



*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God... Changing Lives*

**OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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March 22, 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

10:45 AM

We Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Nancy Hauser

Thought to Ponder

Bless be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian Love. The fellowship of
kindred minds is like to that above. —*John Fawset 1782*

Welcome and Announcements

Anne Fisher

Centering Time and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Britta Weber

One: The Spirit is the one that draws us near.

**All: We are gathered in our homes and outside, around different kinds
of screens, alone or with family — but for this time, we will draw
near to each other through God's Spirit working in our midst.**

One: God is our strength and our safe harbor. In God, we place our trust

All: Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 664

"Morning Has Broken"

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

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**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

Prayer (*unison*)

Britta Weber

God, we turn to you in such a time as this. Moving forward, as we chart new territory, give us patience, give us strength and give us peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

A Time with Children

Mary Koon and Britta Weber

Virtual Sending Song

"Near or Far"

J McKinnon

Near or far apart,
You're always in my heart.
God's love is here to stay,
Close and far away.

Resting in God's peace,
Praying for God's hope,
Serving God's joy,
United in God's love.

Special Music

"At this Table"

Menzel and Myrin

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

Mary Koon

Sermon

"Loving God...Changing Lives: Bartimaeus"

Anne Fisher

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Mary Koon

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Lives to God

Anne Fisher

What we can offer at this time in our world when we are canceling everything?

Getting Outdoors:	NOT CANCELED
Fishing:	NOT CANCELED
Music:	NOT CANCELED
Family:	NOT CANCELED
Reading:	NOT CANCELED
Singing:	NOT CANCELED
Laughing:	NOT CANCELED
Hope:	NOT CANCELED
Prayer:	NOT CANCELED

Can you add to the NOT CANCELED list?

Special Music

"Pie Jesu"

Rutter

Translation: Blessed Jesu, Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.

Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.

Prayer (*unison*)

Britta Weber

Help us to find the beauty and whimsy in this strange time. Use us as instruments of your peace and grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Hymn No. 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Charge and Benediction

Anne Fisher

Virtual Sending Song "Lead Me, Guide Me"

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

Postlude

Nancy Hauser

If you need deliveries of food or medicine or just want to chat during this time of Social Distancing, please call or email Pastor Mary mkoon@oakgrv.org or Pastor Anne afisher@oakgrv.org. Church phone is 952-888-4621.

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Additional participants in today's worship include:

Sound, Light, Video: **Brandon McKinnon.**
Soloist: **Jessi McKinnon**

Chancel flowers are given by the **Sanctuary Guild and church** with prayers **for everyone affected by COVID-19.**

The Oak Grove Session will meet virtually by Zoom on Tuesday, March 24 to make decisions about ongoing updates surrounding COVID-19 and for the Pastoral Nominating Committee .



The rosebud in the chancel this week is in honor of **Emmet Kenneth Hanson** who was born March 7 to Shayna (Larsen-Nordin) & Jason Hanson. Shayna is the daughter of proud grandparents, **Gar Nordin & Gloria Larsen.**

Please note that Pastor Anne, Pastor Mary and Britta Weber are now working from home during the week. Bookkeeper, Anne Swenson will be in the office only as needed. Office hours will probably change as we continue to adapt how we work.