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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. 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**10:45 am**

### **We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**

Dale Alexander

**Welcome & Announcements**

Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Annabelle, Cassidy, Sam & Ellery Oslund

**Call to Worship\*\***

Dick Nichols

One: God has set this day before us,

**All: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

One: God has set our lives before us,

**All: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

One: Jesus calls us to follow him each day, to lose our lives in order to find them,

**All: To discover what it means to be alive in God's love. Let us worship God.**

**Opening Song** No. 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (*on screens*)

**<sup>1</sup> Lift every voice and sing till earth  
and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the  
listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark  
past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the  
present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new  
day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.**

**<sup>3</sup> God of our weary years, God of our  
silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on  
the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into  
the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our  
God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of  
the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we  
forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

## Call to Confession

Dick Nichols

One: Let us confess our sins before God, knowing that God will listen and forgive.

## Prayer of Confession

Dick Nichols

**All: God of grace and compassion, we long to be faithful, to serve you with joy; to hold onto hope when the world seems hopeless. Forgive us when our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Have mercy upon us when our hope collapses when we are threatened, when we abandon those you love when it isn't convenient. Forgive us when we speak much and risk little. Restore us to right relationship with you, the earth, and all beings. (Silent prayer).**

One: By the grace of the living God, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, free to begin again. Thanks be to God.

## We Listen for God's Word

### Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Anne Fisher

### 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

Piano Selection

Dale Alexander

### Scripture

Mark 8:27–38

Mary Koon

### Message

"Lent is..."

Mary Koon

### 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.**

## We Respond in God's Name

### Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts

Offering Music

Piano Selection

Anne Fisher

Dale Alexander

### 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

Dick Nichols

**Generous God, all good gifts come from your hand. Accept our offerings as a response to your grace, so freely given. Receive the work we do, the treasure we give, that they may be a blessing in your world. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.**

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### Closing Song No. 726 "The Summons" (*on screens*)

**<sup>1</sup> Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;**

**will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**<sup>2</sup> Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**<sup>5</sup> Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

### Benediction

Mary Koon

### Sending Song No. 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

***Refrain:* Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**<sup>2</sup> Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*refrain*)**



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

Guest Pianist: **Dale Alexander;**

Vocalists: **Dick Nichols, Becky Dop and Karen Gerdes;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Gordon Goodwin and Greg Johnson**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Marsha Pridgeon & Mark Pridgeon,**  
in *memory of mother, Hilda Pridgeon,* and  
**Sharon Nolte,** in *memory of brother, Bob Esnough.*

*\*\* Adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel*

Our first hymn this morning, Lift Every Voice and Sing – often called “The Black National Anthem” – was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday on Feb. 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

[www.naACP.org/naACP-history-lift-evry-voice-and-sing/](http://www.naACP.org/naACP-history-lift-evry-voice-and-sing/)

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## **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.

Virtual Coffee Hour will take a break today so members may participate in the meeting.