

*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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**April 26, 2020**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**10:45 AM**

### **We Assemble in God's Name**

#### **In Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day**

**Thought to ponder** *"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there 'is' such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Prelude** Nancy Hauser

**Welcome and Announcements** Anne Fisher

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson Anne Klueh

One: And God stepped out on space,  
And God looked around and said:  
I'm lonely—  
I'll make me a world.

**All: And far as the eye of God could see  
Darkness covered everything,  
Blacker than a hundred midnights  
Down in a cypress swamp.**

One: Then God smiled,  
And the light broke,  
And the darkness rolled up on one side,  
And the light stood shining on the other,  
And God said: That's good!

**All: All praise to our creator God**

**Hymn** (vss 1,2,4)      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Refrain:*

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.***

**<sup>2</sup>The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky: *(Refrain)***

**<sup>1</sup>Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)***

**<sup>4</sup>God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. *(Refrain)***

**Unison Prayer**

Anne Klueh

**Open our eyes Lord, that we might see your glory. Help us to listen so that we might hear your voice in nature’s sounds. We feel the touch of the wind and we smell the fragrance of the blooming flowers in this season of spring. We taste the sweet fruits of your creation. May we never take your handiwork for granted. In Christ’ name we pray. Amen.**

### **We Hear God’s Word**

**A Time With Children  
Sending Song**

“Near or Far”

Mary Koon  
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**

“Joy Shall Come in the Morning”

**Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 8

**Sermon**

“Thoughts from a ‘Potential Troublemaker’”

Anne Fisher

## We Respond to God's Word

### Prayers of the People 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

### Offering Our Lives to God

Mary Koon

**Offering Music** "We are Singing Through the Hard Times"

*Please join in singing the chorus:*

**We are singing through the hard times, singing through the hard times,  
working for the good times to come.**

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### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anne Klueh

Creator God, whether we are near or far we are close to you. You have created us a little lower than the angels and you have remained with your creation. Accept our lives as a living witness to your unending love for this world. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

## We Remain in Place in God's Name

### Hymn

"God of the Sparrow"

<sup>1</sup>God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

<sup>2</sup>God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

<sup>3</sup>God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

<sup>4</sup>God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

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**5God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

**6God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home**

**Benediction**

Anne Fisher

**Benediction Response**

“Praise Ye the Lord”

**Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord.  
Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia!  
Praise ye the Lord, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!**

**Postlude**

Nancy Hauser

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Additional participants in worship today include:  
Vocalists, **Anne Klueh** and **CeCe Klueh**;  
Sound, Light, Video, **Larry Klueh** and **Bob Gerdes**.

**Chancel flowers** are given by the **Greimels** in *honor of Jean Mooney*.

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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, Music Director, Judy Cooper and Office Administrator, Beth Angerhofer will be in the office only as needed. The **office is closed through May 4** per the Governor’s direction. If you have a pastoral care need, please call the office to leave a message (952-888-4621) or send an email to [ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org). We check for messages several times every day.

**Adult Faith Formation** As stewards of God's creation, we have the knowledge, the means and the spiritual power to stop this and make a better world for our children and future generations. How can we **"Make Every Day Be Earth Day?"**

**TODAY Sunday April 26, 2020 11:45-12:30** — “How You Can Cut Your Own Carbon Footprint,” presented by Bob Gerdes and Green Committee. This week we focus on simple things you can do to cut your own carbon footprint, including LED lighting, WindSource, Wellspring, EVs and PHEVs, rooftop and community solar, eating simpler foods from farms/gardens that are building healthy soils.

The session begins at 11:45 am after completion of the online church service. To join the Zoom meeting, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446300962>. The meeting ID is 544 630 0962. If you are not using a computer, you can participate by dialing the Midwest Zoom number, 312-626-6799. Use the meeting ID to join the meeting.