

*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 5, 2020**

**9:30 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.*

**Thought to Ponder** What could be better than a day filled with exploring the woods, an evening of good conversation (and ghost stories!) surrounded by loved ones around a campfire, and a night of sleeping in a tent beneath a pitch-black sky filled with bright stars?  
—*Jessica Leigh Mattern*

**Prelude** Nancy Hauser

**Welcome and Announcements** Anne Fisher

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** Rod Myers

One: Calling all who long for rest from worrying and are thirsty for a time of carefree thought.

**All: God gives us a respite from the concerns of the day.**

One: God is calling us to rest beside the still waters so that we can be restored.

**All: Let us worship God who is with us through all things.**

**Opening Song No. 339** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

**<sup>1</sup>Lift every voice and sing till earth  
and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high  
as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.**

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<sup>3</sup>God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us  
thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**Opening Prayer**

Rod Myers

Savior and Friend, you call us to lay down our burdens and find rest in a relationship with you. Help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart, that our burdens may be light. Amen

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Time with Children  
Sending Song**

"Near or Far"

Anne Fisher  
*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**

"I Am Light"

Jane Samsal

**Scripture**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Anne Fisher

**Message**

"Letters from Camp"

Anne Fisher

**Offering Up Our Lives to God**

**Offertory Music**

"Hear Our Praises"

Jane Samsal

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

Anne Fisher

**Communion Song No. 526**

<sup>1</sup>Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again;  
    earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again;  
    earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

<sup>2</sup>Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again;  
    earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rod Myers

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

**Words of Institution**

Anne Fisher

Sharing the bread  
Sharing the Cup

**Prayer Following Communion**

Rod Myers

Holy God you feed us in many ways. Help us to make peace with our  
past. Give us the humility to view our past, understand our present and  
move in hope toward the future. Help us to be kind to ourselves and oth-  
ers for Christ's sake. Amen.

**We Go Forth in God's Name**

**Closing Song No. 331 "God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand"**

<sup>1</sup>God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor  
    through the skies,  
our grateful songs  
    before thy throne arise.

<sup>4</sup>Refresh thy people  
    on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives  
    with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

**Benediction**

Anne Fisher

**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**

Nancy Hauser

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

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Linda & Greg Johnson**  
in *honor of Tyler & Alex*.

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**Virtual Coffee Hour** — **Larry Klueh** will host our virtual coffee hour TODAY, July 5, 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/88323645860?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88323645860?pwd=bG8rSEs3YnFBesSreitmN1piSmRldz09)

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Meeting ID: 883 2364 5860 Password: 884796

Or dial in with your phone (audio only -- no video). Call 1-312-626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 883 2364 5860

**Last Week! Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund!** Support this fund by pledging your donation to Don Alman for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake-2-Lake 50 Mile Bike Tour. To sponsor him this year, contact him at (952) 888-4083 or at [dalmanfh451@msn.com](mailto:dalmanfh451@msn.com) for details about how to donate.

**Passing Time with the Pastors** -- Join us for "Open Mic" time July 7 and 9 from 11:00 – noon. It's an opportunity to Zoom in, ask questions and share what is going on with each other, laugh and pray together. No RSVP needed. Look forward to seeing you!

Join the Zoom Meeting by going to [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2735774590?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2735774590?pwd=RUJFZWZORElxTk1aSjVxUjRlRGY3IUUT09)

[pwd=RUJFZWZORElxTk1aSjVxUjRlRGY3IUUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2735774590?pwd=RUJFZWZORElxTk1aSjVxUjRlRGY3IUUT09). Use Meeting ID: 273 577 4590

Password: oakgrove. If you don't have a computer and would like to dial in by phone, call 1-312-626-6799. Use Meeting ID: 273 577 4590; Password: 982163.



**The church office is closed Monday, July 6** for the Independence Day holiday. Have a safe and fun 4th of July!