

*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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Feb. 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Thoughts to Ponder

“For Good”

Stephen Schwartz

(from WICKED The Musical)

I've heard it said that people come into our lives
For a reason, bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those who help us most to grow
If we let them; and we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today because I knew you
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gideon & Suzy Ehrenberg

Call to Worship

Milissa Carter

One: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Isa. 40:21

All: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

Isa. 40:31

All: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

One: they shall run and not be weary,

All: they shall walk and not faint. Let us worship God.

Opening Song No. 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (*on screens*)

¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

³ To all, life thou givest,
to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish
like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

Opening Prayer

Milissa Carter

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news. Help us to work for good .Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

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.

Anthem

“For Good”

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 9:16–23

Anne Fisher

Message

“For Good”

Anne Fisher

We Respond in God’s Name

Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts

Anne Fisher

Offering Music

“Glory”

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 Psalm 147:7

Milissa Carter

For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O God. Use us for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Mary Koon

Song of Invitation No. 499 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" (*on screens*)

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:**

**look on the heart by sorrow broken;
look on the tears by sinners shed;
so may your feast become the token
that by your grace our souls are fed.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anne Fisher

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.

Words of Institution

Anne Fisher

Sharing the Bread

Anne Fisher

Sharing the Cup

Mary Koon

Prayer following Communion

Mary Koon

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 57 I Danced in the Morning (*on screens*)

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.

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.

² I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.

They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

³ I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

(*Refrain*)

⁴ I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,

but I am the dance and I still go on.

(*Refrain*)

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*)

Benediction

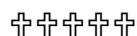
Anne Fisher

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



Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Jessi McKinnon** and **Emma Wasko**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Andy Snyder** and **Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Lila & Al Netten**,

in *honor of great-grandchild Everett Jasper Asplin* and

Anne Klueh, Jill Dubis & Paul St. Martin

in *memory of Audrey St. Martin*.

Oak Grove 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 way! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3hxYbrw>. Use Meeting ID: 896 8075 0816 and Passcode: 323213. For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and passcode.

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.

Lenten Devotionals

Lent begins on Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday; Lent is an opportunity to take time to enrich our spiritual life. Oak Grove has a limited number of Lenten daily devotionals available called *Steadfast Love* by Henri Nowen. If you would like a devotional, please contact the Church office (952-888-4621) in order to receive one.

Upcoming Events

Movie Discussion Group: Feb. 7

The Racial Equity Committee invites you to our first movie discussion group! Please join us on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 4:00 pm to talk about the movie, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. The powerful film can be found on Netflix.

Ma Rainey is adapted from the play by August Wilson, and there is a commentary piece as well if you wish, entitled, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom: A Legacy Brought to Screen*. Feel free to view that, too. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary. See you on the 7th!

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/39nQ1PV>

Meeting ID: 898 343 9400, Passcode: 383326

For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and Passcode.

Family Sledding Party: Feb. 13 (10–11:00 am)

Join us at Brookside Park on the sliding hill on Abbott Avenue. Please bring your sleds and masks and we'll sled and play!

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 17

This year, Ash Wednesday will be a new experience with a pre-recorded worship service available starting at noon and a "Drive-Thru" Ash Wednesday and Lenten Experience 7:00–7:30 pm at the church.

Annual Meeting: Feb 28

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 28 at noon via Zoom. We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 to conduct official church business. Please join us via a computer or mobile phone. If you are unable to join via computer, you can also call in. Look for the link prior to the meeting.