

*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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August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 & 10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am)

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8)

CeCe Klueh

O God, how full of wonder and splendor you are!

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**We see reflections of your beauty and hear the sounds of your love
wherever we turn.**

You created the universe, yet care for each of us personally. You have
made us in your image.

**You have assigned us the fantastic responsibility of carrying on your
creative activity.**

O God, how full of wonder and splendor you are! What a gift it is to
worship you!

Opening Song

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (*screens*)

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(outside: masks appreciated | inside: please refrain from singing)

**¹ Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**⁴ A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,**

**⁶ Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

Opening Prayer

CeCe Klueh

God of power and mystery, come as holy light to enlighten our minds. Come as holy truth to teach us your way. Come as holy wind to blow a fresh work of your spirit. Come as holy fire to cleanse us from all sin. Come as holy power to send us into your service. Come Lord Jesus. AMEN

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart (10:15 am)

Mary Koon

The Sacrament of Baptism (9 am)

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Aydin Michael Kirk

Liberty Anne Bliss

Child of Brandy Bliss & Durrell Kirk

Child of Gabriel Bliss & Maegen LaFontaine

(unison) **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Aydin and Liberty, 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 (9 am) "Baptized in Water"

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(outside: masks appreciated)

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

Anthem (10:15 am)

"Cool of the Day"

Scripture

John 9: 1–3 (*The Message*)
Romans 8 (selected verses)

Mary Koon

Message

"Everything Happens"

Mary Koon

Prayers of the People

Bart Roush

Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist & Soloist: **CeCe Klueh**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Mac Davis & Gordon Goodwin**

Chancel flowers are given by **Al & Sue Greimel**,
in *honor of Al's sister, Rea Greimel's birthday*, and **Nancy Hauser**,
in *honor of the Bell Ladies and getting our bells back*.

*Offering baskets are not passed during worship. You can place
your offering in a basket as you enter or exit worship service.*

We invite you to fellowship outside and be mindful of distance. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at 11:00 am following worship. 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.

Note: There will be not be a coffee hour Aug. 15 due to outdoor worship at Moir Park.

Frank Bliss Memorial & Celebration of Life: Sunday, August 8

The Pavilion at Bryant Lake Regional Park (6800 Rowland Rd, Eden Prairie 55344) is reserved all day (1–6:00 pm). It is enclosed and accessible. The memorial service will be at 4:00 pm. There is a swimming beach, playground, fishing dock and boats. This is a favorite park of the Bliss family. Come and spend as long as you like with friends and family. Food will be provided, guests can bring fruit, salad and desserts if desired.

Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Moir Park: Sunday, August 15

Worship will begin at 10:30 am. with a picnic to follow. New this year, attendees will bring their own picnic lunch including drinks and utensils. Box lunches are available for purchase for \$10 but need to be ordered (call the church office) and paid for by August 9. The lunch will include a turkey sandwich, pasta salad, chips, a cookie, trail mix and a bottle of water.

Oak Grove Announcements

Donations for VEAP

“My name is Jeremy Morrison, and I am currently a Life Scout (Troop #328) working towards my Eagle Scout and as my project I am collecting shelf-stable food and personal hygiene products to be donated to VEAP. VEAP relies on donations of all sizes to feed families and individuals in our community. I will be collecting through the end of August, and anything is appreciated.”

Jeremy is not a member of Oak Grove but he heard about the church through previous scout members in his troop. He decided on this project because food banks received the least amount of donations during the summer. Donations can be dropped off at Oak Grove in a plastic bin placed outside the front door during office hours and on Sundays during worship in the vestibule.

Singles Fellowship Outdoor Concert: Sunday, August 8

Singles Fellowship is a group of single adults who get together for socialization and support. Please join us at 6:00 pm for pre-band festivities with the torchlight concert featuring the John Philip Sousa Band starting at 8:30 pm (Maetzold Amphitheater, 7499 France Ave S, Edina). Be sure to bring a chair. Questions? Contact Jane Jacobson at 612-267-9068.

Singles Fellowship at Zeke's: Monday, August 9 (5:00 pm)

Time to get together to catch up the second Monday of the month. We will meet at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington). No need to RSVP. Singles Fellowship is a group of single adults who get together for socialization and support. Questions? Contact Jane Jacobson at 612-267-9068.

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Soul Sisters: Monday, August 9 (7:00 pm)

We will meet on Karen Gerdes' porch (10741 Sheridan Ave S, 55431). No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary at mkoon@oakgrv.org.

Bloomington Pride Festival: Saturday, August 14 (5–9:00 pm)

The festival will be held on the east lawn of the Bloomington Civic Plaza, (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd). There will be family-friendly performers, food, desserts, arts & crafts, and a resource fair. Thank you for your support of Bloomington's LGBTQ+ community. This will be an historic and fun day for all of Bloomington! Here's a link to the [Facebook Event](#)

Ride4Reparation Bike Tour

Oak Grovers are invited to participate in a bicycle tour (approximately 15 miles) around Minneapolis on Saturday, August 21, 2021, when [Ride4Reparations \(R4R\)](#) tours the history of how housing segregation developed in Minneapolis. The ride will be a real-world re-creation of the TPT special "*Jim Crow of the North*" which described how racial covenants were used to keep anyone but whites out of neighborhoods.

That special was based on the work of the Mapping Prejudice Project of the University of Minnesota. Penny Peterson, the co-founder and a leader of that project, will be our guide as we trace the history of these covenants.

As a social justice project Ride4Reparations supports agencies that work to improve the lives of Black Americans. We are suggesting a \$75 donation—pay what you can, pay more if you like—which will pay ride expenses and support [Northside Achievement Zone \(NAZ\)](#).

Questions? Contact Ron Dubis at 612-868-9194 or rojiti@aol.com.