

*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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September 20, 2020 Faith Formation Kick-off Sunday! 10:45 AM

We Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Nancy Hauser

Thought to Ponder “Sometimes you have to watch somebody love something before you can love it yourself. It is as if they are showing you the way.”

—Donald Miller (*in Blue Like Jazz*)

Welcome and Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting the Christ Candle/Centering Time

Call to worship¹

Britta Augdahl

One: Early in the morning, God calls us into the presence of another day;
to celebrate the gifts of life and breath, of possibility and promise.

All: Speak to us, O God, we are listening.

One: Through the voices of young, old, and in-between; you teach us
and reveal to us your plans for our formation and growth.

All: Speak to us, O God, we are listening.

One: On this day, may we be inspired to bear witness
to your extraordinary grace throughout the world.

All: Speak, O God, we are listening. Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 26

“Earth and All Stars”

¹Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

²Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

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**⁴Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!**

Morning Prayer

Britta Augdahl

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise – near and far apart! Fill us with your Spirit, sustain us by your hand, and help us to grow in faith through Jesus Christ. AMEN

We Listen to God's Word

Time for the Young and Young at Heart Britta Augdahl, Mary Koon, 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

Hannah Ervin

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Matthew 13:44-52

Mary Koon

Sermon

"Forming Faith"

Mary Koon

Prayers of the People/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**

Call to Offering

Anne Fisher

Offering Music

Hannah Ervin

Prayer of Dedication

Britta Augdahl

**Generous God, in response to your grace, we offer our gifts of gratitude, time, talent, and treasure. Help us to model your generosity in all we say and do, that we might work for your vision of peace and hope in our world.
AMEN**

We Respond to God's Call

Closing Hymn No. 643 "Now Thank We All our God" vss. 1-3

**¹Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**²O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**³All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Benediction

Mary Koon

Sending Song No. 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

***Refrain:* Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our elders see visions; our youth clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions, your people arise. (Refrain)**

Postlude

Nancy Hauser

¹Adapted from a prayer found on: http://pma.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/2014_te_sunday_liturgical_resources.pdf

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

Chancel flowers are given by **Mark and Marsha Pridgeon** in *memory of father, Alfred Pridgeon* and by **Nancy Kachel** in *memory of husband, Dave Kachel*



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of baptism for **Steven Hine St. Martin**, who was baptized June 6, 1927.

“In Life and Death we belong to God.”

Wednesday's WoW! — Each group will meet at 6:30 via zoom. The links will remain the same throughout the fall. **Children and youth** links will be emailed directly to participants.

WoW!

- K-5th will meet for 30 minutes for highs and lows, a story and game.
- 6th - 8th will meet for an hour of confirmation.
- High school will NOT meet on Wednesdays this fall, but will meet Sunday evenings.
- Adults will meet **September 23, 30 and October 7** via Zoom, with Rev. Gregg Dana and Pastor Anne Fisher will lead a discussion of "**Voices of Today: Contemporary Prophetic Voices that have Changed Our World View.**"

Pastor Anne invites you to join the Zoom Meeting at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738988374?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738988374?pwd=VXFiWVB3RE95STQxVmJmNE9ydllQZz09)

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Meeting ID: 897 3898 8374, Passcode: oakgrove

For audio only, call 1 312 626 6799 and use the ID & passcode above



Peace & Global Witness, September 6 - October 4. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The Presbyterian Mission Agency uses the remaining 50% to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You can help by sending your check to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, and specify Peace & Global Witness on the memo line. Thanks for your consideration!

Virtual Coffee Hour — **Larry Klueh** will host our virtual coffee hour **today at Noon** (following the worship service that begins at 10:45). 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=c1YvZVFjdVFEUnVGdWpPL3BHVlJjdz09> 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.