

Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:30 a.m.



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**Thank you for worshiping with us today!**

*Please make sure you have registered your attendance with us on the sign-in sheet in the hallway.*

*If you are a guest or visitor with us, be sure to pick up our newsletter, The OPCC Scene, or see our website for current event, activity, opportunity, and contact information here at OPCC.*

**COVID-19 Protocols**

*Face masks must be worn the entire time you are at OPCC, except for when actively taking communion. Please social distance from people who are not in your household. Our musicians will provide singing on our behalf. Please do not sing out loud. Our complete "Returning to OPCC Covenant" is available in the church entryway and on our website at [www.bit.ly/opccInPerson](http://www.bit.ly/opccInPerson)*



**For those with children...**

*We welcome the sounds and movements of little ones that remind us God is moving in our midst! Please make yourself comfortable in the Sanctuary, and/or in our family-friendly worship space in the Overflow Room. For a more engaging worship, there are family activity boxes available for each household. If you do not find a box with your family name on it, please feel free to use a guest box.*

*Children of all ages are always welcome in Sanctuary worship, however we also have available our staffed Nursery for children through 3 years old. The Nursery is located in the northeast hallway.*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**THE GATHERING** – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Gathering in the Light

Christy Reiter

Prelude to Worship

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Randall Hartsell

Julie Dean, piano

Invitation to Worship

Pat Gilling

*one: It is a joy to live the commandments of love.*

*all: **A source of freedom from what deadens and destroys!***

*one: Through these teachings, we are born again.*

*all: **Our spirits are nourished and our communities come alive.***

*one: What a gift, the love of God!*

*all: **Abundant and unending.***

*one: In the knowledge of this power,*

*all: **we all come, abide, and worship!***

Hymn of Praise

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Chalice Hymnal #585

Invocation

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Song of Response

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Chalice Hymnal #578; v 1

## THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Worship & Wonder Scripture “The Most Important Commandment”  
by Sonja M. Stewart, based on Mark 12:28-34 Judy Nickum

Scripture Reading John 15:9-17 (Common English Bible) Pat Warner

Special Music “A New Commandment” by Mary Beth Boucher Mary Beth Boucher

Sermon Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

## THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Our Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Pat Gilling

*If you would like to support the ministries of Overland Park Christian Church and all the ways we are “being church” even now, you may give on our website [www.opccdoc.org](http://www.opccdoc.org) by scanning this QR code, or by dropping a check or cash in the glass-paneled box in the entry hallway.*



Doxology “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Chalice Hymnal #25, v 4

Prayer of Dedication Lois Wimpey

Invitation to Communion Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Prayer Emerson Hartzler

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Song “Let Us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual Lan Wilson  
of United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

*Please put your mask back on directly after partaking of communion.*

*As you leave, please dispose of your used communion cups in the trash receptacles provided.*

## SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Closing Hymn “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” Chalice Hymnal #433

Sharing the Light Christy Reiter

Blessing & Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude “Praise Him! Praise Him!” arr. Carol Tornquist Julie Dean, piano

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