

*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 9, 2020

9:30 AM

We Assemble Before God

Prelude Nancy Hauser

Welcome and Announcements Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship Cece Klueh

One: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

All: We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.

One: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

**All: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person
as our sister or brother.**

One: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others.
What will you do?

All: We will do only one thing - welcome everyone in God's name!

One: Let us worship our God.

Hymn No. 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

¹I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

²I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

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³I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,

'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Opening Prayer

Cece Klueh

Steadfast God, as we experience seasons of overwhelming change in our lives day after day, it feels that we have many emotions — times of hellos and goodbyes; times of questioning; times of sacrifice. Allow us to be present for each season, assured of your love and strengthened in faith. Amen.

We Listen Together

Time for the Young and Young at Heart
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

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Bringle/Rowan

Scripture Readings

Psalms 130 & Mark 5:21-43

Denise Dunbar-Perkins

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Who Is That Lady?”

Denise Dunbar-Perkins

We Respond Together

A Litany for the Body of Christ (*unison*)

Gar Nordin

~ adapted from “God's Work of Art,” written by the Rev. David Inglis,
pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ.

We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

**We are God's handiwork—woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, but
united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,**

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We are the Body of Christ—living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.
We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.
We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

Pastoral Prayer / 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 "Till All My People are One" *Repp*

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Gar Nordin

Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God.
Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any
obstacles which keep others from knowing your grace, experiencing your
healing, or being filled with your hope. Now is the time to give thanks for
your blessings, praying they will be used to bless others. In Jesus' name,
we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Live God's Call in Our Lives

Hymn No. 769

"For Everyone Born"

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¹For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

²For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

³For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands
that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

⁴For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, and
God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

⁵For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

Benediction

Denise Dunbar-Perkins

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, **Cece Klueh** and **Gar Nordin**; Accompanist, **Judy Cooper**;
Sound, Light, Video, **Mac Davis** and **Gordon Goodwin**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Georgia May** in *loving memory of*
Nalah Birchenough.

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=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: 860 5228 2002 and Passcode: 499542.