

*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

2200 West Old Shakopee Road • Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

May 3, 2020

Confirmation

10:45 AM

We Assemble in God's Name

Prior to worship, prepare a piece of bread, or cracker, and some kind of juice for each member who is watching. May we as a community take part in Communion as one body in Christ even when we are in many places.

Prelude Nancy Hauser

Welcome and Announcements Anne Fisher

Centering Time

Call to Worship Britta Weber

One: Come to worship and give thanks to God, who created our world full of beauty, order and wonder.

All: We gather to celebrate God for the gift of glorious creation, and this day of celebration.

One: Come Holy Spirit, surround us and lead us with your love.

All: We give thanks to Jesus and his teachings of God's everlasting love, a love that transforms and transcends our differences, and our despairs.

One: God loves us unconditionally!

All: Together, let us worship God, who loves us just the way we are, and strengthens us to be God's people, full of compassion, respect, humility, courage and unconditional love. Amen.

Hymn No. 691 "Lord When I Came into This Life"

**¹Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.**

**²Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.**

**³In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.**

**⁴So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.**

Unison Prayer

Britta Weber

Loving God, we thank you that we can pray together. Inspire us and help us to see others through your eyes; to welcome others as we have been welcomed, and to love others how we ourselves are loved. When we stumble and fear in this time of unknowns, give us strength and wisdom through your loving presence. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

"YES!!!!"

Britta Weber and Mary Koon

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.

Anthem

"Love Has Come"

M. Schultz

Scripture

Matthew 7:24-27 from *The Message*

Britta Weber

Message

Vaughn Sheff and Jane Propsom

Celebration of Confirmands

Introductions

Vaughn Sheff

Confirmand

Jonathan Isaac Glausser (Jack)
Elizabeth Claire Jeschke (Lizzie)
Samuel Erik Radtke (Sam)
James Michael Robles (James)
Isabel Marie Sheff (Belle)

Covenant Partner

Chad Acker
Sue Greimel
Chad Acker
Kris Jacobson
Sue Greimel

Prayers from Covenant Partners

Vaughn, Jane, Britta, Mary & Anne

Offering of Our Lives

Anne Fisher

Offering Music

"Hold Me"

J Grace

Communion

Invitation

Anne Fisher

Prayer of Thanksgiving / 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**

Breaking the Bread

Anne Fisher

Sharing the Cup

Mary Koon

Unison Prayer

Mary Koon

Lord you nourish us with your presence. When the losses of all that we call normal feels heavy you share the burden. We give thanks for those who join our number and ask your blessings on Belle, James, Lizzie, Jack and Sam. May they be surrounded in your love and grace. In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

**¹O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.**

**²Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.**

**³Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.**

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:

Vocalist, **Hannah Ervin**;

Sound, Light, Video, **Bob Gerdes** and **Greg Johnson**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Jack & Leona Kley** in *memory of Pauline & Walter Kley*.

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 until further notice** 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. 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, May 3, 11:45 - 12:30, “What Are Our Elected Leaders Doing to Address the Climate Crisis?” presented by the Green Committee, focuses on legislation in MN Legislature to mandate 100% Renewable Energy by 2050, protect clean car standards in opposition to the Trump Administration’s rollback of those standards.

- Efforts to compel MN car dealers to offer EVs
- Efforts to build EV charging networks statewide using the Volkswagen settlement funds.
- Legislation at the Federal level including the “Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act.”

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.