

*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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9:30 AM

We Assemble Before God

Thoughts to Ponder we can collectively regain our faith in the transformative power of love by cultivating courage, the strength to stand up for what we believe in, to be accountable both in word and deed. *bell hooks*

Because we live in a nation that has begun its path to democracy by putting stumbling blocks in our way, we've got to start moving those blocks. *Stacey Abrams*

Prelude "How He Loves" *D. Crowder Band*

Welcome and Announcements Mary Koon

Lighting the Christ Candle/Centering Time

Call to Worship Britta Augdahl

One: God creates all races and nations in the world and asks us to live in harmony.

All: We are made to be family.

One: There is strife and pain in our human family – injustice abounds – racism, sexism, xenophobia. We are a divided people.

All: We are made to be family, called to let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

One: Inspired by the Holy Spirit, let us work and pray to restore community, to be repairers of the breach. We will not keep silent.

All: We are made to be family. Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 667 "When Morning Guilds the Skies" *cont'd next page*

¹When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

²Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

**⁴Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

Opening Prayer

Britta Augdahl

We give you thanks, O God, for this new day. For loving the world and knowing our names. For strength that fills us and love that heals us. Come hold us, bless us, wrestle with us and by your gracious hand, lead us into tomorrow. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Britta Augdahl

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

"Oceans/Look What You've Done"

Hillsong/N Cromwell

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-9

Mary Koon

Sermon Dialogue

"Courageous Conversations"

Brenda Johnson
and Mary Koon

We Respond to God's Call

Pastoral Prayer 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

Call to Offering

Mary Koon

Special Music

“There was Jesus”

Z Williams

Prayer of Dedication

Mary Koon

All blessings flow from you, generous God. Use our lives, our prayers, our time and our talents to bring healing and hope to the world you created and love. Amen.

We Depart to Live God’s Call in Our Lives

Hymn No. 767

“Together We Serve”

**¹Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God’s world
to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God’s love
to the last and the least.**

**²We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart
and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ
in each person we meet.**

**⁴Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

Benediction

Brenda Johnson

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:
Hymn Leaders & Singers, **Jessi & Brandon McKinnon**;
Sound, Light, Video, **Greg Johnson** and **Mac Davis**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Janice Ahlquist** in *memory of
husband, Allen Ahlquist*.



The White Rose on the Baptismal Font is for **Robert (Bob) O. Bruder** on the completion of his Baptism. Bob was born September 7, 2020. He completed his baptism on August 9, 2020.

“I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

We welcome **Brenda Johnson**, for "Courageous Conversations" with Mary Koon. Brenda was ordained in 2017 as a local elder/clergy in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her life verse is Hebrews 1:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." And Nehemiah 8:10, "...for the joy of the Lord is my strength."

Ms. Johnson is a Transitional Specialist with Stadium View School - part of the Minneapolis School District, housed in the Hennepin County Detention Center, where she works with youth and families. Johnson is passionate about youth, families, and those incarcerated and is devoted to interrupting the "cradle-to-prison" pipeline. She is actively involved in the National Education Association. Her work is recognized internationally. We are excited to hear from you, Brenda! Welcome!

Virtual Coffee Hour — **Larry Klueh** will host our virtual coffee hours for the remaining Sundays in August 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/86052282002?pwd=c1YvZVFjdVFEUnVGdWpPL3BHVIJdz09> Use Meeting ID: 860 5228 2002 and Passcode: 499542

Or dial in with your phone (audio only -- no video). Call 1-312-626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 860 5228 2002 and Passcode: 499542.



Car Wash this coming Saturday, August 22, 10 am - Noon!

Youth and Children's Ministries are sponsoring a car wash on Saturday. We are raising money for upcoming youth trips and to help Oasis purchase a minivan! Come and get your car scrubbed, and while you are waiting, enjoy a frozen treat and listen to Jessi and Brandon make some music. It will be a safe, outdoor activity for all! Don't forget your masks! See you then. Questions? Email or call Britta (bweber@oakgrv.org; 651-346-8774) or Mary (mkoon@oakgrv.org; 952-888-4621).

Anti-Racism Sharing & Conversation Opportunity — This is an invitation to join in an Anti-Racism Sharing & Conversation opportunity via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. It will be a chance to check-in with other Oak Grovers to share what's come to mind in the few weeks since some of us finished a WHITE FRAGILITY book discussion. It's also a chance to contribute to next steps, including choosing a next book for a 1-time conversation, if you wish.

Mostly, we want to help keep each other and our church continuing in the learning/growing, action and accountability in our anti-racism journey. Please add this to your calendar if you are interested and able. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/98181679840?pwd=ZlVhZEUxOTI1TXJ4Rld5OFk2dzVjQT09> Use Meeting ID: 981 8167 9840 and Passcode: 4dHqFT

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