

## MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor: *Rev. John Carpenter*  
Ushers: *Hans & Shelbie Coon*

Accompanist: *Linda Booth*  
Worship Leader: *Mike Coon*

**March 10, 2019**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* PRAISE IN MUSIC No. 443 "O Zion, Haste"

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 137:1-6*

One: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

**ALL: There on the willows we hung our harps,  
for there our captors asked us for songs,**

One: Our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

**ALL: How can we sing the songs of the Lord  
while in a foreign land?**

One: If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill.

**ALL: May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving, Merciful Father, we thank you for calling us into your family and bestowing on us the identity of Royal Priesthood - a people chosen and precious, with the purpose of reflecting your rule and drawing others to you. Lord, we confess we do not always live as though that is the main purpose of our lives. We succumb to the ways of the world and our lives are not much different from those who do not follow Christ. Help us to see ourselves for who we truly are and live as your royal priests, that others may see you through our lifestyle and our witness.

### TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN *See Insert* "God Be Merciful to Me"

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Lift Him Up"

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 815 Doxology (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Ages 0-3 may go to the nursery; ages 4-8 go to Children's Church*)

SCRIPTURE READING Ezra 1:1-11 Pew Bible p. 405

SERMON "The Return Home"

\* HYMN No. 416 "We're Marching to Zion"

### SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER – *found on inside front cover of hymnal*

\* HYMN No. 416 "We're Marching to Zion"

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.  
We're marching on to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We're marching upward to Zion, Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able may stand*

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*Welcome to all this Lord's Day! Visitors, please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Child care is available throughout the service for children up to 3 years in the Nursery downstairs. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after our worship service.*

**PRAYERS FOR *Pat Roberts, Dorothy Morton, Connie Brown Bishop, Chuck Bloom, Denice Ordeman, Rex Fisher, Katrina Armatis, Jeffery Swenson, Tim Bailey* and the families of *Butch Hammond, Jim Lamp, Phyllis Petersen, Elizabeth Miller and Nolan Henderson.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** this **Wednesday, March 13 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE STORY** is an abridged, chronological Bible. We began working our way through the 31 chapters of the book in September 2018. We focus on a small portion of each chapter in our worship service. We gain far more by using the Study Guide and participating in a Home Group or the Sunday School class. You can order the book and study guide online or through a local Christian bookstore. Information about the Home Groups is in the Fellowship Hall.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, our Presbyterian heritage, and who we are as the Oakville Church Family, you are invited to attend our New Member Orientation. [You are welcome to attend even if you do not plan to join in membership.] We will meet at 3:30 pm on Fridays March 22, 29, and April 12.

**OAKVILLE YOUTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is given to selected students who reside within the Oakville Parks and Recreation District or are active in the Oakville Presbyterian Church and will be a high school graduate by June 2019 or be a current college/university student that is 25 years of age or less. Applications are available in the Fellowship Hall and on the web site. Completed applications due by **April 30, 2019.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is on Wednesday evenings at **7:00 p.m.**

\* **COFFEE HOUR** this morning is provided by ***The Cornwell Family.***

\* **FLOWERS** this morning are provided by ***Dona Coon.***

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER** this morning is ***Dona Coon.***

**CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT** this morning is ***Elise Cornwell.***

### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Claira Goracke 3/10, Jim Roberts 3/17, David Smith 3/17, Van Decker 3/22,  
Carolyn Witters 3/23, Jane Zuidema 3/24, Vicki Bush 3/28, Marian Divine 3/28.

\* *Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for future Sundays.*

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