

*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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July 12, 2020

9:30 AM

We Assemble in God's Name

Thought to Ponder "The planet doesn't need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kinds."
—*Dalai Lama*

Prelude "Prelude from Suite No. 1 for G Major for Solo Cello" *JS Bach*

Welcome and Announcements Anne Fisher

Call to Worship Caitlin Lucic

One: God lavishly casts seeds of love and hope upon us!

Many: **May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of justice and mercy!**

One: Meet us here, tender Spirit, and let us know your presence.

Many: **Let us worship God!**

Hymn No. 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

¹Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

²Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

³Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Morning Prayer

Caitlin Lucic

(adapted from a prayer by Samuel Poore, *Earth Gospel*)

O God, may we see today

The largeness of your love, in even the smallest part of creation.

May we be ravished by traces of your beauty in earth and sky.

May we experience the eternity of your grace pulsing within each moment.

In Christ's name we pray, AMEN

We Listen to God's Word

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

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.**

Special Music

"Improvisation on What a Wonderful World"

B Thiele/G D Weiss; arr, C Lucic

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mary Koon

Sermon

"Flinging Seeds"

Mary Koon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Anne Fisher

**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**

Invitation to Offering

Anne Fisher

Offering Music

"Amazing Grace"

J Newton; arr. N Daughtrey

Prayer of Dedication

Caitlin Lucic

Seed scattering God, in You, there is abundant life. Let our words, our actions, our time, our treasure reflect the truth of your love for all people. Bless and inspire us to be co-creators of the world we long for so urgently. We pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Hymn No. 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

¹For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

²In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

³For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Benediction

Mary Koon

Response No. 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

**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.**

Postlude

"Ode to Joy"

L V Beethoven; arr. N Daughtrey

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Additional participants in worship today include:
Assistant Music Leader, **Eugene Orr**; Special Music, **Caitlin Lucic**;
Sound, Light, Video, **Mac Davis** and **Greg Johnson**.
Chancel flowers are given by **Jack & Leona Kley** in *memory of Dolores Bonikowski*; and by **Dave & Paula Johnson**, in *honor of granddaughter, Eloise Johnson*.

Virtual Coffee Hour — **Larry Klueh** will host our virtual coffee hour TODAY, July 12, 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/82573251654?pwd=aG54Mm9ZRlBmTzcxdnF4OFpDTEZKQT09> Use Meeting ID: 825 7325 1654 Password: 846589
Or dial in with your phone (audio only -- no video). Call 1-312-626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 825 7325 1654

Summer Bible Study on Zoom -- Mary Pol leads a Parables Bible Study on Wednesdays in July at 2:30 pm. All are welcome to join in this time of sharing, learning and conversation. Mary is a skilled facilitator with a wonderful sense of humor!

Join the zoom meeting at (it will say that Pastor Anne is inviting you) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2735774590?pwd=RUJFZWZORElXtk1aSjVxUjRGY3llUT09>. Use meeting ID: 273 577 4590 Password: oakgrove

If you don't have a computer and would like to dial in by phone (audio only, no video), call 1-312-626-6799 and use meeting ID: 273 577 4590 and Password: 982163

Favorite Hymns -- We Want to Hear from YOU! What hymns would make you burst into song and tap your toe even while sitting in the comfort of your home watching the service? This is your chance to sing your favorite hymn as if no one is watching! Send your hymn suggestion to ogpc@oakgrv.org and it may become part of our worship together!

The Church is Open for Prayer and Meditation -- It has been a long time since we have been in our sanctuary and we know you are missing it. The sanctuary is open for individual prayer and meditation on Thursdays from 10:00 am — 2:00 pm. In order to keep it safe for you and others we ask you to:

- Call or email the Church office 952-888-4621 or ogpc@oakgrv.org to reserve your time in the sanctuary
- Be sure to wear your mask (we have masks available in the church office if you forget to bring yours)
- Check in at the office when you arrive and leave
- Limit your time to 15 minutes (please spend time only in the sanctuary and office)
- Sit in the first two rows of the church. There will be a spray bottle to wipe down where you have been sitting after you are finished.
- If you need to use the restroom, please use the spray bottle to wipe door, toilet flusher and faucet handles that you have touched.

Thank you for being part of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and helping our church to be a safe and healthy space. We miss you!!!!