

*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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September 5, 2021 15th 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

Kate Lindberg

We gather here today to remind ourselves that we belong to God.

God calls us by name, and promises to be with us.

God's claims us as precious and loved, just the way we are.

God guides us home when we are lost, and watches over us day and night. Let us worship God!

Opening Song

"God of Great and God of Small" (*screens*)

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¹ God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,

Refrain: alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

⁴ God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, (*refrain*)

³ God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, (*refrain*)

Prayer of Confession

Kate Lindberg

Compassionate God, awaken us to the ways that we have hurt others, both individually and as a community. Forgive us when we insist on having our way at the expense of others. Have mercy on us when we are silent in the face of injustice, or seek pleasure without considering the consequences to earth and its inhabitants. Forgive us when we abuse your gifts of imagination, freedom, intellect and reason. Set us free from a past we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us peace, so that we may grow in your image and likeness. (Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Kate Lindberg

Friends, hear and believe the good news. In Christ we are forgiven and freed.

Thanks be to God!

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Ministry

Sending Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Anthem (10:15 am)

"At This Table"

Scripture

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

Mary Koon

Meditation

Mary Koon

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Mary Koon

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bart Roush

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.

Words of Institution

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Prayer following Communion

Bart Roush

Loving God, thank you for feeding us at your table of grace. May it remind us of the ultimate day when all people, everywhere, will live in harmony and have enough – enough food, shelter, education, work, hope and love. Until then, we commit our lives to serving you with joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen!

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song*

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (*screens*)

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**¹ Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe
again; pass the Word around: loaves
abound! Jesus lives again; earth can
breathe again; pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

**² Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (*refrain*)**

**³ Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (*refrain*)**

Benediction

Mary Koon

Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Soloist: **Becky Dop**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes & Greg Johnson.**

Chancel flowers are given by **Margaret Koch**,
in *memory of husband Paul.*

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.

Labor Day: Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6. We will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 am.

Contact Information Changes: Help keep everyone connected!

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please let us know. Send any/all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call the church (952-888-4621).

Yvonne Wentz Memorial Service: Thursday, Sept. 9 (11:00 am)

A private service for family members will be held at Oak Grove. The congregation, friends and those out of town are invited to watch the service livestreamed via the [Oak Grove website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Steve Martin Celebration of Life: Friday, Sept. 10 (5:00 pm)

Reception at the Moir Park Pavilion (10320 Morgan Ave S). Box lunches and beverages will be provided. We ask that all wear a face mask, per CDC recommendations. RSVP to steve.stmartin.celebration@gmail.com for catering purposes.

Oak Rovers September Get Together: Saturday, Sept. 18 (5:00 pm)

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