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seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.*

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OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Piano Duets

Judy Cooper & Nancy Hauser

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Paige Arndt

Call to Worship (based on I Corinthians 12)

Jeanine Radtke

There are varieties of gifts

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same God who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

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. 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (*on screens*)

¹ We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

² We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (*Refrain*)

³ We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (*Refrain*)

Opening Prayer*

Jeanine Radtke

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act. Bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, new ways of being, and working for a new creation. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon & Bart Roush

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

"Simple Gifts"

CeCe Klueh

Scripture

Ephesians 4:4–6, 11–13
Romans 12:1–18

Bart Roush

Message

"A Call Delayed"

Bart Roush

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 "Crowded 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

Jeanine Radtke

O God of boundless love, you restore our souls and renew our minds. Your Spirit fills and encourages us toward lives of love and service. Accept our offerings of time and treasure, and bless them as a sign of our faith, that your world might know peace and justice. AMEN.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 767 "Together We Serve" (*on screens*)

¹ Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.

² We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

⁴ Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

Benediction

Bart Roush

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



Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist: **Jeanine Radtke**;

Vocalist: **CeCe Klueh**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes** and **Chris Diller**

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Hauser**
in *memory of husband, Darwin*, and
and **Meg Robles**, in *honor of grandchildren, Mari & James*.

*Adapted from Ann Siddall and posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre
<https://www.stillpointsa.org.au>

Congregational Meeting: March 14

The Session of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for **12 noon on Sunday** (via Zoom webinar) for the purpose of presenting and electing our candidate for Pastor/Head of Staff. The meeting will follow the 10:45 am virtual worship service where Pastor Bart will preach.

A Zoom webinar looks a little different from a traditional Zoom meeting in that attendees will not be able to see themselves. You will still be able to interact via chat, Q&A (question & answer), or speak when acknowledged.

Join the Zoom webinar: <https://bit.ly/2N1Cg19>

Webinar ID: 941 3338 6533 , Passcode: 075975

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

Remember, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14 so be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

THANK YOU everyone for the thoughtful and truly beautiful cards, good wishes and prayers. They lifted me up while recovering from hip replacement surgery.

– **Nancy Hauser**

Oak Grove Announcements

Virtual Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will take a break on March 14 so members can participate in the congregational meeting. Please joins us on Sunday, March 21.

Children & Youth Ministry

Children and Youth Ministry are sponsoring a birthday drive for VEAP in March! We are collecting boxes of cake mix, tubs of frosting and birthday candles. Please leave these items in the green VEAP bin outside the church front door (available during office hours) between March 8–28! We are also making greeting cards for Aeon residents! Cards may be dropped off at church or at the Gerdes or Diller homes from now until March 21.

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.

Oak Grove Announcements

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/>

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.