



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

Longing to Know and Make Known
The Astonishing Grace of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 15, 2018

Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today. Oak Hills is a church of broken people who have been redeemed, and astonished, by God's abundant and free grace offered in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In everything we do, we aim to unpack the greatness and implications of that gospel. In this gospel we encounter two powerful truths that shape our entire lives and relationship with God: we are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, and we are more accepted and loved than we ever dared hope. Our prayer is that these gospel truths would shape us into a community and fellowship worth joining. May you be satisfied in fresh ways today through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love the chance to get to know you. Please fill out the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. We trust that you will find Oak Hills to be a warm community of people eager to care for you. Let us know if you have any questions.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

From the very beginning, Christians have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus as the foundation of our faith and hope of eternal life. And they celebrated the resurrection for a whole season of seven weeks leading up to the Pentecost. The apostle Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). Since Jesus did rise from the dead, we can be confident that God's wrath is satisfied with his death, sin and death have been conquered, and we can enjoy the hope of eternal life.

Have you experienced the joy of the resurrection? I pray that you have and will this morning as we worship our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Dale

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Inasmuch as the final attainment of Sabbath rest by the people of God will be a participation in God's seventh day of creation, his everlasting Sabbath, what is revealed of the eternal state of rest following upon the re-creation of heaven and earth will also illuminate the divine Sabbath rest of Genesis 2:2. And surely the quintessence of the eternal City in which God's people find their rest is the enthronement of the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (rev. 21:5, 22; 22:1-3). The figure of the Lamb reminds us that this is the consummation of a history of redemption and all the features of this picture cannot be projected back into Genesis 2:2. But beyond doubt, the enthronement of the divine Glory belongs to and is indeed the heart of the continuity between the original stage of the creation's seventh day and that later stage in which the redeemed participate.

From Meredith Kline, Kingdom Prologue: Genesis Foundations for a Covenantal Worldview, pages 35-36.

GATHERING SONG

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation
(LYRICS ON PAGE 4)

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

WORDS: LATIN (7TH CENTURY), TRANS. JOHN MASON NEALE (1851)

MUSIC: HENRY SMART (1867)

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With accustomed loving-kindness
Hear your people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Lord, here grant to all your servants
What they ask of you to gain,
What they gain from you forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

The Call to Worship
is God's invitation to
us. Biblical worship is
a dialogue with God
where he initiates,
calls, and draws us by
his grace and we
respond in praise,
humility,
thanksgiving, and
faith.

Congregation reads
bold print.

We respond to God's
call with prayer,
inviting him to
minister to us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from the grave; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, bestower of all mercies and upholder of justice,

You, Father, Son, and Spirit are our God,

and we come before you alone in worship today.

We ask that you would receive us into your wonderful presence,

that you would delight in our singing,

and hear with compassion our humble prayers.

Would you respond to our praises and petitions with your perfect word;

Would you speak to us a message of holiness and hope;

Would you condemn our sin;

Would you encourage our frail hearts;

Would you speak life into our dead bones;

Would you strengthen our faith, that we might fix our eyes on Christ alone for our salvation.

And would you equip us for the works that you have prepared for us, that you would be glorified in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

To you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be all glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

See What A Morning

Lead Me On (Psalm 23)

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

SEE WHAT A MORNING

WORDS AND MUSIC: KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND (2002)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

LEAD ME ON (PSALM 23)

WORDS AND MUSIC: AUDREY ASSAD AND MATT MAHER (2013)

You are my shepherd, there's nothing I shall want
Beside still waters you lead my spirit on
Your hand will guide me no matter where I walk
Through darkest valley your love is not far off

Chorus:

I will dwell in your house forever
I will dwell in your house forever
I will dwell in your house forever
Lead me on

I fear no evil, for you are with me
You set this table before my enemies
And you anoint me, you overflow my cup
And they will follow me, your goodness and your love

Chorus

Your rod and your staff are a strange mercy
In a world where I'm not yet home
Your rod and your staff are a strange mercy
In a world where I'm not yet home

Chorus 2x

Encounter God's Astonishing Grace

Confession is a normal and essential part of our relationship with God. Humility and honesty about our sin is welcome and safe in the presence of God. See Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; & 1 John 1:9.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on Ephesians 2:1-3

Holy God and Father, we confess that when you called us, we were dead in the trespasses and sins in which we walked, and those trespasses and sins still cling to us. We still follow the course of this world in a spirit of disobedience; we still live in the passions of our flesh. We were by nature children of wrath, and were it not for Christ, we would be still. Forgive us of our sins, and give us strength to walk not by our flesh but in your Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

SONG OF CONFESSION

Just As I Am

WORDS: CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT (1835), MUSIC: AJ HARBISON (2008)

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Good News of
Jesus Christ is that we
are forgiven of our sin
by faith in Christ's
substitution for us on
the cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-8

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Nothing But The Blood

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

OFFERING

Be Still My Soul

(LYRICS ON PAGE 11)

All that we have is
from God (James
1:17). Our offerings
are an expression of
worship to God. They
express thanksgiving,
declare dependence
on God, and
demonstrate that God
is more valuable to us
than money.

