

THE OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 26, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

The Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

God of hosts, we find happiness when we come to your house.

**We go from strength to strength in you as we keep your ways.**

Yet your holiest places are as cozy as the nests

where sparrows and swallows lay their young.

**God of hosts, we are secure in your love.**

Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Hear our prayers and praise as we celebrate**

**the kindred you have given us**

**and the love you have taught us to give to them.**

The Hymn "Though I May Speak" No. 335

The Confession to God

God, our wise parent, we are so apt to let concerns for security distract us from the true security you offer. We worry about how to afford what the world offers instead of embracing the simple joy of a nest to share with our young. We worry about random violence and push away the neighbors you bring to us for joy. Help us to accept the lovely dwelling place you make for us, to remember that you have created this world for us to share in joy, and to grow with you from strength to strength, happy in the only true security, your gracious love. Amen.

The Response Hymn No. 333, verse 1

The Assurance of Forgiveness

The Summary of the Law

The Response of Praise Hymn No. 333, verse 2

The Collect

**God of creating, leading, and empowering love, keep us mindful that every one of your children who comes into our lives, however briefly, is our family in you. Help us to trust you so completely that we can be sure to recognize our kindred and love them faithfully as you have loved us. Give us the words and inspire our actions to make our lives songs of joy that tell the world of your love. Remind us how happy we can be living in your house and keeping our hearts on your highways. Amen.**

The First Lesson Exodus 20:7, 12, 16

The Psalter 84 (singing together Hymn No. 207)

The Second Lesson 1Corinthians 13

The Gospel Lesson Luke 14:15–26

The Sermon "Keeping Faith and Kindred" Elder Barbara Kellam-Scott

The Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 286

The Confession of God from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage. Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome**

**the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

The Giving of the Peace

The Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

The Offering

The Response of Dedication Doxology No. 592

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" No. 172

The Benediction

The Postlude