

*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

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October 11, 2020

Golden Harvest Sunday

10:45 AM

We Gather in God's Name

Thought to Ponder:

Jackie Hall

"Oak Grove is the solid rock on which I stand – all the rest is sinking sand."

Prelude

Nancy Hauser

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Koon

Centering Time and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Psalm 46:10

Call to Worship¹

Eugene Orr

based on Lamentations 3:22–24

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

All: God's mercies never end, they are new each morning.

One: Great is your faithfulness, of God! We will forever place our hope in You!

All: Let us worship God with our whole beings!

Opening Song² No. 625

"How Great Thou Art"

¹ O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

² When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. *(Refrain)*

⁴ When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *(Refrain)*

Opening Prayer³

Eugene Orr

Loving God, You have been a beacon throughout our lives. What a joy it is to journey together. Though our church has struggled with ups and down, our strong belief in You has led us to be a place of inclusivity, greater mission work and to be good stewards of the land and this building. How thankful we are to be a part of this loving and supportive, action-oriented Christian community. AMEN.

We Listen to God's Word

Time with Children

Mary Koon

Stories from our Elders: Jackie Hall & Gene Morris

Hymn⁴ 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.

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.

Scripture⁵

Isaiah 64:8

Anne Fisher

Meditation

"How We Got Here"

Mary Koon

Hymn⁶ No. 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

¹ I danced in the morning when the world
was begun, and I danced in the moon and
the stars and the sun, and I came down
from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

⁵ They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Scripture⁷

^a I Corinthians 13:13

Anne Fisher

^b Romans 8:28

^c Jeremiah 29:11

Meditation "Serving God in this Place" Mary Koon

Hymn⁸ No. 69 "Here I am, Lord"

¹ I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Scripture⁹ Psalm 23 Anne Fisher

Meditation "Significant Moments" Mary Koon

Special Music¹⁰ "On Eagle's Wings" *Joncas*

Call to Prayer¹¹ Luke 11:9–10 Anne Fisher

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

We Respond in Love in Christ's Name

Call to Offering Anne Fisher

Offering Music "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Chisholm/Runyan*

Offering Prayer¹² Eugene Orr

Generous God, you have showered us with blessings throughout the decades – deep friendship, spiritual growth and loving community. In painful and uncertain times, when life throws us a twist, You are our rock. In gratitude, we offer our lives to you in faithful service and giving. AMEN.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Hymn¹³ No. 649

"Amazing Grace"

¹ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

⁵ When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Final Thoughts

"Wisdom from Our Centenarians"

Mary Koon

Benediction¹⁴

Mary Koon

Sending Song¹⁵

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" *Jill Jackson & Sy Miller*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, family all are we,
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.*

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each
moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Postlude

Nancy Hauser

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalist: **Anne Klueh**;

Accompanist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin** and **Mac Davis**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Sue Cavanaugh**
in *memory of her husband, Ron Cavanaugh*.

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**Thank you to all of our Golden Harvest honorees
who contributed to this service:**

Gene Morris
Lou Traeder
Bob & Dorothy Sorensen
Verona Stoesz
Jackie Hall
Al & Lila Netten
Dick Twete
Carol McCarthy
Nancy & Mike Hoaglund
Marilyn Eidem
Iris Karow
Ken Hanson
Evelyn Melum
Dick & Enid Lang
Bob Worthington
Jan Ahlquist
Larry & Darlene Thronson
Glenn Pettit
Gordon and Jeanne Goodwin
Don Wagner

Footnotes

- ¹Favorite verse of Verona Stoesz
- ²Favorite song of many honorees
- ³Based on words from Carol McCarthy
- ⁴Favorite song of many honorees
- ⁵Favorite verse of Al Netten
- ⁶Favorite song of Jackie Hall
- ⁷Favorite verse of Lila Netten (a), Iris Karow (b) and Verona Stoesz (c)
- ⁸Favorite song of Jackie Hall
- ⁹Favorite verse of many honorees
- ¹⁰Favorite song of many honorees
- ¹¹Favorite verse of Dorothy & Bob Sorensen
- ¹²Based on words from Jeanne & Gordon Goodwin
- ¹³Favorite song of Lila & Al Netten
- ¹⁴Favorite of Dick Twete
- ¹⁵Favorite song of Dick Twete

Announcements

Virtual Coffee Hour: Larry Klueh will host our virtual coffee hour today at Noon. Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/30oYzRO>. Use Meeting ID: 860 5228 2002 and Passcode: 499542. For audio only, call 1 312 626 6799 and use the ID and passcode to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed (virtual) way!

Wednesday's WoW! for October 14

Each group will meet at 6:30 via Zoom:

Children of all ages: <https://bit.ly/3IOBlct>

Adults, Pastor Anne invites you to join at: <https://bit.ly/2Gh8wtx>. Use Meeting ID: 897 3898 8374 and Passcode: oakgrove. For audio only, call 1 312 626 6799 and use the ID and passcode.

Beat the Heat: A big Thank You to all who participated in the Pakistan "*Beat the Heat*" fundraising event in September. We took in \$683 to help purchase water bottles, tarps and water coolers for the school children in Pakistan. Thanks again!