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

WORDS AND MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY (1876)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Glory! Glory! This I sing—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus 2x

BE STILL MY SOUL

WORDS: KATHARINA VON SCHLEGEL (1752), TRANS. JANE BORTHWICK (1855)

MUSIC: JEAN SIBELIUS (1899)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God will undertake
To guide the future, as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Know God's Astonishing Grace

We believe the Scriptures are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life. If you are able, we invite you to stand in honor of God's Word.

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

At the end of our Scripture reading, children ages 4-8 are dismissed to go to Promiseland, our children's church program. If you are visiting with us, you are more than welcome to escort your child downstairs to see the classroom and meet the teacher. Of course, you are also welcome to have your children sit with you through the service.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:1-13

¹ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Questions for
Further Study or
Group Discussion:

1. Read Hebrews 4:1-13. The word “rest” is used multiple times in chapters 3 & 4? To what does it refer? There is more than one answer.
2. The writer presents the Exodus generation as a parallel example for the church. We have been redeemed out of slavery. We have a promised “rest” awaiting us. What about this intermediary time? How is this time like the “wilderness”?
3. Consider the commands of verse 1 and 11. How are they similar? Different? What do they call us to do?
4. What means have been provided for us to help us enter into God’s rest? What role does the “word of God” play?

Memory Verse of the
Week:

Hebrews 4:9-10 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.
(ESV)

MESSAGE - Pastor Dale Thiele
Hebrews: The Greatness of Christ
There Remains a Rest

The Wilderness We Find Ourselves In

The Rest Promised

The Means to Enter the Rest

Experience God's Astonishing Grace

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a symbolic meal for Christians. As part of our preparation to receive the bread and the cup, we profess our hope in Christ out loud. We join with Christians throughout history and the world in making such a profession.

In his Last Supper before crucifixion, Jesus commanded his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. By partaking of the bread and cup, you are proclaiming hope in this salvation and, by faith, enjoy fellowship with Christ (see 1 Cor. 10:16). The bread and cup are signs and seals of God's covenant promises to forgive our sin and make us new in Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church*;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**"the holy catholic church" refers to the universal church in all places, at all times.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus
(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

WORDS: SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS (1875), MUSIC: THOMAS WILLIAMS (1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love,
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee!

Go and Make Known God's Astonishing Grace

God has blessed us by
graciously inviting us
to worship and by
reminding us of his
astonishing grace in
Jesus Christ. We end
our service with a
reminder of God's
promises to bless us
throughout our week.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

WORDS: SAMUEL STENNETT (1787), MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER (1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore,
Where sickness, sorrow,
Pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest?

Chorus 2x

BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY

Saturday, April 21, starting at 9am

Come on out and give us a hand as we do some deep cleaning indoors, spruce up our outdoors, and tackle some simple projects to help beautify our building. More details coming.

SACRED ROAD FUND RAISER

Sacred Road Missions Trip; Open Spots Still Available!

We will be sending another team to Warm Springs, Oregon, June 16-23, to partner with Sacred Road in their outreach efforts on the Native American Reservation. We would love to fill the open spots on our team. Contact Carey Greer (carey.greer@iqvia.com) with questions.

Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale Saturday, May 12

Mark your calendar and start bringing items to donate for our annual garage sale, raising funds for our Sacred Road missions trip. Contact Carey Greer (carey.greer@iqvia.com) with questions.

JOYPLOSION

Mark Your Calendars Now! June 5-7

Our annual Bible program for kids. We are ironing out final plans and details now. We would love to have you volunteer, sign up your kids, and invite friends and neighbors. Details coming.

FOR THE WOMEN

May Day, May Day! Women's Social - Friday May 4, 7pm

Ladies, come join us in fun fellowship as we celebrate the arrival of Spring (or so we hope!) on Friday, May 4th at 7pm. There will be fun mixer games, time to gab, and a spring craft! If you're able to come, sign up on the sheet on the back table; bonus points if you sign up to bring a finger food or dessert. We hope to see you there! And May the 4th be with you.

FOR THE KIDS & YOUTH

Youth Group Game Night - This Wednesday, April 18, 7pm at the Sprague's Home

Youth Group Night With Redeemer - Friday, April 20 starting at Powerplay

We plan to start at 6pm at Powerplay and then head back to the church (pick up at 11pm) for dodgeball and a movie (for those who don't feel like dodgeball). The cost is \$20 per person.

