

*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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**May 24, 2020**

**Ascension Sunday**

**9:30 AM**

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

**Thought to Ponder** We wear masks out of our freedom to care for one another. We stay home because in our freedom we don't want to get others sick. We don't reopen our church buildings just yet because our freedom calls us to take care of not just ourselves, but instead turn toward the greater good of all. We continue to slow down and make wise choices out of our love for freedom. *- Jes Kast*

**Prelude** Nancy Hauser

**Welcome and Announcements** Anne Fisher

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to worship** Britta Weber

One: Shout for Joy, wherever you are!

**All: Because where we are God is with us!**

One: God has each of us in God's hands.

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**Opening Song** "God's Got the Whole World"

**<sup>1</sup>God's got the Whole World  
in God's hands**

**God's got the whole World  
in God's hands**

**God's got the Whole World  
in God's hands**

**God's got the Whole World  
in God's hands.**

**<sup>2</sup>God's got the frail and the aged  
in God's hands**

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in God's hands**

**God's got the frail and the aged  
in God's hands**

**God's got the whole world  
in God's hands.**

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<sup>3</sup>God's got the medical people  
in God's hands  
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in God's hands  
God's got the medical people  
in God's hands  
God's got the whole world  
in God's hands

<sup>4</sup>God got our food providers  
in God's hands  
God's got our food providers  
in God's hands  
God's got our food providers  
in God's hand  
God's got the whole world  
in God's hand.

<sup>5</sup>God's got the Whole World in God's Hands  
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Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Britta Weber

God of glory over all nations, let us hear the message of life given to all people. With the companion of your Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

### We Hear God's word

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

"Bist du bei mir"

Eugene Orr

*When you are with me, I go with joy to death and my eternal rest*

*Oh, how happily will my end be as your beautiful hands close my faithful eyes.*

Scripture

Acts 1:6-11

Anne Fisher

Message

"Keeping It at Eye Level"

Anne Fisher

Prayers of the People 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**

**Offering of our Lives**

Mary Koon

**Offering Music**

Excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*

Eugene Orr

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Britta Weber

**We give you thanks, O God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people, the gift of generosity and the desire to follow your way in love. May what we do and what we give, be used in your love. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### **We Remain Safely in God's Name**

**Closing Song No. 766**

"The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

*McKee*

**<sup>1</sup>The church of Christ  
cannot be bound**

**by walls of wood or stone.**

**Where charity and love are found  
there can the church be known.**

**<sup>3</sup>True love will not sit idly by  
when justice is denied.**

**True mercy hears the homeless cry  
and welcomes them inside.**

**<sup>4</sup>If what we have we freely share  
to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care  
through every selfless deed.**

**Benediction**

Anne Fisher

**Benediction Response No. 765** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"\*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace;**

**singing, share our joy with all;**

**working for a world that's new,**

**faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude

Nancy Hauser

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Additional participants in worship today include:  
Accompanist: **Judy Cooper**;  
Sound, Light, Video, **Bob Gerdes** and **Greg Johnson**.

**Chancel flowers** are given by  
**Sue Cavanaugh** in *memory of her mother, Dorothy, father, George,  
and sister, Barbara*;  
and by **Howard Baumgartner** in *memory of wife, Susan and their parents*.

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**Virtual Coffee Hour** — Bob and Karen Gerdes will host our first-ever **virtual coffee hour TODAY, May 24**, at 10:45 am (following the worship service that begins at 9:30 am). Please zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed (virtual) way! Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5446300962>. Use Meeting ID: 544 630 0962

Or dial in with your phone (audio only -- no video). Call 1-312-626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 544 630 0962 .

**The Nominating Committee asks the congregation for suggestions** of members you would like us to consider for the Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons, as well as a one-year Youth Elder. To suggest a name for consideration, please follow this link to complete and submit a google form: <https://forms.gle/6cHumACwBKoAymDaA> or call the church (952-888-4621) and ask for Beth, if that is easier for you.

The 2020 Nominating Committee members are: Elders: Eugene Orr, Karen Alonzi; Deacons: David Johnson, Sandra Crum; At Large: Warren Christopherson, Carol Long, Judy Moynihan, Sarajane Myers, Paul Schalekamp and Vaughn Sheff.

### From the Re-entry Task Force

We want you to know that our task force is meeting and trying to address the big issues of how and when to re-open the church and how to keep our members safe in the process. For now, in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak, the CDC and Presbyterian Church USA continues to recommend no on-site worship for the safety of us all. Virtual worship will continue on Facebook and on the web site.

The church remains locked. **We are asking everyone who needs to enter the building to bring and wear a face mask.** If you do not have a mask we have some cloth ones available for you to take and keep. We ask this to be true to the gospel of Christ: Love your neighbor as yourself, Mark 12:31.

Thanks for your participation. We will keep you updated. If you have ideas, questions or concerns, please contact Anne Klueh, [astklueh@yahoo.com](mailto:astklueh@yahoo.com), 651-235-9940.

**If you have a pastoral care need**, please contact us (952-888-4621 or [ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org)) to leave a message. We check for messages several times every day.