

OAKRIDGE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



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August 13th, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Let all who love Him come rejoicing.

People: *God is in His heaven.*

Leader: To the Almighty praises voicing!

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: All nature does to Him belong. Yet we, His children,
own the song that age to age has made us strong.

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: There dawns no day but by His blessing.

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: No night without the stars confessing.

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: Within His hand He does contain all power of sun,
Moon, wind and rain, and watchful to His vast domain:

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: Through all the years that are before us:

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: His love forever reigning o'er us:

People: *God is in His heaven!*

Leader: Each season in its turn shall be a glimpse of His
Eternity, as God has been, so God shall be!

All: *Praise be to His name! God is in His heaven!*

SONG OF PRAISE *“We Sing the Greatness of Our God”*

We sing the greatness of our God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing sea abroad
And built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command

And all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er we turn our eyes;
In every season of the year
And through the changing skies.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere man can be
Thou God art present there. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Remy Fu

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dale Woods

SONG

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

*(Chorus) Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;

O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are! (*Chorus*)

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! (*Chorus*)

O.T. READING

“Psalm 46:1-11”

Francine Shuen

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.” ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

“James 1:1-25”

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the dispersion: ² My brothers
and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider
it all joy, ³ because you know that the testing of your
faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance
complete its work, so that you may be complete and

whole, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ⁶ But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ^{7,8} For the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁹ Let the brother or sister of humble means boast in having a high position ¹⁰ and the rich in having been humbled, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same way with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away. ¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when desire has conceived, it engenders sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dale Woods

“Becoming Mature”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“It is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus) It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the joy of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Chorus)*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (*Chorus*)

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dale Woods

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Inviting you all to stay for sermon discussion with Rev. Woods at the Fireside Room on the first floor.
2. Sunday School is seeking teachers for our high school students, grades 8-12. Please contact Lela Ling (lelamling@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions. Our fall program begins on September 10.
3. If anyone who would like to join the church through baptism, please contact Rev. Morgan for membership classes.
4. Chinese Language School is now open for registration.
5. The OCM will be hosting a meeting August 27th at 12:30pm in the multipurpose room 1 with Jacqueline to share ideas and strengths to help support the Church's growing ministry. Snacks will be provided.
6. Richmond Presbyterian Church has issued to us an Ultimate Frisbee challenge for a game on August 26th at 2pm. We have accepted this invitation and desperately need your help to win! Please reach out to your friends, your kids and your neighbours. We will run a skills session August 13th at 12:30 pm after worship at Tisdale Park and August 19th at 8pm at Tisdale Park.

7. God Sightings, until the end of August there will be a white board near the front entrance that you are invited to write where you saw God this week.
8. Sunday School Teachers will have an important planning meeting on August 20th following the English service. We will be making plans for the upcoming term. This meeting will take place in one of the multipurpose rooms. Please RSVP Lela if you will be attending or unable to attend.
9. Pastor Morgan Wong is taking two weeks off from August 21 to September 3. For any urgent matter, please contact your district elder or our clerk of Session Adrian Wong.

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

PARTICIPANTS	TODAY (8/13)	NEXT SUNDAY (8/20)
Worship Leader	Remy Fu	Jacqueline Cleland
Speaker	Dale Woods	Dale Woods
Reader	Francine Shuen	TBD
Music Team	Remy Fu & Tim Tam	TBD
Ushers	Yee Louis* & Holly Siu	Christina Wong & Linda Tan*
A/V	Jimmy Yee	Jimmy Yee

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LAST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES RECORD:

ENGLISH ATTENDANCE	CHINESE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING
32	58	\$3,587