Communicant Member Class - April 15 - May 6, Noon at Church

This class, starting today, will help children better understand the gospel, their relationship with God, and the purpose of God's mission in the church and their place in it. It is for any child/youth in the church who has evidence of faith in Christ but has not been received as a communicant member of Oak Hills. The contact is Stephen (stephen@oakhillspca.com).

SCRIPTURE READING THIS WEEK

*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Psalm 119:103

Is that your experience with God's Word? It can be. The Bible is the most unique book in the world because it comes from God. It is food for your spiritual well-being. The more you feed on God's Word, the more you grow with God, the more sweet His Word becomes.

Commit to reading the Bible on a daily basis. This reading plan is just one of many which may prove to be helpful to you. The idea is to regularly feed yourself on the Word of God. Having a plan helps you become consistent.

This is a portion of a reading plan that brings you through the whole Bible in one year (Psalms, Luke, Romans & Isaiah are repeated). If you want to read through the whole Bible in one year, there are four readings for each day. You could choose to use just one or two columns for your daily readings and work through the whole Bible in a longer period of time. This plan has been adapted from the ESV Study Bible plan. To check that plan out, along with others, go to: www.esv.org/biblereadingplans.

Some Tips for Daily Readings:

1. Set aside a specific time each day. This helps build consistency.
2. Pray before you read. The psalmist prays, "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." (119:18)
3. Journal. Writing about what you read helps you think about and remember what you read. Also it is helpful to write down questions so you can come back to them another time.
4. Start anytime. Don't worry if you don't start at "the beginning," and don't give up if you miss a day or more. Just keep plugging along.

<u>Date</u>	<u>NT</u>	<u>Poetry</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Writings</u>
Apr 15	2 Cor 8-9	Ps 105	Lev 12	Isa 11-12
Apr 16	2 Cor 10:1-12	Ps 106	Lev 13	Isa 13-14
Apr 17	2 Cor 10:13-12:13	Ps 107	Lev 14:1-32	Isa 15-16
Apr 18	2 Cor 12:14-13:14	Ps 108	Lev 14:33-57	Isa 17-18
Apr 19	Gal 1:1-10	Ps 109	Lev 15	Isa 19-20
Apr 20	Gal 1:11-24	Ps 110	Lev 16	Isa 21
Apr 21	Gal 2	Ps 111	Lev 17	Isa 22
Apr 22	Gal 3	Ps 112	Lev 18	Isa 23

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On sabbatical: Jeremy Muehlbauer

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
Dec 2017	\$35,202	\$24,789	\$16,773	\$400
Dec. YTD	\$214,402	\$213,611	\$201,273	\$10,611

YOU'RE UP!

See if you are on an Oak Hills Crew next Sunday.

April 22

Greeters: Barb Hanners, Dennis Hanners

Nursery: Jenna Attwood, TJ Attwood, Eleanor Call, Joel Call, Emily Mauk

Promiseland: Bill Bowers, Jill Bowers

Prayer: Curt Mauk

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the space below.

I/We would like:

- to talk to a pastor about becoming a Christian
- to join Oak Hills
- info on Sunday School
- info on Children's Ministries
- a call from the pastor (Best time: _____)
- info on Discovering Oak Hills Seminar
- info on Life Groups
- info on Student Ministries
- info on Men's Ministries
- info on Women's Ministries
- other: _____
- Check if you do not want to receive emails from Oak Hills

Thanks for Visiting Us Today!
We are glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out this card and help us to know and serve you better. Just drop it in the offering basket.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Children (Name/Age/Grade): _____

How did you learn of us? _____

Please check all that apply:

- Youth
- 18-21
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50+
- First time guest
- Repeat guest
- Regular attender
- Member

THIS WEEK AT OAK HILLS

April 16 - 22

Monday, April 16

No Meetings

Tuesday, April 17

Organizing for Warm Springs Sale @ 6:30pm at Church
Deacon Meeting @ 7pm at Church

Wednesday, April 18

Youth Group Game Night @ 7pm at the Sprague's

Thursday, April 19

No Meetings

Friday, April 20

Men's Bible Study @ 6:30am at Panera (11401 College)
Women's Bible Study @ 9am at Church
Youth Group Night With Redeemer @ 6pm at Power Play

Saturday, April 21

Men's Bible Study @ 7:30am at Blackdog Coffee House
Spring Cleaning Day @ 9am at Church

Sunday, April 22

Sunday School @ 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; *Exposed Before the High Priest*, Hebrews 4:11-16, Pastor Dale Preaching; The Lord's Supper Served
Communicant Member Class @ Noon

