

*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. 26, 2021**

**18th 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)**

Angelo Cantu

#### **Call to Worship**

Karen Gerdes

Gather us together, O God,

**Bind us together in your love.**

No matter where we are, online or here,

**We are your body, O Christ.**

The same Spirit that stirred the water of creation,

**Stirs in our hearts and calls us to justice.**

Guide us, O Holy One, in this time of worship:

**Remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus.**

#### **Opening Song**

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

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**<sup>1</sup> Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.**

**<sup>2</sup> Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**

**<sup>3</sup> Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

**<sup>4</sup> Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

## Opening Prayer

Karen Gerdes

**We praise you, living God, with songs and prayers and listening hearts and lives trying to obey your will. You have created and are creating, bringing life and hope and love. You come in Jesus, your word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.**

**We are not sure we believe as fully as we think we should. We are not sure we trust as deeply as we think you require. But we bring who we are and what we have become into your presence, longing to know your grace and your love.**

**Forgive what has gone wrong. Repair in us what is broken. Reveal in us what is good and turn us toward it. So may we follow wherever your Spirit may lead. So may we love with the love of Jesus flowing through us. So may we, body, mind and spirit, be children of resurrection, children of hope, children of grace. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## We Listen for God's Word

### Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Matthew Carter

### 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)

"Draw the Circle Wide"

### Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–14  
(NT: p. 731 | LPNT: p. 894)

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.**

## Recognition and Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

Denise Dunbar-Perkins: Mary Koon was clothed with Christ in baptism and was called by God through the voice of the church to give particular service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Congregation: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

## *Tributes & Anecdotes*

Denise Dunbar-Perkins: Will you continue to serve in this congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Pastor Mary: I will, with God's help.

Pastor Bart: As we recognize the particular service of pastor Mary, will you, the people of Oak Grove, continue to share in ministry and service with her as you reaffirm your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Congregation: **We will.**

## *Presentation of Gifts*

Meg Robles, Deacon Rep: Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon your servant, Mary, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joys and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, with wisdom and joy, until we come at last with all the saints to the place you have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

**We Go Forth in God's Name**

**Closing Song**

*See insert*

**Benediction**

Bart Roush

**Postlude**



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

Vocalists: **Karen Gerdes & Anne Klueh;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Mac Davis**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Oak Grove members,**  
in *honor of Pastor Mary Koon on her 10th anniversary*  
*of serving Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.*



## **A Spoonful... (of Mary)**

*Just a spoonful of Mary helps the children feel loved,  
the children feel loved, the children feel loved.  
Just a spoonful of Mary helps the children feel loved,  
in a most inviting way.*

*Just a tune full of Mary helps the birthdays go round,  
the birthdays go round, the birthdays go round.  
Just a tune full of Mary helps the birthdays go round,  
in a most delightful way.*

Verse 1: *A family entering Oak Grove can feel the element of love  
when seeing it in Mary's radiant face;  
And when they leave refreshed and found,  
spread the joy all over town,  
It's grand – oh gee – it's very clear to see*

*That a Zoomful of Mary helps the meeting go well,  
the meeting go well, the meeting go well.  
Just a Zoomful of Mary helps the meeting go well,  
in a most creative way.*

Verse 2: *With every visit Mary makes she has the talent that it takes  
To share the comfort, helpfulness and joy;  
She leads with dance and energy, Tells us tales creatively,  
She gleams – she glows – it just goes on to show.*

*That a roomful of Mary helps the spirit go round,  
the spirit go round, the spirit go round.  
Just a roomful of Mary helps the spirit go round,  
in a very moving way.*

## **Oak Grove Announcements**

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Sept. 26 (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.

The Mission Committee from Oak Grove will share what they are doing this year! This is a great time to get informed, ask questions and catch up.

### **Family Fun: Sunday, Sept. 26 (3:00 pm)**

Come meet up with Oak Grove families at Moir Park, a beautiful park to enjoy fall fun.

### **Girl Talk: Sunday, Sept. 26 (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](mailto:mkoon@oakgrv.org). We hope to see you there!

### **Attention Oak Rovers**

Tickets for the Wooddale 2021 Christmas Concert, on Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Eden Prairie Campus, will go on sale Friday, Oct. 1. The number to call is 952-944-6300. Ticket prices at \$15/person with showtimes at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

# Oak Grove Announcements

## Special Offerings: Peace & Global Witness

**September 5–October 3, 2021 (World Communion Sunday)**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the means that allows us to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world. Your gift will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere— regardless of boundaries or the walls that separate us. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways.

- 25% stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Oak Grove will be working with Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) Refugee Services on ways to support our newly arriving community members.
- 25% will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

You can help by sending your check to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and specify Peace & Global Witness on the memo line. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thanks for your consideration!

## **EV Expo at Oak Grove: Saturday, Oct. 9 (11:00 am to 3:00 pm)**

More than 20 EVs and Plug-in Hybrids will be on display and their owners will share their driving experiences. The American Lung Association will host dealer test drives and test rides of some of the latest EV models. Electric bikes, e-scooters, e-mowers and e-snow blowers will also be on display, along with an EV transit van, and there will be talks by experts. The event will follow COVID protocols and is free and open to the public. Want to help at the event? Contact Bob Gerdes at 612-219-2134.

More info at: <https://www.oakgrv.org/2021/08/02/evexpo2021/>

## Oak Grove Announcements

### Woodcutting at Clearwater: Saturday, Oct. 9

Are you available Oct. 9th and would like to take a day trip or go camping and see the beautiful fall colors? We would love to have you join us at Clearwater Presbyterian Camp near Deerwood, Minn. to help cut and stack wood supporting their yearly programming.

No experience is necessary, and there is a job for all levels of physical ability. This is a family-friendly event as the kiddos love to roam and explore and sometimes stack wood. Youth... we would love to have your energy. Need a ride? Let us know as we may be able to help out.

If you're interested in going or have questions, please contact Carrie Wilkens at [carriewilkens@comcast.net](mailto:carriewilkens@comcast.net), call or text 952-240-5022.

### Fall Clean Up: Saturday, Oct. 16 (8:30 am to Noon)

Please join us in the Oak Grove parking lot for a few hours of camaraderie with fellow Oak Grovers. Bring your rake and some gloves. Coffee and rolls will be provided. A prize drawing will be held for tickets to a sports event. Volunteers will be expected to maintain appropriate distances.

### Volunteers Needed!

Bloomington Public Schools are looking for classroom and virtual volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year! Volunteers can choose to help tutor grades K–12 students in reading, math, or task management. All in-person volunteers must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and masks are required in all buildings. If you wish to stay home but still help out, virtual volunteering is also a great option! For more information and to apply, email Emily Gagnon at [ebures@isd271.org](mailto:ebures@isd271.org) or call at 952-681-6293.