



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA  
Decatur, Georgia

**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Matt Wauchope

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Hispanic Heritage**

**\*Call to Worship**

Clifton Green

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

**But we also look to the future as well as the past.**

The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

**Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #234**

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

**Prayer of Confession & Pardon**

**God of all peoples and nations, Dios de todo el mundo —**

**We praise you for your creativity made manifest in the gifts of tribes, ethnicities  
and cultures across the world. Each one bears your mark of goodness and grace.**

**We especially praise you and thank you for your children with Hispanic heritage – the descendants of Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. We hear their call for a more just world – one of solidarity and liberation. We see on our many media sources the oppression of our siblings through global warming, racism and poverty. We confess that we must change the way we use our resources, care for the environment and treat our neighbors. We know you better because of the witness of their faith, may their faith and ours be bound together by your love in convivimiento — that spirit of unity, respect and empathy.**

(Silent Reflection)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

*Satúrame Señor, con tu Espiritu*

Jorge Lockward

**Children's Time**

## **THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Clifton Green

**Old Testament Reading:**

Exodus 14:19-31

**Anthem**

“Oh Mary Don't You Weep”

**New Testament Reading:**

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Heather Chase

**Sermon:**

*Seventy Seven Times*

**\*Hymn: #829**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

## **IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People** Place your prayer requests on a green sheet and give it to an usher or Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3791

**The 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Tithes and Offerings**

You may give online at [oakhurstpcusa.org/give](https://oakhurstpcusa.org/give) ~ PayPal [oakhurstpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:oakhurstpcusa@gmail.com) ~ CashApp \$oakhurstpcusa ~ Mail 118 2nd Ave. Decatur, GA 30030.

3rd Sunday Hunger Offering Collection - please add your offering to the plate as it is passed with a note on your check or gift to signify it is for Hunger offering.

## Song of Praise

*Cuando el Pueblo de Señor*

### \*Doxology - Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore

## SENDING

### \*Charge & Benediction

### \*Sending Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There's a sweet expression on each face,  
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit. Sweet heavenly dove.  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

**\*Please rise in ways that are meaningful for you, knowing that, at Oakhurst, moving, dancing, and shouting *Amen* are welcome at any time.**

Call to Worship written by Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

**Worship Leaders today include:** Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor; Rev. Katie Ricks, Transitional Pastor; Matt Wauchope, Musician; Clifton Green, Liturgist

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-2  
404-378-6284

Pastor Katie and Pastor Heather  
Sabbath Days: Monday & Saturday

#### Deacons of the month for September:

CJ Evans and Suzette Hollins  
Contact information in OneChurch  
or call the church office.

Check out the calendar on [OneChurch](#) to get more upcoming events

***If you have not signed on to OneChurch please do so. It's easy. If you need help simply call the church office.***

## Announcements

**Friendship Pads:** During the announcements, ushers will bring down friendship pads, which help us to be able to greet you by name during the passing of the peace. Please write your name and pass it towards the windows from the center aisle. When it reaches the end, pass it back towards the aisle, so you know who is worshiping beside you. **If you are visiting**, we are very glad you are here. If you would like to receive more information about Oakhurst, please include your email address, so we can connect with you.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns:** Oakhurst is a community that prays together. One way that happens is by lifting up prayer needs, joys, concerns during the prayers of the people. If you have a prayer to be lifted up, please write it on the **Green Sheets**, which are available in the pews. Ushers will gather these after the passing of the peace, while the children are coming forward for the Children's Moment.

**Fellowship Following Worship:** Every Sunday, we gather in Jefferson Fellowship Hall to enjoy treats, share stories, and have space to just *be* together. Please join us.

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**Congregational Meeting:** Today, immediately following worship, we will gather as a community to elect members to serve on the nominating committee, which will, with the Holy Spirit, nominate elders and deacons to serve.



**Ministry Fair & Lunch:** On **Sunday, September 24th**, join us in Jefferson Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for fellowship, lunch, and the opportunity to learn about the ministries at Oakhurst. You can learn first hand from those sharing their gifts now, ask questions, and find places where you'd like to offer your time. Lunch is provided, and we need you to sign up. **Please scan this QR code to RSVP by September 17.**

**The Stewardship Committee** invites our Established Disciples (ages 75+) to **High Tea** on **Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2 pm** in the James Jefferson Hall. RSVP to [cheryl@oakhurstpresbyterian.org](mailto:cheryl@oakhurstpresbyterian.org) or call or 404-378-6284.

**Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15th-October 15th** and we will be adding weekly information for celebrating in the area or with your family. Decatur has several events, so check out their website - <https://placitalatinaga.org/>