

*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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**August 30, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

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

**Prelude** Judy Cooper

**Welcome and Announcements** Anne Fisher

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** Dick Nichols

One: Come, we gather, on the hillside or in our homes, at the cabin or  
on our porches, we gather.

**All: We are down the street, we are in other time zones, we are on our  
couches or in our easy chairs watching our laptops or TV screens,  
our iPads or smart phones.**

One: The truth is that we cannot help but gather because we are called  
by God as God's own.

**All: Whether we have been found as children or reclaimed as adults, we  
are God's people gathering to worship God through Jesus Christ.  
Let us worship!**

**Opening Song No. 730 "I Sing the Song of the Saints of God"**

<sup>1</sup>I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor,  
and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God,  
and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

<sup>2</sup>They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right,  
for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier,  
and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason,  
no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

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<sup>3</sup>They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school,  
or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops,  
or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

### Opening Prayer

Dick Nichols

Ever-present God who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will. Our stories of how we come to You are different but Your love for us is the same. In Christ's name we pray Amen.

### We Listen to God's Word

#### Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Anne Fisher

#### 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

"The Journey"

Becky Dop

#### Scripture

Portions of Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Matthew 16:13-20

Anne Fisher

#### Sermon

"Bulrushes and Bedrock"

Anne Fisher

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

### We Respond in God's Name

#### Giving of Our Lives

Mary Koon

**Offering Music**

**“Go Light the World”**

**Becky Dop**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Dick Nichols**

Gracious God we thank you for the faith you have given us and we ask you to increase in us generosity, compassion and prophetic courage so we may continue to be the visible and viable body of Christ in this world today. With thanksgiving we pray in Christ’s name Amen.

### **We Go Forth in God’s Name**

**Closing Song No. 726**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

<sup>1</sup>“Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown;  
will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you  
and you in me?”

<sup>3</sup>“Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you  
and you in me?”

<sup>2</sup>“Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should  
your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you  
and you in me?”

<sup>4</sup>“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?”

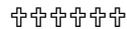
<sup>5</sup>Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where  
your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**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.**



Additional participants in worship today include:  
Sound, Light, Video, **Gordon Goodwin** and **Mac Davis**.

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Mitzi Pickard** in *memory of husband, Jim*.

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The rosebud in the chancel this week is in honor of **Everett Jasper Asplin**, who was born to granddaughter, Becca, on August 21. Proud great-grandparents are **Al & Lila Netten**.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** — **Larry Klueh** will host our virtual coffee today 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=c1YvZVFjdVFEUnVGdWpPL3BHVIJJdz09> 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 and Passcode above.

### Virtual WoW! Begins September 16

Each group will meet at 6:30 via zoom – we'll provide links closer to the date. The links will remain the same throughout the fall.

# WoW!

- K-5th will meet for 30 minutes for highs and lows, a story and game.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> will meet for an hour of confirmation.
- High school will NOT meet on Wednesdays this fall, but will meet Sunday evenings.
- Adults will meet with Pastors Anne, Mary Pol or Mary Koon for Bible Study or book study from 6:30 -7:30. **On September 16, 23, 30 and October 7** via Zoom, Rev. Gregg Dana and Pastor Anne Fisher will lead a discussion of "**Voices of Today: Contemporary Prophetic Voices that have Changed Our World View.**" Watch announcements for the Zoom link.



### Car Rally Rally Day – September 13, 10:15 – 11:30 am

This year we will celebrate Rally Day in a whole new way! We will offer virtual worship from 9:30 – 10 am, and then invite you to hop into your car and drive over to Oak Grove for a drive-through party between 10:15 - 11:30 am. This is our way to say hello and to thank you for "*Living Church Beyond Walls!*" The Mardi Gras Jazz combo, a 5-piece band, will play music, we'll enjoy Morris Dancing and collect Noisy Offering for supporting children in Minneapolis. Committee representatives, including Youth and Children's leaders, will be on hand to give a friendly wave and connect in person! We can't wait to see you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!