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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. 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sarah & Zachary Orr

Call to Worship

Britta Augdahl

One: From water to wilderness:

All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: On stone and in hearts:

All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

All: For where he is, we would be also. Let us worship God.

Opening Song No. 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (*on screens*)

¹ There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

² There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*Refrain*)

***Refrain:* Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

Opening Prayer

Britta Augdahl

Loving God, we take the steps in the journey of Lent not sure what each day will bring. We are tired and worried; we are thirsty for connection; we are hungry for your Good Word. May the steps we take bring us closer. In Your Son's name, we pray. 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

Vocal Selection

Scripture

Mark 1:9–15

Anne Fisher

Message

"Into the Wilderness and
It is Not Always About Geography"

Anne Fisher

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

We Respond in God's Name

Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts

Mary Koon

Offering Music

Vocal 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

Britta Augdahl

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 166 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (*on screens*)

¹ Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

⁴ Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

² As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 470 “There is a Longing in Our Hearts”

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal
yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find
in you, our God.

Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Soloist: **Hannah Ervin;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes** and **Mac Davis**

Chancel flowers are given by **Ev & Al Gebhard,**
in *memory of son, Michael,* and
Linda & Greg Johnson, in *memory of Bob Nesbitt,*
and *in honor of Penny Nesbitt's birthday.*



The rosebud in the chancel this week is in honor of Maya Marie Leonard, who was born to parents Laurie and Tyler Leonard on February 11. Welcome Maya!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per Capita Challenge

We are, once again, having the 'Per Capita' challenge for the month of February. 'Per capita' is the set amount of money per member that each congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church.

Last year, Oak Grovers donated more than \$7,000 to pay off their individual per capita donations. This amount greatly reduced the amount that needed to be paid from our general fund. Our goal this year is again collect \$7,000 in per capita payments and to date, we have received \$3,220. This would be a great way to show our congregation's commitment to the Presbytery and their work on our behalf. Please take part in our challenge this month, and make a 'per capita' payment of \$36.50 for each confirmed member of your family who attends Oak Grove. Thank you!

Special Musician for Feb. 28: Dale Alexander

Dale was the leader and keyboardist with the jazz group that played outdoors at our Rally Day drive through. He is a drummer, song writer, music director and pianist who grew up in the Twin Cities. He has traveled the world performing and recording with many musical legends, including playing with Prince on his Sign 'O The Times tour. He is currently residing in Minneapolis and appearing with many local musicians. We are so happy to welcome him to our morning worship service on Feb. 28!

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. Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/36SpVmo>

Meeting ID: 925 1205 0464, Passcode: 375742

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Annual Report or call the church for a printed copy.

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.

Note: Coffee Hour will take a break Feb. 28 so members can participate in the annual meeting.

Adult Lenten Study: Feb. 24–March 24

We hope you will join in our Lenten study of the classic book “*Life of the Beloved*.” In this study, we will explore what has been called the greatest legacy of one of the greatest spiritual authors of the 20th century: Henri Nouwen.

We will gather to discuss the book on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 24–March 24 (6:30–7:30 pm), via Zoom. Please be sure to pick up your book, there are a great many online resources, and join us if you can.

Comment on Minnesota Clean Car Proposed Rules by March 15

Learn more about Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposed rules by attending information sessions online and/or via phone at: www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mn-rulemaking

To comment on the proposed MPCA rules before March 15, go to:

- www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mn-rulemaking
- fresh-energy.org/clean-cars-comment/

For more info and/or questions, contact John Crampton, Green Committee, at 612-396-6010 or jcrampt48@gmail.com.

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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.

From The Supportive Housing Committee

Our Partner Aeon has a continual need for special notes for their isolated residents. They can be placed in the basket in the Narthex at church or mailed to:

Aeon
Attn: Mary Ann Prado
901 North 3rd St. Suite 150
Minneapolis, MN 55401

There are a few blank note cards that can be taken from the basket. Suggestions for the cards include: drawings from children, poems, quick notes to say hello.

Examples include:

- Hello! I send you greetings from my cat Juniper and I. She is enjoying having me home more, but likes to steal the show when I am on my zoom meetings. She has been great company as I miss my friends and family during this pandemic. Sending you warm wishes and meows from Bloomington, MN!
- Hand drawn cards and photos from kids are also very welcome!