rev. Caroline Leach: This the 50th anniversary of Caroline's graduation from Columbia Seminary. She was the 21st woman ordained as a pastor in the former PCUS church. She was associate pastor here at Oakhurst from 1984 until her retirement in 2012. She and Nibs are authors of "O Lord, Hold Our Hands: How a Church Thrives in a Multicultural World." She and Nibs were awarded Atlanta Church Women United's Human Rights Award in 2017.

The Rev. Nibs Stroupe: Nibs was ordained as a pastor in 1975. He was a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War and did his alternative service 1970-72. He served as pastor of Oakhurst from 1983 until his retirement in 2017. He is the author of five books, including the award-winning book with Dr. Catherine Meeks "Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time."

Tommy Teavor is joining us in music leadership today. Tommy was the Music Director at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church for over 31 years beginning in 1987. Welcome back!

After church refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall and are provided by member Inez Giles in honor of the baptism of her great-granddaughter Amaya Denise Murray, daughter of Ashley Giles and Curtis Murray.

Recognizing current members and friends who joined the church in the 1980s: Suzette Gooch, Leslie Munson, Carter Wilson, Nancy Buss (1981-2022), Ann Starks, Harriet Alston, Jacqueline Johnson, Wanda White, Loretta Jefferson, Inez Giles, Kentria Alston-Brown, Dacia Preston

Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church:

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](#) [Zoom Link](#)

Monday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 19

7:30 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

10:30am Liturgical Arts

4:00pm Business and Finance Meeting

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

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice - contact [Matt](#) Wauchope for more information

Thursday, July 21

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

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

Saturday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 24

11:00 am Worship

Senior High Mission Trip to Memphis, TN

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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www.oakhurstpcusa.org
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YOUR EYES

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

OPINION

READERS WRITE

Sad to see our country in such decline

I never thought that we would reach the point where our legislators care more about power and money than they do about the lives of our people. We are ruled by special interest groups, and our democracy is dying. We can no longer depend on the Supreme Court to judge with integrity; we can no longer take our children out in the community without fear of violence! It is a very sad day for our country.

ANNE F. HUGHES, DECATUR

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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