



CHILD CARE



# Oakwood Nursery

Offered During Sermon Time and Sunday School Hour Ages 7 months to 3 years old

# Stepping Stones

Offered During Sermon Time Ages 3 years old to 1st grade Room 126











# WELCOME

The Oakwood church family is multigenerational and multi-cultural. We are singles, young couples just starting out, families of all ages, and retirees. Every year we welcome Penn State undergrads and grad students from all over the world. We are all different but united by an earnest quest to know and serve our Lord.

### April 21, 2024

Prelude8:30 – Amy Gustafson | 11:15 – Oakwood MusiciansWelcome and AnnouncementsFinals Bags Available April 28Silent Time of ReflectionPreparing our hearts for worship

# **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's Word of Invitation

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

### **11:15 SERVICE MUSIC**

### **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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 Come Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Hymn #16

**Our Prayer of Adoration** 

Rev. Dan Kiehl

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law Our Prayer of Confession God's Promise to Pardon

### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### **His Mercy Is More**

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1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### CHORUS

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more 3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### CHORUS

2 Peter 3:13-14 Silent Prayer Psalm 130:3-5

Hymn #175

# THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

### Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

### **Responsive Reading**

Q61. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith

Q62. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin

Q63. How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

### This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

Q65. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where then does that faith come from?

The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

God's Promise to Hear Prayer of Petition God's Promise to Provide Our Tithes and Offerings *Psalm 146:5-7* Jeremy Amaismeier *Psalm 146:8-10* Offertory

### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

### 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

### **CHORUS**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

### CHORUS

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

### **CHORUS**

# **THE WORD OF LIFE\***

### Galatians 3:15-22

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

## THE UNSHAKABLE PROMISE

<sup>15</sup> To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup> Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. <sup>19</sup> Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup> Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. <sup>21</sup> Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup> But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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# **SERMON NOTES**

### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC\*

### Now Thank We All Our God

### 11:15 SERVICE MUSIC\*

### **Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

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 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man In His living in His suff'ring Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law in Him we stand 3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord He is alive What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes

# THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### God's Promise of Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

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, Amen.

### Postlude

8:30 – Amy Gustafson | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

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# HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST3



Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

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### SPOUSE / CHILDREN'S NAMES

# I WOULD LIKE TO:

- □ Become a member
- $\hfill\square$  Be contacted by an Elder
- Join a small group
- □ Volunteer for:
- □ Receive the e-announcements
- $\hfill\square$  Add my info to the directory
- Get more info about Oakwood
   Have a prayer request?
   Please complete the other side.

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