

*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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March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Molly Fineran

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 19)

Gar Nordin

Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another
what needs to be known.**

We declare God's glory in our songs, our joy, our actions.

God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset.

Melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith.

God is our rock; God is with us.

Opening Song No. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (*on screens*)

¹ For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

² For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

⁴ For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

⁵ For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
(*Refrain*)

Litany for Lent

Gar Nordin

Our Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter is forty days minus our Sabbath day, Sunday. Join us in the Litany for Lent. Your response is:

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty days and nights the rain fell and the waters covered the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord from death to life.

Guide us O God, in your path, help us to hear your Word and to respond to your love for us with our actions. In Christ 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

"Only Hope"

Scripture

John 2:13–22

Anne Fisher

Message

"Turning the Tables"

Anne Fisher

We Respond in God's Name

Offering of Ourselves & Our Gifts

Anne Fisher

Offering Music "At This Table"

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

Gar Nordin

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.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Anne Fisher

Song of Invitation No. 533 "In the Singing" (*on screens*)

¹ In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table.

***Refrain:* Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

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.

Words of Institution

Mary Koon

Sharing the Bread

Mary Koon

Sharing the Cup

Anne Fisher

Prayer following Communion

Anne Fisher

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey for these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (*on screens*)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 470 "There is a Longing in Our Hearts" (*on screens*)

***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

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalist: **Jane Samsal;**

Pianist: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Randy Dop and Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given anonymously
in *honor of Lynn Severson, who will celebrate her birthday on March 23,*
and *"Thank you to Oak Grove staff for all you do*
and are doing for Oak Grove during this difficult time."

Oak Grove Announcements



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Connie Johnson** who joined the church triumphant March 3, 2021, "In Life and Death we belong to God."

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>.

Meeting ID: 845 2763 1073, Passcode: 665615

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

Congregational Meeting: March 14

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 14 at noon for the purpose of presenting and electing the next Pastor/Head of Staff. Look for the Zoom link and remember March 14 is when our time springs ahead one hour as Daylight savings time begins!

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.

Oak Grove Announcements

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.

Support the Wendy's Boycott

The Social Justice Committee is asking Oak Grove members to sign a letter (by March 31) to the local Wendy's manager that will be delivered on our behalf. The letter asks Wendy's to join other fast-food giants such as McDonald's and Taco Bell in support of the Fair Food Program (<https://www.fairfoodprogram.org>).

The Fair Food Program supports Florida growers who uphold human rights and is endorsed by the PC(USA). While it may not seem like much, this is just one action to be taken in this effort. To sign the letter, please go to the Oak Grove website oakgrv.org and click on the boycott Wendy's link to add your name to the letter.

For more information, please visit:

Deliver with Dignity-Uber Eats, Grubhub, etc.

<http://www.boycott-wendys.org/deliverwithdignity>

<https://www.fairfoodprogram.org>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/food-faith/boycott/>