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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 29, 2020**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

**10:45 AM**

**We Assemble in God's Name**

**Prelude**

Nancy Hauser

**Thoughts to Ponder** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
*Romans 35, 37-39*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Anne Fisher

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Eugene Orr

One: How long Lord? It is hard to see progress  
as numbers of those infected keep rising.

**All: The experts tell us that it will be a while before the numbers of  
those infected begin to recede. How long Lord?**

One: Time moves differently for God. The Psalmist tells us that a thousand  
years in God's sight is but a day.

**All: Lord, teach us to number our days in ways that we can be wise.  
Help us to spend this time in ways that count. Let us worship God.**

**Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

**Unison Prayer**

Eugene Orr

**God of all creation, meet us where we are, in our family rooms and on our couches, in our big moments and when we're discouraged. Help us to be gentle with ourselves and with each other. Help us to find peace in the chaos as we move through this Lenten season. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**A Time with Children**

Mary Koon & Karen Gerdes

**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**

"Jesus Draw Me Close/Seek Ye First"

**Scripture**

John 11:1-3, 17-27, 32-34, 38-44

Anne Fisher

**Sermon**

"Loving God...Changing Lives: Lazarus"

Anne Fisher

**Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer (*unison*)**

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.**

**Offering Our Lives to God**

Anne Fisher

**Offering Song**

"Be Not Afraid"

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eugene Orr

**We thank you God that you are near. Use us and what we have to offer to be a testament of your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Song**

“When We Face an Unknown Future”<sup>1</sup>

*Gillette  
tune: Beach Spring*

**When we face an unknown future that we can't imagine yet,  
when the closeness we have treasured turns from blessing into threat—  
As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave community,  
may we look, God, in this season, for a whole new way to be.**

**Jesus faced the lonely desert as a time to look within.  
There he met such trial and conflict; there he knew you were with him.  
In this time of separation when we miss the life we've known,  
may we hear your voice proclaiming: “I am here! You're not alone.”**

**May we cherish those around us as we never have before.  
May we think much less of profit; may we learn what matters more.  
May we hear our neighbors' suffering; may we see our neighbors' pain.  
May we learn new ways of offering life and health and hope again.**

**God, when illness comes to threaten, and when so much here goes wrong,  
may we know this thing for certain— that your love is sure and strong.  
You're beside us in our suffering, and when times are surely tough,  
we may face an unknown future, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.**

**Benediction**

Anne Fisher

**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

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Additional participants in today's worship include:

Vocalists: **Karen Gerdes** and **Eugene Orr**; Accompanist: Judy Cooper;  
Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes**.

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

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**Please note** that Pastor Anne, Pastor Mary and Britta Weber are now working from home during the week. Bookkeeper, Anne Swenson, and Music Director, Judy Cooper, will be in the office only as needed. Office hours will be variable as we continue to adapt how we work. **Please call before you come to the church (952-888-4621)**.

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