

*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 27, 2020

10:45 AM

We Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Nancy Hauser

Thought to Ponder “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”
—*Serenity Prayer attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr*

Welcome and Announcements Anne Fisher

Lighting the Christ Candle/Centering Time

Opening Words Karen Gerdes

One: Hurry up! Slow Down! Let's get on with it!

People: **God grant us peace and serenity; help us to do the things we can and let go of the things we cannot.**

One: When will this be over? When can we reclaim what we had?

People: **The people in the wilderness asked the same thing but they did not go back to where they were in Egypt. They kept moving forward to a new land.**

All: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God from all creatures here below; Praise God from above all heavenly Hosts; Praise God, creator, Christ and Holy Ghost!**

Opening Song No. 81 “Glorious things of Thee are Spoken”

¹Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

²Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

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³See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Opening Prayer

Karen Gerdes

Patient God as we wander in this time and place pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. We pray in Jesus' name Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Special Music

"Child of Wonder"

Haugen

Time with Children

Anne Fisher & Mary Koon

Baptism of Brooks William Enderlein

son of Brian & Rachel Enderlein

Assisting Elder: Karen Gerdes

Congregational Response (*unison*) With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Brooks, into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

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.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Message

"Are We There Yet?"

Anne Fisher

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mary Koon

The 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

Offering of Ourselves

Mary Koon

Offering Music "In the Light of Your Promise" Paulson/Laughlin

Prayer of Gratitude

Karen Gerdes

Loving God, thank you for being with us in a pandemic, for being with us when we are irritated and feeling out of sorts. Thank you for your presence in all our seasons. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

We Respond to God's Call

Closing song No. 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

¹"I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

³"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you
through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

²"When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

⁴"I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending song

"Spirit of Gentleness"

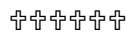
Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, sprit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

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**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



Additional participants in worship today include: Vocalists: **Sonya Butler, Judy Cooper and Karen Gerdes;**
Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes and Mac Davis.**

Chancel flowers are given by **Bob & Sandy Crum** in *honor of their family;*
and by **Mark and Marsha Pridgeon** in *memory of father, Alfred Pridgeon.*



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of baptism for **James Gardin Christianson**. Jim was born in 1927 and completed his baptism at his death on September 21, 2020.

“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 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.**" Pastor Anne invites you to join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738988374?pwd=VXFiWVB3RE95STQxVmJmNE9ydllQZz09>

Use Meeting ID: 897 3898 8374, Passcode: oakgrove

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

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=c1YvZVFjdVFEUnVGdWpPL3BHVIJdJz09> 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.