

*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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May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Organ Prelude

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gabriel Chimchirian

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 149 (*The Message*)

Bill Pomroy

Sing to God a brand-new song.

Praise God in the company of all those who love God

Strike up the band and make great music!

Why? Because God delights in the people of God!

Let us worship God near and far!

Opening Song No. 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (*on screens*)

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

³ Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer

Bill Pomroy

Loving God, we give thanks for our journey together. For friendships made and joys celebrated and for times of nurture and growth. Through the challenges of retirements, pandemics, floods and transitions, may we continue to follow your call in our different ministries. In Christ's name we pray Amen.

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 "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Scripture Philippians 4:1-9 Anne Fisher

Message "A Benediction" 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 "Music in the Air"

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 Bill Pomroy

O God, use us and what we gather in feeding the world in your love; through Christ who we choose to follow. Amen.

A Service of Release and Goodbye

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Bill Pomroy, Mary Koon & Anne Fisher

You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss your love and support. Receive our gratitude and accept our forgiveness for the things we have left undone and for the missteps along the way.

Words of Release

Do you the members and friends of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church release Anne from the duties of Transitional Pastor?

We do, with the help of God.

Do you offer your encouragement for her next steps as her life unfolds in new ways?

We do, with the help of God.

Anne, do you release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you? Will you continue to lift them up in prayer?

Anne: I do and I will, with the help of God.

Will you offer your encouragement of the continued ministry of Oak Grove with Rev. Bart Roush?

Anne: I will with the help of God.

Anne, we rejoice in the ministry shared and we give thanks to God for the ministry ahead of us, knowing that we are one in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recognition of Pastor Anne

Bill Pomroy, Karen Gerdes, Mary Koon & Staff

Prayer

God, whose everlasting love is trustworthy, help us trust the future, which rests in your care. Together we shared laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments, joy and sorrow. Guide us as we hold these memories and move in different directions. We look to that time when we gather in Your Kingdom. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 643 “Now Thank We All Our God” (*on screens*)

¹ Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

² O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

³ All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 539 “We Will Go Out with Joy” (*on screens*)

¹ We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

Refrain:

**Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Repeat verse 1

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist: **Bill Pomroy**;

Vocalists: **Don Alman, Becky Dop, Karen Gerdes & Dick Nichols**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Randy Dop & Bob Gerdes**

Chancel flowers are given by **Bob & Sandy Crum**, in *honor of children and grandchildren*, and **Jack & Leona Kley**, in *memory of Pauline & Walter Kley*.

Oak Grove Announcements

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, May 9

We will open the link by 9:15 am in order for you to say hello to one another and will begin at 9:30 am.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/34dW6L2>

Meeting ID: 882 1149 9405, Passcode: 195553

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

Urban Homeworks presented by Asalesol Young, Executive Director at Urban Homeworks and Emily & Azad Lassiter. Urban Homeworks focuses the combined resources of the public, private and faith sectors to transform vacant, condemned, or underutilized properties and vacant lots into quality, attainable places to live for low to moderate income households.

Housing has been one of the primary ways that racialized wealth gaps have been maintained in our country's history. The ultimate aim is dignified housing, housing that is both affordable and high quality, and includes a supportive network with a responsive landlord and resources from local community partners.

<https://urbanhomeworks.org>

Virtual Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 9

There will be no Coffee Hour this Sunday so members may participate in Pastor Anne's Farewell Drive-thru. It will resume next Sunday, May 16.

Oak Grove Announcements

Pastor Anne Farewell Drive-Thru: Sunday, May 9

Come celebrate all the color Anne Fisher has brought to our congregation with a special drive-thru on Sunday, May 9 after the 10:45 a.m. service. Bring a flower to contribute to a bouquet that we will build in celebration for Anne. We hope to see you there!

Pentecost & Pastor Bart

Help us celebrate Pentecost and Pastor Bart's first Sunday, May 23, by taking a picture of you and your household wearing red or orange or yellow! Please send it to sjerset@oakgrv.org by Wednesday, May 19! We would love to have as many Oak Grovers as we can for Bart to see!

Oak Rovers

Join other "mature adults" on Monday, July 26 for a 90-minute boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka (lunch included). The cost is \$20. Contact Darlene Thronson at 952-446-7088 to reserve your spot by May 16. All are welcome!

Summer Hours

Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, Oak Grove will switch to its summer hours. Fridays, starting May 28, the church office will close at noon. Sunday services, starting May 30, will be live-streamed at 9:30 am.