

*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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Jan. 17, 2021	Installation of Officers	10:45 am
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Thoughts to Ponder

“Selected to Serve”

Earl S. Johnson, Jr.

“The call of God is to all believers. God calls us individually and as members of the church, and Christians know that when it comes to believing and serving we are not so much the choosers as we are the chosen... In addition to the general call to all believers, God also gives unique gifts to the individual people to enable them to serve the church in special ways. In the Presbyterian Church USA we recognize some of these gifts by ordaining members as pastors, elders, and deacons.”

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Zach & Sarah Orr

Call to Worship

Eugene Orr

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Let us worship God.

Opening Song No. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (on screens)

**¹ Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**² Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**³ Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**⁴ So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

Opening Prayer

Eugene Orr

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Allow your Holy Spirit to move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word to Us

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

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

Acts 6:1–6

Becky Dop

I Timothy 1:3–7

Message

Anne Fisher

“Down to the River to Pray”

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Message

Kathy Howell

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Message

Eugene Orr

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

O mothers, let's go down
Come on down, don't you wanna
go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Message

Mary Koon

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way
O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down

O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

God Calls Us: Service of Ordination & Installation

Prayer

Anne Fisher

Constitutional Questions

Anne Fisher/Mary Koon

Do we the members of Oak Grove accept Becky, Hannah, Jessi, Joey and Emma and reaffirm Kathy as Elders; and John, Amanda, Nancy, Lisa and reaffirm Verona as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the Head of the Church? **We do.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Anthem "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me"

Prayer of Ordination Mary Koon

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Declaration of Ordination Anne Fisher

We Respond to God's Call

Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts Anne Fisher

Offering Music Music Selection

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication Eugene Orr

Loving God accept our willingness to serve you and follow your call. Help us on that path. Accept the gifts we give and may they help to make a just and loving world. In Christ's name we pray Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 69 "Here I Am, Lord" (*on screens*)

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.

² I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

³ I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 291 "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

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Participants in worship today include:

Liturgist: **Eugene Orr**;

Vocalists: **Becky Dop, Kathy Howell and Emma Wasko**;

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes and Randy Dop**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Cecilia Laurie,**
in memory of Erlene Elliot.

Elders being ordained: Becky Dop, Hannah Ervin, Jessi McKinnon, Joey Oslund and Emma Wasko.

Elder being installed: Kathy Howell.

Deacons being ordained: John Crampton, Amanda Fineran, Nancy Scott and Lisa Sheff.

Deacons being installed: Verona Stoesz.

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation program on Sunday, Jan. 17 (9:30 am) will be presented by the Green Committee and Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (**RREAL**) of Northern Minnesota. It's called "*Bringing Renewable Energy and Empowerment to Low Income Communities to End Energy Poverty.*"

RREAL is a leader in helping Native American Nations construct community solar gardens, solar for Habitat for Humanity houses, solar assistance for low-income people through community action programs. **RREAL** also develops community-based solar projects in Uganda and Liberia. In addition, **RREAL** has led in installing solar on schools and has developed renewable energy curricula for grades K–8 which is being used in schools throughout Minnesota.

<https://www.rreal.org>

Our goal is to begin a discussion of how Oak Grove can marry our church's efforts and expertise in social justice, mission, supportive housing, education and environmental stewardship to serve the wider community of low-income people in our communities. For more information, please contact John Crampton at 612-396-6010 or jcrampt48@gmail.com.

Join the Zoom Meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3i4TI5n>. Use Meeting ID: 882 1149 9405 and Passcode: 195553. For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at Noon. Please zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed (virtual) way! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3hxYbrw>. Use Meeting ID: 845 2763 1073 and Passcode: 665615 . For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

2020 Contributions

The 2020 Contribution Statements went out on Monday, Jan. 11. Please check your email for the statements. If there are any questions about your statement or would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact Anne Swenson, at aswenson@oakgrv.org.

Office Closed: Monday, Jan. 18

The Oak Grove Church office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 8:30 am.

Church Bells: Tuesday, Jan. 19

The Oak Grove Church bells will ring for five minutes, starting at 4:30 pm, on Tuesday, Jan. 19 to honor the 380K+ lives lost to COVID-19 in the United States.

Memorial Blood Drive: Tuesday, Jan. 26

January is National Blood Donor Month! Oak Grove is sponsoring a blood drive at the church (1–6:00 pm). To sign up, go to www.mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 0524 or contact Daria at daria.kushnir@innovativeblood.org or 651-332-7262.

WoW! for all ages has started up again

Each group will meet Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom:

Children of all ages: <https://bit.ly/3l0Blct>

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 312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

Loaves & Fishes

Oak Grove is now a Meals To-Go site Mondays through Fridays (4–7:00 pm shifts).
Want to help? Call the church office (952-888-4621) and leave your name if interested.
No firm commitment needed at this time.

Chancel Flower Sign-up for 2021

We will continue to have colorful arrangements for our Sunday worship services, virtual or in-person. Select a date in memory of or in honor of a loved one, group or event.
The cost is \$30 due at sign-up. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or urbanfields2.1@q.com to sign up and reserve your special date.