

*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**

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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May 16, 2021

Graduation Sunday

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Koon

Musical Introit

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Mari Robles

Call to Worship

(from the Iona Community)

Mari Robles

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together;
justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Opening Song No. 633 “Praise Ye the Lord” (on screens)

Refrain:

**Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.**

**¹Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise God with the lute and the harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dancing.
Praise God wherever you are. (Refrain)**

**³Praise God in the holy temple.
Praise God for almighty deeds.
Praise God for those bountiful mercies,
for God fulfills our needs. (Refrain)**

**⁴Praise God on top of the mountains.
Praise God both day and night.
Praise God down in the low valleys.
Praise God because it's all right. (Refrain)**

Opening Prayer*

Amy Zsohar

God, our creator, we ask that you bless the earth that is beneath us, the sky that is above us, the day that lies before us and Your image deep within us. Give us hope for tomorrow. AMEN.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Britta Augdahl

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

“Hope is the Thing With Feathers”

Jeff Dreblow

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 25–31
Philippians 1:6

Britta Augdahl

Message

“Live into Hope”

Mary Koon

Senior Presentation & Blessing

Britta Augdahl & Youth Leaders

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

Mari Robles

Generous God, we are grateful for your blessings, poured out and overflowing. Accept our gifts of time and treasure and multiply them so that the earth might be healed, people fed, children educated, and all given hope. We pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 772 "Live into Hope" (*on screens*)

¹ Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

² Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,

removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

⁴ Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Benediction

Britta Augdahl & Youth Leaders

Sending Song

Sung to "O Waly Waly"*** (*on screens*)

Go walk with God in all you do, and may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days, and may God's truth guide you always.

Postlude

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist: **Mari Robles;**

Soloist: **Jessi McKinnon;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Andy Snyder & Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Carol Long**,
in **memory of parents, Maynard (Scott) & Grace**, and
Glenn Pettit, in **memory of wife, Phyllis**.

** adapted from a prayer by Ray Simpson, Community of Aidan and Hilda, 38*

*** lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 16

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.

Pentecost & Pastor Bart

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

Blood Drive at Oak Grove: Tuesday, May 25 (1–6:00 pm)

Please say "yes" if you are called to donate. Sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/33zBCfU>

Drop-ins are also welcome. Contact Stephen Jones at stephenfj2002@yahoo.com or 952-884-7711 or with questions. Thank you!

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 urbanfields2.1@q.com or 952-831-0504 (a landline) to sign up and reserve your special date.