

*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. 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 & 10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush

Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am)

Harper Krentz

Call to Worship

CeCe Klueh

The God who speaks comfort to us, calls to us in our worship.

The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us in our worship.

The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us in our worship.

We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

Hearts open, we come to worship.

Recalling how much we are loved.

Minds open, we come to worship.

Receiving God's wisdom and insight.

Arms open, we come to worship.

Ready to share God's love in word and deed.

Lives open, we come to worship.

Being transformed by God's love, wisdom, and work.

¹ O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

² O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

⁵ O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Opening Prayer for Peace

CeCe Klueh

God of Peace, the world is fractured and brittle around us. What we once assumed was permanent has become temporary. The temporary has stretched much longer than anticipated. We live with so many unknowns, so many tragic circumstances in the world. Bring peace to us. Not a peace that is passive, that numbs us to the pain of the world, but a peace that is the quiet assurance you are still at work in our world and in our lives. Bring peace to us in the form of help and aid when we struggle with mental health. Bring peace to us when we are feeling lonely and detached, by helping us to learn new ways of being community. Bring peace to us when all we can view before us is destruction and despair, in that there are still those in the world who love, who practice and pursue justice, and they need us, and we need them. Prince of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Bart Roush & Kate Lindberg

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 (10:15 am)	“Create in Me a Clean Heart”	
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1–11 (NT: p. 667 LPNT: p. 816)	Bart Roush
Message		Bart Roush
Prayers of the People		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.

We Go Forth in God’s Name

Closing Song*	“May the God of Hope Go with Us” (<i>screens</i>) ~ sing twice ~	765
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May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Benediction	Bart Roush
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Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist & Soloist: **CeCe Klueh**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Pierce Flanagan & Gordon Goodwin**

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Kachel**,
in *honor of Oak Grove staff*, and
Marsha Pridgeon & Mark Pridgeon,
in *memory of father Alfred J. Pridgeon*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Sept. 19 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us 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 Dr Abul Sharah, Founder & President of International Village Clinic (IVC) in northeastern India. Dr Sharah began with the outreach of a Mobile Clinic in 2002 and has been able to extend their medical outreach to over 130 villages serving over 200,000 people. IVC is an organization our Mission Committee helps support, and a number of Oak Grovers have had the opportunity to visit the Clinic Compound and see the operation firsthand. Dr Sharah will provide us with an update on the services currently being provided. We hope you can join us!

Centenarian Celebration: Wednesday, Sept. 22 (3:30 pm)

Friends and family of Ken Hanson, Evelyn Melum and Glenn Pettit are invited to a car parade in honor of all centenarians at Presbyterian Homes in Bloomington.

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.

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!