



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! 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.



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

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Carl G. Glaser, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Reverberations Bell Choir

Invitation to Worship

Calvin McBride

one: Great and awesome are the works of God.

*all: **The whole universe sings of God's power.***

one: Gather to remember all that God has revealed.

*all: **Come to discover what God is doing among us.***

one: God is faithful and just in all things.

*all: **The promises of God are trustworthy and true.***

one: Present your best selves, work and witness without shame or pretense.

*all: **Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard!***

Opening Hymn

"Jeremiah Sent a Letter"

Invocation

Calvin McBride

Song of Response

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
George Whelpton, arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

Reverberations Bell Choir

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"The Story of the Light"

Lisa Engelken

Children 3 years and older are invited to go with Pastor Lisa at this time to the Children Worship & Wonder Room for the Children Worship & Wonder story.

Scripture

"A Reading of Exile," based on Psalm 137

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

one: By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered.

*many: **By the waters of the kitchen sink, there we wept. And on the living room couch, and in the empty school room, and beside the makeshift dining room table office.***

one: *How could we sing God's song in a strange land?*
 many: **How could we sing God's song over Zoom?**
 one: *By the waters of Babylon,*
 many: **There we wept when we remembered.**
 one: *We remembered that ancient rhythm of separation and homecoming,*
 many: **Exile and return, going out and coming in.**
 one: *You who are by the waters of Babylon - Come!*
 many: **From kitchens and home offices, sidewalks and parking lots, we come!**
 one: *You who remember and you who do not - Come!*
 many: **Sometimes remembering clearly, sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come!**
 one: *By car and by computer, we come!*
 many: **God goes with every exile;**
 one: *God rejoices with every return.*
 many: **In Babylon and Jerusalem, in strange lands and familiar rooms,**
 one: *In sanctuaries and on screens, in pews or chairs, couches or recliners,*
 many: **We hear God's story, and we hear God's promise, Amen!**

Scripture	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Common English Bible)	Jimmy Reynolds
Sermon	"A Future with Hope"	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Hymn of Preparation	"Be Thou My Vision"	Chalice Hymnal #595; vv 1-3

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

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	Jimmy Reynolds
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Doxology	"All My Hope on God is Founded"	Chalice Hymnal #88; v 1
Prayer of Dedication		
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Prayer		
Words of Institution		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Response	"Amazing Grace"	Chalice Hymnal #546; vv 1 & 4

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Closing Hymn	"My Hope Is Built"	Chalice Hymnal #537; vv 1-3
Blessing and Benediction		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Postlude	"A Mighty Fortress" arr. Victor Labenske	Julie Dean, piano

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