

*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 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Marimba

Andrew Hess

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Britta Augdahl

You fashioned us with your hands, O God.

You created us for your purposes!

You have stamped your image upon each heart.

Our deepest longings are met in you. Draw us close this morning.

Let us worship God!

Opening Song No. 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins" (on screens)

**¹ O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.**

**² Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.**

**So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.**

**³ Through tears and laughter,
grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.**

Opening Prayer

Britta Augdahl

Blessed are you, O God, and worthy to be praised. Your love is imprinted upon our hearts. May our lives bear witness to your presence in a world that cries out for justice and peace and restoration. Help us stay focused on Jesus, who shows us the way and calls us to authentic discipleship. AMEN.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Baptism

Ezra Benjamin Lassiter

Anne Fisher

Child of Emily & Azad Lassiter

Sponsors: Andrew & Elizabeth Sundal

(unison) **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Ezra, into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Sending Song No. 482 "Baptized into Water"

³ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Anthem

Vocal Solo

Scripture

John 12:20–33 (*The Message*)

Mary Koon

Message

"Rising with Christ"

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

Anne Fisher

Offering Music Vocal Solo

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

Loving God, you provide for our every need. You open our lips to sing your praise, and strengthen our hands to respond to your call to serve. With hearts and hands renewed by your Spirit, we place before you our commitments of time, talent and treasure. Use our gifts and our lives to further your kin-dom on earth! In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (*on screens*)

**¹ In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!**

**In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**² There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.**

**From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**³ In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.**

**In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Benediction

Mary Koon

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:

Marimba: **Andrew Hess**;

Liturgist: **Britta Augdahl**;

Vocalist: **Emma Wasko**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Andy Snyder and Mac Davis**

Chancel flowers are given by **Bob & Bev Heise** in *honor of grandchildren Harriet & Josef Gram’s 11th birthday*, and **Patty Nail**, in *memory of parents, Bob & Ardelle Newberger, who would have turned 100 & 99 on March 31.*

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: 845 2763 1073 and Passcode: 665615 . For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and passcode.

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](#).

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](#) and click on “Boycott Wendy’s Letter” to add your name.