

*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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Sept. 12, 2021 16th 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)

Claire Diller

Call to Worship

Kate Lindberg

We remember, O God, the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time. We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...

The loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God...

The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of the Spirit, the steadfastness of your love. We remember and we worship you!

Opening Song

"We Praise You, O God" (screens)

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² **We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

³ **With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Opening Prayer

Kate Lindberg

Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us.

And so, we come before you in gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know you here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Bible Presentation (9:00 am)

Children's Ministry

Congregation: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children's Ministry Representative: We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your faith but also your questions and your doubts to Oak Grove and find a loving, supporting, listening and teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

3rd and 4th Graders and Parents: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will read with curiosity, listen with openness, and ask questions in trust. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Sending Song

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know; for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Anthem (10:15 am)	“I Want to Live”	
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1–3 (NT: p. 226 LPNT: p. 275)	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*	“Together We Serve” (<i>screens</i>)	767
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¹ Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.

⁴ Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

² We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Benediction		Bart Roush
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Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Soloist: **Caitlin Lucic**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Chris Diller, Pierce Flanagan & Andy Snyder**

Chancel flowers are given by **Sarajane & Rod Myers**,
in *honor of our grandchildren*, and
Pat Boehne, in *memory of husband Bill*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation Returns this Sunday!

Please join us each Sunday, 11:15 am to noon, for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yS9v93>

Meeting ID: 871 4123 8835 | Passcode: 383326

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

We welcome Ben Walen, Minnesota Council of Churches Division Director of Refugee Services. Ben will help us understand current and anticipated realities related to resettlement of people from Afghanistan – and elsewhere in the world – here in the Twin Cities. Our Oak Grove Mission Committee is hoping for interested and committed folks here who will step up to be part of a co-sponsorship leadership team in welcoming an incoming family, perhaps? Please join us to find out more about how Oak Grove can help provide hospitality to our newest neighbors!

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.

10th Anniversary Recognition & Celebration for Pastor Mary: Sunday, Sept. 26

The Presbytery will lead a special service of thanksgiving; there will be testimonials, a presentation of gifts, and there will be a “cupcake” drive-thru in the parking lot immediately following the 9:00 am service. Please join us for the fun, and add your thanks and best wishes to Pastor Mary on this important milestone in her ministry to Oak Grove.