

## MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor: *Rev. John Carpenter*  
Ushers: *Mike & Tami Coon*

Accompanist: *Mary Carpenter*  
Worship Leader: *Jan Lowther*

**March 17, 2019**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* PRAISE IN MUSIC No. 566 "I Am Resolved"

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 31 v 1-5 & 15-16*

One: In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in Your righteousness deliver me.

**All: Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for Your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the trap that is hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

**All: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

One: My times are in Your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**All: Let Your face shine upon Your servant;  
save me in Your steadfast love.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that, when faced with problems and difficult situations, we often become overwhelmed, discouraged, and fearful of the future. We forget Your power and Your presence in our lives. We tend to focus on the greatness of our problems (no matter how little they may be) rather than the greatness of our God. Lord, help us to stand firm in our faith amidst the storms of life with the conviction that You are our Provider and Deliverer.**

### TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN No. 562 "Be Thou my Vision"

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Without His Cross"

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gifts may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone;  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. 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 Esther 1-9 Pew Bible p. 427

SERMON "The Queen of Beauty and Courage"

\* HYMN No. 589 "Here I Am, Lord"

### SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

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

\* 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 *Matthew Fox, Dorothy Morton, Connie Brown Bishop, Chuck Bloom, Denice Ordeman, Rex Fisher, Jeffery Swenson, Tim Bailey* and the families of *Robert Smith, Butch Hammond, Jim Lamp, Phyllis Petersen, Elizabeth Miller and Nolan Henderson.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 *Katy Harmon.*

\* **FLOWERS** this morning are provided by *Martha Kennedy.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER** this morning is *Bridgette Tedrow.*

**CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT** this morning is *Katy Harmon.*

### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

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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Community that**

**Follows Jesus**

**Creates Disciples and**

**Serves God's Kingdom**



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