



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thank you for worshipping 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

Please social distance from people who are not in your household. Face masks must be worn the entire time you are at OPCC, except for when actively taking communion. Our worship leaders are permitted to sing and speak without masks. Our complete "Returning to OPCC Covenant" is available in the church entryway and on our website at 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, as well as Children Worship & Wonder which children 3 years through 6th grade may go to following the Worship & Wonder Scripture. The Nursery and the Children Worship & Wonder room are located in the northeast hallway.

Wisdom for Living Well from Esther

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*you may respond: **And also with you.***

Prelude to Worship

"All Good People" in the style of Delta Rae

Emily Boedeker

Invitation to Worship

Theresa Krebs

one: If it had not been God who was on our side,

*all: **the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.***

one: If it had not been God who was on our side,

*all: **the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.***

one: Are any among us suffering?

*all: **Come and pray.***

one: Are any among us cheerful?

*all: **Come sing songs of praise.***

one: Are any among us sick?

*all: **Come and ask for healing.***

one: Our help is in our God, the One who made heaven and earth.

*all: **We join together to call upon and worship God, creator and rescuer.***

Opening Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

Chalice Hymnal #526

Invocation

Theresa Krebs

Song of Response

"Hear My Prayer, O God"

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"The Story of Esther"

Judy Nickum

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Jerome Berryman
based on the book of Esther

Scripture

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (Common English Bible)

Emerson Hartzler

Sermon

"A Good Cause"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Special Music

"Roar" in the style of Katy Perry

Emily Boedeker

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

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

Emerson Hartzler

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this QR code, or by dropping a check or cash in the glass-paneled box in the entry hallway.*



Doxology

"Sing Hallelujah"

Chalice Hymnal #32

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response

"Come, Share the Lord"

Chalice Hymnal #408; r1,v2,r2

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Closing Hymn

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"

Chalice Praise #92; vv 1,2,4

Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude

"Roar" reprise

Emily Boedeker

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