

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 29, 2021 14th 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

Emma Wasko

Whether we gather our hearts at home or afar,

We are the church, the body of Christ.

Whether we are at home or in a building together,

We are in the house of God, for God is with us.

Whether we sing in the choir or pray under the trees,

We are at worship, for God is everywhere.

Come, join in worship, wherever you are,

For we are God's people. Let us worship God!

Opening Song

“Let Us Build a House” (*screens*)

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

¹ Let us build a house where love can
dwell and all can safely live, a place
where saints and children tell how hearts
learn to forgive. Built of hopes and
dreams and visions, rock of faith and
vault of grace; here the love of Christ
shall end divisions:

Refrain: all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

² Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to

dream God's reign anew. Here the cross
shall stand as witness and as symbol of
God's grace; here as one we claim the
faith of Jesus: (*Refrain*)

⁵ Let us build a house where all are
named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word. Built
of tears and cries and laughter, prayers
of faith and songs of grace; let this
house proclaim from floor to rafter:
(*Refrain*)

Opening Prayer

Emma Wasko

Holy One, we come before you to confess our divisions, the walls we have built, the lines we have drawn. We confess that we have determined with our human understanding who is just and who is not, who is loved and who is not, who is right and who is wrong. We have been exclusive in our love instead of inclusive in your Good News. Forgive us. Remind us that all of us are created in your image. All of us are worthy of love. All of us have sinned, and all of us can participate in the work of reparation, restoration, and forgiveness. Call us as your children, O God. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Brother, our Redeemer, we pray.

Assurance of Grace

Emma Wasko

No matter what boundaries and borders we have made,
God transcends them all.

God's love knows no measure, no limit.

There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and called into the work of healing and hope, mercy and justice.

We will live into God's ways and know that Christ is with us. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

The Sacrament of Baptism (9 am)

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Josephine Margaret Greimel
Child of Joel & Addy Greimel
Granddaughter of Sue & Al Greimel

(unison) **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Josephine, 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”
(outside: masks appreciated)

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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.

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Britta Augdahl

Anthem (10:15 am) Musical Selection

Scripture Luke 15:11–32
(NT: p. 78 | LPNT: p. 95)

Bart Roush

Message

Bart Roush

Prayers of the People

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 Go Forth in God’s Name

Closing Song “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (*screens*)
(outside: masks appreciated | inside: singing encouraged)

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¹ “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

³ “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Benediction for Britta

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

We have rejoiced to welcome you into our fellowship in the gospel. In this community of faith, you have nurtured and been nurtured. God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.

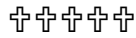
You have deepened our joys and lightened our sorrows. We will miss your love and support, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Britta all of her days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may she be salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead her to new ministries, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

(inside: please remain seated during postlude and wait to be dismissed by an usher)



Additional participants in worship today include:

Soloist: **Emma Wasko**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Mitzi Pickard**,
in *memory of husband Jim*, and **Judy Cooper & Sonya Butler**,
in *memory of our parents, who would have both celebrated
their 100th birthdays this summer.*

*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.*

Oak Grove 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: Please join us for a special edition of our Zoom coffee hour on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 11:15 am as we remember Mary Jones. Mary was a devoted regular at our coffee hour for the last 18 months. She is greatly missed! We will take a little time to share stories and memories as we support one another in this informal online platform.

Girl Talk: Sunday, Aug. 29 (3:00 pm)

All ladies are invited to join us in Dawn Acker's backyard (2900 Overlook Dr) just a short drive from the church. Girl Talk is just that, no agenda, just time to be together, catch up, share concerns and support one another. We always welcome new faces. No need to sign up, but if you have questions, please contact Mary at mkoon@oakgrv.org. We hope to see you there!

Mary Jones Celebration of Life: Monday, Aug. 30 (2:30 pm: Service)

Please join us at the Moir Park Pavilion (10320 Morgan Ave S). Social hour and light refreshments to follow. Bring memories of Mary or a story to share. Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you prefer either to a picnic table. FACE MASK REQUIRED. Small (well-behaved) dogs welcome. We hope to see you there!

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Children's Ministry at Oak Grove

Join us for outdoor worship on Sept. 5 as we "Bless the Backpacks!" Children 2nd through 5th grade are invited to bring their school backpacks for a special Children's time and blessing. We'll be offering children special backpack tags for the year. On Sept. 12, 3rd and 4th graders will receive a Bible during outdoor worship! This is always an exciting and beautiful day in the life of our church! Hope to see you then!

Oak Grovers September Get Together

Join us at Applewood Pointe of Bloomington (8341 Lyndale Ave S) on Saturday, Sept 18. Social hour (wine and soft drinks) begins at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm (salad, pizza, ice cream). The cost is \$10 and payable onsite. Call Nancy/Mike Hoaglund (952-831-5180) by Wednesday Sept. 15 to RSVP.

Blood Drive at Oak Grove: Tuesday, Sept. 28 (1–6:00 pm)

Please say "yes" if you are called to donate. Drop-ins are welcome but sign up in advance to secure a time that works best for you: <https://bit.ly/3zaN7sd>. Questions? Contact Stephen Jones at stephenfj2002@yahoo.com or 952-884-7711. Thank you!

Notary Services

Oak Grove now has a commissioned Notary Public on staff. Church members may have documents notarized free of charge. Simply call ahead (952-888-4621) to schedule a convenient date and time. Please note that we are not able to notarize real estate documents.